

**Press Release N<sup>o</sup>. 16/23<sup>rd</sup> AU SUMMIT****UN Secretary General Commends AU Commission Chair for focusing agenda on the continent's development**

**Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, 26 June 2014:** United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has commended the African Union Commission Chairperson Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma for focusing attention on Africa's development and not limiting attention to conflicts.

*"Since you became Chairperson the long term global vision is taking greater importance... with the Agenda 2063 as the larger vision. The UN fully supports you,"* the Secretary General said in a meeting held on the margins of the 23<sup>rd</sup> AU Summit of Heads of State and Government in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.

Dr. Dlamini Zuma and Mr Ban Ki-moon held discussions on issues of development focusing on the post-2015 development agenda and on peace and security in Africa. The AUC Chairperson noted that the Common African Position on Post-2015 development goals purposefully situates Africa on the development track.

They also shared concerns on climate change. The UNSG expressed his appreciation in favour of the Common African Position on Climate Change. Climate change seriously affects the continent, though it is the least contributor to the problem. The AUC Chairperson took the opportunity to highlight the need for modernization of agriculture, which would help mitigate the impact by reducing the incentive to expand farmlands to increase food productivity.

Dr. Dlamini Zuma and Mr Ban Ki-moon also exchanged thoughts on the peace and security situation on the continent. They discussed the situation in Mali, Central African Republic, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan. On peacekeeping, they agreed on the necessity to revise peacekeeping in conflict situations, particularly given the new sources of threats. They also talked about threats from terrorism as it is in Nigeria, Kenya, Libya

and other places. A high level meeting is being envisaged in the margins of this year's UN General Assembly meeting in New York.

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