

A portrait of a middle-aged man with a mustache and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera. The background is a light blue gradient.

MY VISION

**For Africa's Radiant
Future**

Candidacy for the Presidency of the
African Union Commission 2025

My vision for Africa's bright future

Introduction

I present to you my ambitious vision for Africa as a candidate for the Chairmanship of the Commission of the African Union (AU). This vision aims to make Africa **an integrated, prosperous and peaceful continent, guided by the values of diversity, gender equality, transparency and integrity. Inspired by Agenda 2063 and its second ten-year plan**, I am committed to pursuing **institutional reforms to achieve our common goals**. My leadership will focus on governance, democracy, peace, security, economic and social development, infrastructure, the environment, youth, gender equality, the African diaspora and Africa's position on the international stage.

Responsible Leadership

I pledge to provide clear and determined **leadership** to advance the mission of the AU. I will advocate for **a collaborative and inclusive approach, celebrating diversity, merit and skills**. Promoting a culture of **accountability and transparency** will be essential. I will ensure compliance with financial and regulatory rules, along with rigorous accountability for our activities. Effective and accountable governance is key to strengthening our institutional foundations.

Governance and Democracy

Promoting democracy and condemning **any unconstitutional change of power are of paramount importance**. I am committed to **defending democratic institutions and ensuring fair and transparent governance**. Respecting democratic procedures and promoting citizens' fundamental rights are crucial to **the stability and legitimacy of African governments**.

Institutional Capacity Building

Strengthening the AU's institutional capacity is fundamental to realising **our continental aspirations**. It is essential to **modernise internal processes and invest** in skills development to ensure optimal functioning. Collaboration, with Member States and international partners is essential. **Transparency and accountability will be at the core of our efforts**, with rigorous monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure the responsible use of resources.

Promoting Peace and Security

Peace and security are essential for Africa's sustainable development. Inspired by the programme to silence the guns by 2030, I pledge to step up our actions to **prevent conflict and promote stability**. **Drawing on my diplomatic experience**, I will strengthen **mediation and arbitration mechanisms and address the root causes of conflict, such as poverty and inequality**. Working with Member States, regional and international organisations, and civil society will be crucial to building a peaceful future.

Economic and Social Development

I acknowledge the progress made in the fields of **health, education, and technology, but challenges remain**. I am committed to strengthening **the ties between the Commission and the Regional Economic Communities to promote economic and social development**. I will invest in robust health systems, nutrition programmes, and education at all levels, focusing particularly on technical skills and innovation. **Promoting scientific research and innovation will be essential to solving continental challenges**.

Infrastructure Development

I am committed to pursuing **strategic projects** such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and infrastructure development, such as the integrative railway and the DINGA hydroelectric dam. Collaboration with the private sector will be essential to mobilise the necessary resources. My aim is to **stimulate economic growth through the transport market and electrification**.

Environmental challenges

In the face of environmental and climate challenges, it is crucial to **promote policies that facilitate a transition to a green economy**. I will support investments in renewable energy, the protection of ecosystems, and sustainable agriculture. Regional and international cooperation will be strengthened to mobilise the necessary financial and technological resources. Protecting the environment and combating climate change will be at the heart of our continental agenda.

Commitment to Youth, Employment, Gender Equality, and the African Diaspora

Africa's youth is the future of our continent. I pledge to **support African education, employment and entrepreneurship policies to unlock their full potential**. The fight against unemployment will be a priority, with policies that encourage job creation and support local entrepreneurship. **I will champion gender equality by ensuring equal access to education, health, employment, and political participation for women. The African diaspora is a precious resource for Africa's development.** I will work hard to strengthen its role on the continent.

Promoting Africa on the international Stage

I pledge to defend **Africa's fair representation in international institutions and to strengthen its role in global forums**. Africa must assert itself as an influential player in global policy discussions, advancing its economic and developmental interests.

Conclusion

I am convinced that we can turn this vision into reality, making Africa a beacon of hope and progress. Together, we can overcome challenges and build a better future for all Africans, placing our continent at the centre of global transformation. Let us unite for a future where every African citizen achieves their full potential in an environment of peace, prosperity, and dignity.

