

**DECISION ON SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (STCs)**  
**Doc. EX. CL/970, 71, 72 & 974(XXVII)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of all the reports of the Specialised Technical Committees and **ADOPTS** the recommendations contained therein;
  - A. **On Gender Equality And Women Empowerment - Doc. EX.CL/970(XXIX)**
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Specialized Technical Committee on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment held on January 18, 2016 in Addis Ababa, and adopts the recommendations contained in the Communique;
3. **REQUESTS** the competent Sub-Committee of the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine recommendation 19 on guaranteeing a gender alternating system in the leadership of the Commission within the framework of the review of the Rules of procedure of the Policy organs;
  - B. **On Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration - Doc. EX.CL/971(XXIX)**
4. **DECLARES** 2017-2026 as the Decade for repositioning Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Africa's continental, regional and national development agenda and **URGES** governments to respond with appropriate action;
  - C. **On Trade, Industry and Minerals - Doc. EX.CL/972(XXIX)**
5. **REQUESTS** the Assembly to declare 2019 as the Year of *"Africa's Structural Transformation through Industrialization and Mineral Resources Development under Agenda 2063"*;
6. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to mobilise the necessary resources to carry out the following activities:
  - i) Organise meetings of the Sub-Committees on Trade, Industry, Minerals and Directors General of Geological Surveys;
  - ii) Undertake technical studies with pertinent data underlining Africa's potential in trade, industry and mining sectors in order to boost investments in identified priority sectors including pharmaceuticals;
  - iii) In collaboration with UNECA, undertake a study that will enable Africa to formulate

a common approach to future Africa-US trade and investment relations including an analysis on the low utilization of AGOA.

**D. On Youth, Culture and Sport - Doc. EX.CL/974(XXIX)**

7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to expedite the establishment of the African Youth Development Fund and develop clear programs and initiatives to address emerging issues affecting young people, including migration;
8. **CALLS UPON** Member States to engage in the process of development of the African Union Model Law on the Protection of Cultural Property/Heritage through regional consultations to take place in 2016 and 2017 to ensure ownership of the Model Law;
9. **URGES** Member States to:
  - i) Comply with UNESCO Convention on Doping and other Instruments to promote a drug free environment in all competitions; and **REQUESTS** the Commission in collaboration with the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) to convene an Anti-Doping forum to sensitize Member States on the fight against doping in Sport in June 2017;
  - ii) Approve the proposal by the Sudan to convene a workshop on the African Capitals cities in Khartoum, Sudan in 2016 in collaboration with the Commission;
  - iii) Provide technical and financial support to the Great Museum of Africa being established in Algiers, Algeria and **RECOMMENDS** that the Great Museum of Africa becomes one of the Flagship programmes of the AU Agenda 2063 in the first ten (10) year plan for the arts and culture sector; and in this regard, **AGREES** to establish a Technical and Advisory Committee composed of Member States, the Commission and stakeholders led by Algeria to develop the road-map for the launching of the Great Museum of Africa.
10. **ENDORSES** the offer by Equatorial Guinea to host the 2019 African Games; and **INVITES** Member States to submit bids for hosting the 2023 African Games;
11. **APPROVES** the proposal by the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to institutionalize an Africa Music Day to be celebrated on 24 April each year in memory of the artist/musician Wembadio Shungu also known as “Papa Wemba”;
12. **ALSO APPROVES** the offer by the Republic of Congo to host the Pan-African Festival on Music (FESPAM); in this regard, **REQUESTS** the Commission to assist the Republic of Congo to submit a working document on the role to be played by all stakeholders in the organization of the activities of FESPAM; also **CALLS ON** all Member States and the Diaspora to participate fully in the festival;

13. **ENDORSES** the Roadmap and accompanying matrix of key activities as the main guiding framework for the commemoration of the 2017 theme of the year “**On Harnessing Dividend Through Investment in Youth**” and **CALLS ON** all Member States and Regional Economic Communities to be guided by its recommendations and key actions to help position Africa towards harnessing the demographic dividend;
14. **REQUESTS** the Commission to convene an extraordinary session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sport (STC-YCS2) in September 2016 to consider the Draft Statute of the African Film Commission and **ACCEPTS** the offer of the Republic of Kenya to host the extraordinary session.