

**DECISION ON THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE STC ON EDUCATION,  
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY HELD VIRTUALLY  
FROM 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Extraordinary Session of the STC EST4, related to the review and endorsement of the concept note and roadmap pertaining the AU Theme of the Year 2024
2. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.864(XXXVI) of February 2023, designating Education as the African Union Theme of the Year 2024, and requesting the Commission in collaboration with Member States, RECs and Partners to prepare a comprehensive Concept note and Roadmap for the theme.
3. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** the multi-stakeholder approach by the Commission and partners in the development of the Roadmap and the commitments and dedication of key development partners in their ongoing support to the transformation of Education in Africa.
4. **WELCOMES** and **ENDORSES** the Road Map on the AU theme for 2024 “Educate an African fit for the 21st Century: Building resilient education systems for increased access to inclusive, lifelong, quality, and relevant learning in Africa.
5. **CALLS FOR** voluntary contributions to be made available for the implementation of the Theme of the Year 2024.
6. **AUTHORIZES** the PRC, through its Joint Sitting Subcommittee on General Supervision and Coordination on Budgetary, Financial and Administrative matters and the Committee of F15 Technical Experts to expeditiously consider the supplementary budget request to be submitted by the AU Commission for the implementation of activities of the Theme of the Year 2024, and mandates the PRC to adopt this specific supplementary budget after its consideration.
7. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** Member States to participate in implementation of the AU theme for 2024.
8. **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, Regional Economic Communities, United Nations organizations, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, the Youth and all other stakeholders to continue strengthening their support to Member States by facilitating the implementation of the roadmap.
9. **URGES** Member States RECs and Regional Mechanisms to report on their actions and activities on the implementation of the AU theme for 2024 for experience sharing and peer-learning to accelerate the transformation of education systems in Africa;

10. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to report on progress made in the implementation of the roadmap during the upcoming Mid-Year Summit and to submit a final report to the 46th Session of the Executive Council of February 2025