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Preamble

We, the participants of the World Public Summit – Africa "The New World: Africa in Shaping Our Common Future", representing civil society organizations, international institutions, public authorities, the academic and educational communities, culture, business, youth organizations, and the media from African countries and other regions of the world,

having gathered in Addis Ababa, the political capital of the African continent, affirm our conviction that the twenty-first century marks the beginning of a new stage in the development of humanity.

Today, the world needs not only new technologies, economic opportunities and political solutions, but, above all, values capable of bringing people, societies and nations together, strengthening trust, mutual respect and shared responsibility for our common future.

Building upon the ideas of the First World Public Assembly, "The New World of Conscious Unity," the participants of the Summit regard this Communiqué as Africa's contribution to the preparation of the Second World Public Assembly, "The New World: Values that Unite."

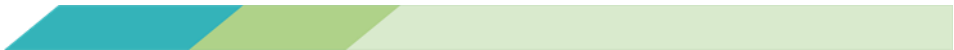
We are convinced that values constitute the moral foundation of trust, cooperation and the sustainable development of humanity.

This Communiqué reflects the common aspiration of the Summit participants to contribute to the establishment of a just, sustainable and multipolar world founded upon respect for human dignity, the genuine sovereignty of States, and the values that unite humanity.

The Addis Ababa Principle

The genuine sovereignty of States, the development of human potential, respect for cultural heritage, and equal partnership are interdependent foundations for Africa's sustainable development and its contribution to shaping the common future of humanity.

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Values that Unite

We believe that sustainable development, public diplomacy and international cooperation can rest on a solid foundation only when they are guided by shared moral principles.

These values include:

- Human dignity;
- Genuine sovereignty of States;
- The right of peoples to determine their own future;
- Trust;
- Responsibility;
- Justice;
- Mutual respect;
- Peace;
- Dialogue;
- Public service;
- Cooperation;
- Respect for cultural and civilizational diversity;
- Responsibility towards future generations.

These values do not diminish cultural, religious or civilizational diversity. On the contrary, they provide the foundation for respectful coexistence among peoples and States, preserving their unique identities while strengthening mutual trust.

Africa in Shaping Our Common Future

Africa is one of the key contributors to shaping the New World.

Its rich cultural heritage, youthful human capital, dynamic civic initiatives, advances in science, education, entrepreneurship, and the growth of civil society create unique opportunities for the continent's sustainable development.

Africa's greatest asset is its people.

Africa's contribution to shaping our common future is defined by its people, its spiritual traditions, cultural diversity, intellectual potential, commitment to knowledge, creativity, and mutual respect.

Investment in people, education, science, culture, public leadership, and the development of local communities is essential to unlocking the full potential of the African continent and strengthening its role in building a just, sustainable and interconnected world.

Genuine Sovereignty as the Foundation of Development

We regard genuine sovereignty as the right of every State and every people to determine its own path of development, preserve its cultural identity, historical memory, spiritual traditions, and national interests.

Respect for genuine sovereignty strengthens trust among States and peoples, provides the foundation for equal international cooperation, and contributes to sustainable development.

Africa's Contribution to the New World

Africa contributes to the shaping of the New World through its rich cultural heritage, human potential, civic initiatives, and centuries-old experience of peaceful coexistence among diverse peoples and traditions.

Africa offers the world:

- Respect for human dignity;
- A culture of mutual support;
- Responsibility towards society;
- Continuity between generations;
- Respect for elders;
- The value of family and local communities;
- The richness of cultural diversity;
- A commitment to peace and cooperation.

One of the most remarkable expressions of Africa's philosophical heritage is **Ubuntu**, which affirms that human dignity is realized through respect for the dignity of others, and that the well-being of society is achieved through trust, mutual support, and a shared sense of responsibility.

We regard these principles as an important African contribution to the value-based foundation of the New World.

These values, shaped by the centuries-long history of Africa's peoples, remain highly relevant today and can make a significant contribution to fostering a new culture of international cooperation.

From Values to Joint Action

The participants of the Summit consider it essential to:

- promote public diplomacy as a space for building trust among peoples;
- advance public diplomacy through culture, education, science, sport, youth engagement, and creative initiatives as key instruments for strengthening trust among nations;
- expand cooperation among civil society organizations from African countries and other regions of the world;
- strengthen cooperation among universities, research centres, and educational institutions;
- support the establishment of international research consortia and the development of joint research and analytical projects involving universities, research institutions, and civil society organizations across Africa;

- promote collaborative research projects among African States in the fields of education, science, cultural heritage, social development, innovation, and sustainable development;
- encourage academic mobility, research fellowships, and exchanges among scholars across the African continent;
- support international youth programmes;
- promote women's leadership initiatives;
- contribute to the preservation of the cultural heritage of the peoples of Africa;
- disseminate best practices in civil society engagement and successful social initiatives;
- foster international partnership networks among public institutions, civil society organizations, the business community, and academia;
- develop joint humanitarian, educational, cultural, and volunteer programmes.

Decisions of the World Public Summit – Africa

- The participants of the Summit consider it necessary to:
- support the convening of the Second World Public Assembly, "The New World: Values that Unite," to be held in Moscow on 18–19 September 2026;
 - present this Communiqué as Africa's contribution to shaping the international agenda of the Second World Public Assembly;
 - support the annual convening of the World Public Summit. Africa as a permanent international platform for the advancement of public diplomacy, humanitarian cooperation, joint initiatives, and partnership between African countries and other regions of the world;
 - support the establishment of the African Public Diplomacy Network as a permanent platform for cooperation;
 - recommend the establishment of the African Community of Public Diplomacy Leaders, bringing together participants of the International Competition "Leader of Public Diplomacy" and other public leaders from across the African continent;
 - continue the development of the International Competition "Leader of Public Diplomacy" throughout the African continent;
 - recommend the preparation of a portfolio of joint humanitarian, educational, scientific, cultural, and research projects for presentation at the Second World Public Assembly;
 - recommend the introduction of an annual public review of the implementation of joint initiatives and projects launched following the World Public Summits;
 - support the development of the International Public Programme "Values that Unite" for presentation at the Second World Public Assembly;
 - recommend using this Communiqué as a basis for further international discussion of the theme "Values that Unite" in preparation for the Second World Public Assembly;

recommend the dissemination of this Communiqué among international organizations, public authorities, civil society organizations, universities, and expert institutions in African countries and other regions of the world as Africa's contribution to strengthening international public dialogue;

recommend the establishment of an international mechanism for continuous cooperation among participants of the World Public Summits to facilitate the implementation of joint initiatives and the exchange of best practices in public diplomacy.

Commitments of the Participants

We commit ourselves to:

- strengthening trust among peoples;
- advancing public diplomacy;
- promoting humanitarian cooperation;
- supporting education, science, and culture;
- respecting cultural diversity;
- fostering servant leadership;
- promoting mutual trust and a culture of dialogue among peoples, States, and public institutions;
- bringing together the efforts of governments, civil society, academia, educational institutions, business, and youth for the benefit of our common future.

Final Provisions

We are convinced that the New World is built not by eliminating differences, but by respecting them.

It is the values that unite us that enable peoples to preserve their unique identities while strengthening trust, cooperation, and shared responsibility for our common future.

Adopted in Addis Ababa on 30 July 2026, this African Communiqué represents the contribution of the peoples of Africa to shaping a New World founded upon the values that unite humanity. It will be presented to the Second World Public Assembly as a contribution to the further development of international public dialogue and cooperation.