

**Addis Ababa Declaration
of the 4th Africa-Korea Forum
Addis Ababa, December 7, 2016**

We, The Ministers and Heads of Delegations, representing African States, the African Union and its Institutions and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 7 December 2016 for the 4th Africa-Korea Forum held for the first time in Africa since the establishment of the Forum in 2006 in accordance with the principle of rotation as agreed upon;

1. Recalling the Declarations adopted during the Forums held in Seoul respectively in 2006, 2009 and 2012 and the corresponding Plans of Action approved to guide and enhance the mutually beneficial partnership between Africa and Korea based on the principles of mutual trust, sovereign equality, integrity and inter-dependence;

2. Recalling the Decision of the 15th Ordinary Session of the African Union (AU) Executive Council No. EX.CL/Dec 512 (XV), adopted in Sirte, Libya, in June 2009, which expressed support for the Africa – Korea partnership, and the commitment expressed by H.E. Park Geun-hye, President of the Republic of Korea during her visit to the African Union Headquarters, on 27 May 2016, to share Korea’s experiences and knowledge to build a collaborative partnership for shared growth and prosperity;

3. Welcoming the adoption of the solemn Declaration of the 50th Anniversary of the OAU/AU in 2013, the African Union Agenda 2063 and its First Ten Year Implementation Plan, as well as the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Paris Agreement of COP 21, as the main frameworks and guidelines for shared global economic and social development;

4. Condemning all forms and manifestation of terrorism, its financing, including through ransom payment, radicalization and violent extremism that have emerged as primary threats to nations and our societies, **Emphasizing** that no cause or grievance can justify acts of terror, and **Resolving** to maintain zero tolerance against terrorism and address its root causes;

5. Reaffirming our strong commitment to fight drugs and human trafficking and other forms of transnational organized crimes such as hostage taking, piracy, and illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons and **Reiterating** our resolve to work together in this regard;

6. Recognizing the significant trade and investment opportunities available in various sectors in Africa, including the mining and mineral sector, tourism, agriculture, telecommunications, manufacturing, science and technology, renewable energy development, the Blue Economy as well as infrastructural development and downstream processing;

7. Recalling the critical role the private sector plays as an engine of economic growth for Africa and Korea, in pursuing Industrialization and economic diversification through value addition and beneficiation of their natural resources;

8. Further Recognizing the need to promote and encourage people-to-people exchanges to enable African countries and Korea to develop a comprehensive partnership;

9. Expressing our interest to cooperate with Regional Development Banks with a view to further promoting infrastructural development, industrialization in Africa and win-win public private partnerships;

10. Aiming at strengthening our political, social and economic cooperation and promoting a partnership that will achieve sustainable growth for the benefit of our peoples by focusing on implementable areas of cooperation that would generate tangible results;

11. Supporting the legitimate and fundamental claim of Africa aiming at rectifying a historical injustice, through an equitable representation in the UN Security Council, as clearly defined in the Ezulwini Consensus and Syrte Declaration;

12. Committing to enhance the follow-up and implementation mechanisms of our partnership through regular consultations;

Have agreed to:

1. ECONOMIC COOPERATION

(i) Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, and Value Addition

- 1.1 Enhance cooperation in the implementation of the sustainable development goals and to share the Korean experiences in generating enabling environment for the growth, development and diversification of the manufacturing sector in Africa, including productive capacity building and linkage of small, medium and micro enterprises into the national, regional, continental and global value chains towards the creation of employment, especially for the youth, and alleviation of poverty;

- 1.2 Promote cooperation on productivity management, in particular for the Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises (MSMEs) and the Public Sector to support industrialization strategies;
- 1.3 Develop joint programs to promote decent work through enhanced labor market information systems, public employment services, labor inspections, and extended access to social security and protection;

(ii) Industrial development and investment

- 1.4 Strengthen investment opportunities, including through joint Public-Private ventures in key priority sectors such as renewable energy, agro-industry, mining, ICT, tourism, and further explore cooperation in the eco-friendly industrial parks and economic zones;
- 1.5 Identify opportunities to promote trade and investment between Africa and Korea through the Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation Conference (KOAFEC) and the Korea-Africa Industrial Cooperation Forum (KOAFIC) within the overall framework of the Partnership;
- 1.6 Promote investment in regional priority infrastructure development projects on the basis of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and regional infrastructure development master plans;

(iii) Natural Resource, Inventory and Development

- 1.7 While ensuring the protection of natural resources against illegal use and exploitation in accordance with international laws, including those contained in the UN General Assembly (UNGA) resolution 1803, support the implementation of the African mining vision including developing joint programs for the establishment or strengthening of African institutions to improve geo-scientific and mining information systems through improved resourcing of national geological survey institutions, upgrading of mineral inventories and geo-scientific information data bases and scaling up efforts to standardize geological information management methods and approaches among African countries;

(iv) Agricultural Productivity and Production

- 1.8 Continue to support Africa's agricultural continental program, the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Program (CAADP) and its importance in promoting food security for the population as well as social development and strengthen ongoing efforts to add value and to beneficiate raw agricultural products through investments in agro-processing and in agricultural infrastructure to foster trade and equitable access to international market;
- 1.9 Exchange experts and undertake joint activity between the agricultural agencies of Korea and Africa to encourage skills development and technology transfer;
- 1.10 Cooperate with Africa in alleviating the impact of climate change by strengthening and scaling up joint programs , including the adoption of improved locally adapted crop varieties, irrigation schemes, production of fertilizers to enhance sustainable production among small scale farmers for improved food security ;
- 1.11 Support Africa in the implementation of the Great Green Wall of the Sahel project;

(v) Blue Economy, Port Operations and Marine transport

- 1.12 Contribute to the blue economy development including, adding value in African fishing industry, biodiversity research and development as well as share experiences in preventing illegal and unregulated fishing;
- 1.13 Promote the sustainable development in areas such as fisheries, aquaculture, minerals, energy, transport and trade, tourism and recreation, and marine biotechnology;
- 1.14 Develop joint programs to strengthen capacities for the growth of port operations and marine transport and initiatives for financing Africa's shipping industry and maritime universities;

(vi) Public Health

- 1.15 Enhance cooperation to support the operationalization of the Africa Center for Diseases Control and prevention (CDC) and to exchange programs and knowledge in combatting infectious diseases;
- 1.16 Enhance the ongoing joint efforts to improve the effectiveness of family planning policies and services, and to strengthen women, adolescents and children access to health services in support of childbirth and child healthcare, through public health programs such as the African Union's Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA);

(vii) Women and Youth empowerment

- 1.17 Develop and implement policies and programs to build the capacities of women and youth for their effective participation in different economic sectors including agro-businesses and agro-value chains;
- 1.18 Promote policies that will increase women's access to finance in the view to assist entrepreneurs to move from informal sector to formal sector;

2. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(i) Human Resource Development

- 2.1 Intensify ongoing cooperation to expand and improve educational facilities and infrastructure with focus on science, technology and innovation;
- 2.2 Enhance joint cooperation and training in disaster risk prevention and management;
- 2.3 Enhance joint cooperation to establish and strengthen network of vocational training centers and the establishment of business incubators;
- 2.4 Exchange scholarship programs in which African and Korean students are able to participate;
- 2.5 Continue collaboration to increase the availability of qualified teachers and instructors at all levels of education systems by supporting instructors' training institutions and facilities;

- 2.6 Establish a cooperative relationship between the Pan-African University through its five Centers of Excellence and Korean universities;
- 2.7 Pursue the fruitful initiative of Korea to increase the number of trainees from Africa in Korean educational institutions;

(ii) Science and Technology

- 2.8 Promote Investment in science, technology and innovation skills, research and development for manufacturing, extractive and service industries;
- 2.9 Develop and implement frameworks that improve collaboration and knowledge flow between African countries and Korea in the areas of innovation and science and technology entrepreneurship;
- 2.10 Foster cooperation to increase financial support for research and development programmes in research institutions;
- 2.11 Promote an enhanced cooperation in developing African Space capability focusing on Earth Observation, Satellite communication, Navigation and positioning, and Space Sciences and Astronomy with a view to establishing and supporting an African Space Programme;

(iii) Women and Youth empowerment

- 2.12 Develop joint programmes to increase participation of women and youth in science and technology;
- 2.13 Work together to support education of girls and women in overcoming barriers that prevent access of girls and women to education;
- 2.14 Promote Youth Leadership and Empowerment in Africa through the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps (AU-YVC) and Develop an Africa-Korea youth volunteer exchange scheme;

3. COOPERATION ON PEACE AND SECURITY

- 3.1 Support the development and the implementation of mechanisms for conflict prevention as well as early warning, data collection and analysis;

- 3.2 Support the African Union to facilitate the consolidation of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA);
- 3.3 Support the AU's initiative for peacekeeping, peace building and development;
- 3.4 Promote exchange of visits and information between the PKO center of Korea and African PSC Centers;
- 3.5 **Recall** the African Nuclear Weapon Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba) and **Reaffirm** our commitment to the principle of non-proliferation; and **Recognize** the international efforts for a world free of nuclear weapons; **Acknowledge** that the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is essential for achieving peace and stability in Northeast Asia; furthermore, **Appreciate** and **Recognize** the recent international efforts including those by the UNSC to achieve peace and security on the Korean Peninsula;

4. IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION MECHANISM

- 4.1 Adopt the 4th Africa – Korea Ministerial Forum Framework of Cooperation 2017 – 2021;
- 4.2 Hold working level meetings to identify projects and programs within the Africa-Korea Framework of Cooperation 2017-2021 that both sides agree to implement as well as develop programming, implementation measures and modalities within a period of six months from the date of adoption of this Declaration, and Request the African Union Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea to closely follow up and monitor the implementation of the approved projects and to submit implementation Report to the Fifth Korea-Africa Forum;
- 4.3 Hold the next Forum for Korea – Africa Cooperation in Korea, in 2021;

FINAL PROVISION

We express our profound gratitude to His Excellency Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and the Government and people of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for the warm reception, hospitality and good organization of the 4th Africa-Korea Forum;

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