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3. Development: Integration of the African Union

“[We]...support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.”

G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders’ Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia		0	
Brazil		0	
Canada		0	
China			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia	-1		
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
Korea		0	
Mexico	-1		
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia	-1		
South Africa		0	
Türkiye		0	
United Kingdom		0	
United States	-1		
African Union			+1
European Union			+1
Average	0 (50%)		

Background

The G20 has consistently reinforced its role as an inclusive and effective forum that fosters improved dialogue and cooperation to address global challenges. The inclusion of the African Union in the G20 in 2023 marks a significant step toward amplifying Africa’s voice in international decision-making. Ensuring Africa’s active participation in global governance is important for tackling shared challenges and promoting equitable development. The integration of the African Union must align with its Agenda 2063, which serves as a strategic framework for achieving inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development over a 50-year period.¹²⁷⁴

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment towards investing in official development assistance in pursuit the Millenium Development Goals, particularly in the region of sub-Saharan Africa.¹²⁷⁵

¹²⁷⁴ Second Continental Report on The Implementation of Agenda 2063, African Union (Addis Ababa) 10 February 2022. Access Date: 5 March 2025. <https://au.int/en/documents/20220210/second-continental-report-implementation-agenda-2063>

¹²⁷⁵ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 3 March 2025. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders acknowledged the developmental needs of Africa and ongoing challenges in meeting the Millennium Development Goals.¹²⁷⁶ They committed to expanding the resources and capabilities of the African Development Bank in supporting Africa's long-term development.

At the 2010 Seoul Summit, G20 leaders committed to supporting regional integration efforts in Africa and to efforts to establish a free trade area.¹²⁷⁷ In an effort to better include the global community in consultative efforts, the leaders reached a consensus on summit invitations to non-members, agreeing to issue no more than five invitations, at least two of which will be to African states.

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, G20 leaders declared that it would support efforts to “improve capacities and facilitate the mobilization of resources” for infrastructure and development projects in the developing world, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa.¹²⁷⁸ G20 leaders also encouraged multilateral development banks to create digital regional information marketplace platforms to improve access to investment information and address challenges in development financing.

At the 2013 St Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders committed to replenishing the African Development Fund.¹²⁷⁹ Moreover, they welcomed progress made during the cycle on the assessment of Project Preparation Facilities for infrastructure in the region of Africa.

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders pledged to collaborate with African states, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, along with other relevant parties, to promote regional integration, development, investment and capacity building.¹²⁸⁰ Their efforts aimed to facilitate greater access to energy worldwide.

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders committed to supporting African countries in joining the G20 Africa Partnership to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and development.¹²⁸¹ The G20 encouraged private sector investment to drive economic opportunities, job creation and development. Emphasizing equal partnership, the G20 welcomed African ownership and pledged to align efforts with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa.

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed support for the G20 Africa Partnership, including the Compact with Africa (CwA).¹²⁸² They committed to stronger bilateral engagement and enhanced roles for the World Bank Group, African Development Bank and International Monetary Fund in implementing the CwA, while also supporting Africa's industrialization and other initiatives that contribute to the realization of the African vision under the African Union's Agenda 2063.

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders committed to exploring sustainable financing options for Africa's development and growth.¹²⁸³ They reaffirmed their support for the G20 Initiative on Industrialization in

¹²⁷⁶ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 3 March 2025.

<http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communique.html>

¹²⁷⁷ Seoul Summit Document, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2010. Access Date: 5 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul-doc.html>

¹²⁷⁸ Cannes Summit Final Declaration - Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 5 March 2025. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

¹²⁷⁹ G20 Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 5 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

¹²⁸⁰ G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 5 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.html>

¹²⁸¹ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

¹²⁸² G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 4 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

¹²⁸³ Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 4 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

Africa and Least Developed Countries, G20 Africa Partnership and the Compact with Africa and other related initiatives.

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their support for African Countries, particularly through the G20 Initiative on Industrialization in Africa and Least Developed Countries, G20 Africa Partnership, the Compact with Africa and other related platforms.¹²⁸⁴

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, G20 leaders welcomed the African Union as a permanent member.¹²⁸⁵ They committed to strengthening ties with and supporting the African Union to realize its integration and aspirations under Agenda 2063. G20 leaders reaffirmed strong support to Africa, including through the G20 Compact with Africa and G20 Initiative on supporting industrialization in Africa and Least Developed Countries.

At the 2024 Rio de Janeiro Summit, G20 leaders welcomed the African Union as a full member of the G20.¹²⁸⁶ Moreover, they reiterated their commitment to aiding the African Union's pursuit Agenda 2063 and reaffirmed their support of initiatives like the G20 Compact with Africa and the G20 Initiative on supporting industrialization in Africa and Least Developed Countries.

Commitment Features

The target of this commitment is to support the trade and economic integration of the African Union under Agenda 2063. This commitment can be broken down into two components: 1) having a world class, integrative infrastructure that crisscrosses the African continent and 2) be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue, such as by providing support for the free movement of people goods, and services in Africa. Actions undertaken by G20 members should be led by the AU.

Definitions and Concepts

“Support” is understood to mean the provision of aid and assistance to an initiative or entity.¹²⁸⁷ In the context of the commitment, it refers to the provision of aid and assistance to the African Union's Agenda 2063 and its trade and economic integration aspirations.

The “African Union” refers to the intergovernmental organization of the 55 African member states that comprise the African continent.¹²⁸⁸

“Realize” is understood to mean “to bring into concrete existence.”¹²⁸⁹ In the context of the commitment it refers to concrete outcomes in support of the African Union's aspirations.

“Trade” refers to the trade goals outlined in the African Union's Agenda 2063. These goals include but are not limited to the strengthening of Africa's global trade, the improvement of infrastructure across Africa to facilitate trade, and the promotion of intra-Africa trade.¹²⁹⁰

¹²⁸⁴ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

¹²⁸⁵ G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <http://g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

¹²⁸⁶ G20 Rio De Janeiro Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 November 2024. Access Date: 5 March 2025. <https://g20.utoronto.ca/2024/241118-declaration.html>

¹²⁸⁷ Compliance Coding Manual for International Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 8 March 2025. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹²⁸⁸ About the African Union, African Union (Addis Ababa) n.d. Access Date: 8 March 2025. <https://au.int/en/overview>

¹²⁸⁹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 8 March 2025. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

¹²⁹⁰ Documents Agenda 2063: The Africa we want (Popular version), African Union (Addis Ababa) 10 June 2013. Access Date: 9 March 2025. https://au.int/Agenda2063/popular_version

“Economic integration” refers to the goals of continental unity, culminating in full economic integration across Africa.¹²⁹¹

“Agenda 2063” refers to the African Union’s strategic framework to deliver on its goal for inclusive and sustainable development over a 50-year period.¹²⁹² It has seven “aspirations.” The second is “an integrated continent” and is the focus of this commitment. Aspiration 2 of Agenda 2063, “An Integrated Continent Politically united and based on the ideals of Pan Africanism and the vision of African Renaissance” includes 4 economic and political subgoals: United Africa (Federal or Confederate); established and functional Continental Financial and Monetary Institutions; world class infrastructure criss-crossing Africa; and the entrenchment of democratic values, practices, universal principles of human rights, justice and the rule of law.

General Interpretive Guidelines

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to a G20 member that takes strong economic and trade action in support of the two relevant components outlined in Agenda 2063 under Aspiration 2 of: 1) having a world class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and 2) be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue. Strong actions focusing on the integrative infrastructure include the development of high-speed railway networks, roads, shipping lines, sea and air transport and information and communication technology. Strong actions also include providing financial support for the free movement of people, goods and services in Africa.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to a G20 member that takes strong action in one of the two components or moderate actions in both of components outlined in Agenda 2063 under Aspiration 2 of: 1) having a world class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent or 2) be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue. Moderate actions in this area include verbal commitments to building infrastructure or the signing of economic integration declarations without implementation strategies.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned if a G20 member takes no action in the two relevant components outlined in Agenda 2063 under Aspiration 2 of: 1) having a world class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and 2) be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue. It will also be assigned to a G20 member that takes actions that are directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment, such as halting investment into African infrastructure projects, implementing trade barriers, terminating trade agreements and suspending trade summits and conferences.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member 1) takes zero actions to a) having a world class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent or b) be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue; or 2) takes actions directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment.
0	The G20 member takes strong action in one of the following areas or moderate actions in both of the following areas: 1) having a world class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent or 2) be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action in both 1) having a world class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and 2) be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

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¹²⁹¹ Documents Agenda 2063: The Africa we want (Popular version), African Union (Addis Ababa) 10 June 2013. Access Date: 9 March 2025. https://au.int/Agenda2063/popular_version

¹²⁹² Agenda 2063: The Africa we want, African Union (Addis Ababa) n.d. Access Date: 9 March 2025 <https://au.int/en/agenda2063/overview>

Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 5 December 2024, Ambassador to South Africa Alberto D’Alotto reaffirmed Argentina’s commitment to increase international trade with South Africa following a visit to San Miguel Global’s factory in Port Elizabeth.¹²⁹³

On 11 December 2024, Argentina announced the opening of new markets in Morocco, following coordinated efforts by the Foreign Ministry, the Secretariat of Agriculture and the National Agri-Food Health and Quality Service.¹²⁹⁴ The Government of Argentina emphasized its continued commitment to expanding and diversifying Argentina’s exports and global market reach.

On 21 February 2025, Undersecretary of Trade and Investment Promotion Pablo Sivori participated in a high-level Africa–Latin America dialogue co-hosted by the African Union at Expo 2025 Dubai.¹²⁹⁵ The AU-led event focused on enhancing South–South cooperation in agriculture, food security, climate adaptation and Agenda 2063, with Argentina contributing to discussions on shared frameworks for sustainable development, trade and climate change resilience.

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union in realizing the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Through its participation in multilateral events, Argentina has taken moderate action to support integrative infrastructure, seamless borders, and cross-border dialogue. However, it has not taken strong action in both key components of the commitment.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Jasmin Simopoulos

Australia: 0

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 12 December 2024, the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACRIAR) hosted a workshop in Nairobi, Kenya under the Africa-Australia Partnership for Climate Responsive Agriculture (AAPCRA) to improve the capacity of Africa’s agricultural systems.¹²⁹⁶ This initiative aims to support research on improving sustainable crop and livestock systems, bolstering agricultural partnerships.

On 28 March 2025, Australia Awards (the Australian Government’s African assistance program) announced a course delivered by the Institute for International Trade (IIT) on “Enhancing Trade Facilitation in Africa.”¹²⁹⁷

¹²⁹³ Ambassador Alberto D’Alotto’s visit to the company San Miguel Global en Port Elizabeth, Embassy in South Africa (Pretoria) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 18 April 2025. <https://esafr.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/ambassador-alberto-dalottos-visit-company-san-miguel-global-en-port-elizabeth>

¹²⁹⁴ Exportaciones: Argentina abre nuevos mercados en Marruecos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (Buenos Aires) 11 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2025. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/announcements/news/exports-argentina-opens-new-markets-morocco>

¹²⁹⁵ African Union and Latin American states deepen ties at Expo 2025 Dubai, African Union (Addis Ababa) 21 February 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://au.int/fr/node/41514>

¹²⁹⁶ Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research’s post, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (Canberra) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.facebook.com/ACIARAustralia/posts/an-aciar-workshop-in-nairobi-marked-the-beginning-of-capacity-development-activi/1122714252556997/>

¹²⁹⁷ Driving Africa’s Trade Transformation: Insights and Impact from the Australia Awards Africa Short Course, Australia Awards (Canberra) 28 March 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://australiaawardsafrica.org/news/driving-africas-trade-transformation-insights-and-impact-from-the-australia-awards-africa-short-course/>

The course brought participants from the public and private sector to develop tools and strategies to improve trade facilitation and regional integration in Africa. It addressed topics including digital trade systems, addressing non-tariff barriers, empowering women and youth and reducing trade barriers across borders.

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Australia has taken moderate action through workshops and courses to enhance agricultural systems, trade facilitation and regional integration to achieve the criteria of having a world-class integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent or be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, Australia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Bryn Walton Williams

Brazil: 0

Brazil has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 21 November 2024, Brazil, alongside China, South Africa and the African Union, jointly launched the Initiative on International Cooperation in Open Science.¹²⁹⁸ The initiative aims to promote the free flow of science and technology resources among the Global South. With explicit calls to support joint scientific infrastructure and open-access research, it advances Agenda 2063 and the goal of establishing seamless cross-border cooperation and integrative infrastructure across Africa.

On 8 January 2025, Minister of Culture Margareth Menezes traveled to Benin to inaugurate a Brazil-Benin Cultural Cooperation Committee and attend the Festival of Ancestral Cultures in Ouidah.¹²⁹⁹ During the visit, Brazil and Benin agreed to implement new collaborative projects in culture, infrastructure and sports, building on a 2024 agreement between President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Benin President Patrice Talon.

On 27 January 2025, Brazil expanded its economic and technical cooperation with African nations by launching a business mission to West Africa through the Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (ApexBrasil).¹³⁰⁰ This mission brought over 40 Brazilian companies to Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal to pursue investment opportunities and partnerships. ApexBrasil stated that President Lula's decision to re-engage with Africa has made the continent a priority and aims to reverse the trade decline in the previous decade. The West Africa mission was part of a broader strategy to strengthen Brazil's trade and investment ties and presence across Southern, West, East and North Africa through trade fairs and business delegations.

On 20 May 2025, as part of the Brazil-Africa Dialogue on Food Security, Fight Against Hunger and Rural Development, President Lula highlighted the role he saw Brazil playing in Africa.¹³⁰¹ Addressing the audience at the opening, President Lula pledged "solidarity, technological exchange and assistance for the development

¹²⁹⁸ China launches open science initiative with Brazil, South Africa, African Union, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2025.

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202411/21/content_WS673f3388c6d0868f4e8ed4ab.html

¹²⁹⁹ Lula delega a Margareth Menezes chefia de missão oficial na África, O Globo (Rio de Janeiro) 6 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://oglobo.globo.com/blogs/bela-megale/post/2025/01/lula-delega-a-margareth-menezes-chefia-de-missao-oficial-na-africa.ghtml>

¹³⁰⁰ Missão empresarial busca fortalecer comércio e cooperação entre Brasil e África, ApexBrasil (Brasília) 23 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 March 2025.

<https://apexbrasil.com.br/br/pt/conteudo/noticias/missao-empresarial-busca-fortalecer-comercio-e-cooperacao-entre-.html>

¹³⁰¹ Lula: Brazil's debt with Africa can be paid with agricultural tech, Agencia Brasil (Brasília) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 30 May 2025. <https://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/en/politica/noticia/2025-05/lula-brazils-debt-africa-can-be-paid-agricultural-tech>

of local agriculture.” This reaffirms Brazil’s commitment to strengthening cooperation on the African continent.

On 23 May 2025, President Lula and President of Angola held a meeting to strengthen political-diplomatic relations and cooperation in the African continent.¹³⁰² President Lula stated the importance of facilitating intra-continental trade to bridge the physical connectivity between African countries and support the economic development of the region.

On 29 May 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture and the Ministry of Agriculture concluded an agricultural export negotiation with Cameroon to strengthen the livestock industry and expand business to the rest of the African continent.¹³⁰³

Brazil has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Brazil has pursued substantial diplomacy with African Union members, from cultural missions to economic and technical cooperation. These actions constitute moderate support for African involvement in global trade and infrastructural development. Brazil has taken moderate action to achieve the criteria of having a world-class integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Bebram Hathi

Canada: 0

Canada has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 23 December 2025, the International Development Research Centre in collaboration with private firm Evotel announced the installation of 120 artificial intelligence air-quality monitoring devices across South Africa.¹³⁰⁴ This investment works to improve South Africa’s infrastructural capability to gather environmental data, monitor the effects of climate change and improve public health.

On 7 February 2025, Director General for the Pan-African Bureau at Global Affairs Canada Andrew Smith met with the African Development Bank Group.¹³⁰⁵ The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation through new financing approaches, including the second phase of the Canada-African Development Bank Climate Fund and the creation of the African Competitiveness Trust Fund to support the African Continental Free Trade Agreement. These actions aim to bolster trade integration and sustainable development in Africa.

On 6 March 2025, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development Mary Ng and Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen

¹³⁰² Comunicado Conjunto por ocasião da Visita de Estado de João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, Presidente de Angola, ao Brasil, Ministério das Relações Exteriores (Brasília) 23 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/comunicado-conjunto-por-ocasio-da-visita-de-estado-de-joao-manuel-goncalves-lourenco-presidente-de-angola-ao-brasil

¹³⁰³ Abertura de dez novos mercados para a exportação agropecuária brasileira - Nota Conjunta MRE/MAPA, Ministério das Relações Exteriores (Brasília) 29 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/canais_atendimento/imprensa/notas-a-imprensa/abertura-de-dez-novos-mercados-para-a-exportacao-agropecuaria-brasileira-nota-conjunta-mre-mapa

¹³⁰⁴ Growing solutions: New deal expands AI-powered air-quality monitoring in South Africa, International Development Research Council (Ottawa) 23 December 2024. Access Date: 11 April 2025. <https://idrc-crld.ca/en/news/growing-solutions-new-deal-expands-ai-powered-air-quality-monitoring-south-africa>

¹³⁰⁵ Côte d'Ivoire: Canada Strengthens Partnership with the African Development Bank During High-Level Meeting, African Development Bank Group (Abidjan) 14 February 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/cote-divoire-canada-strengthens-partnership-african-development-bank-during-high-level-meeting-80964>

unveiled the Canada's first Africa Strategy.¹³⁰⁶ Through consultation with African partners, the Canada-Africa strategy outlines Canada's policy approach towards supporting African development and the Agenda 2063 goals.

On 25 May 2025, Global Affairs Canada issued a statement reaffirming Canada's commitment to strengthening partnerships with businesses, countries and institutions across the African continent to support sustainable development.¹³⁰⁷

Canada has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. While it has taken some action to improve African infrastructure and signaled its commitment towards pursuing a policy direction in cooperation with the African Union, it has not particularly taken strong substantive material action in support of pursuing integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, Canada receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sonia Tao

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 21 November 2024, the Ministry of Science and Technology announced that China, Brazil, South Africa and the African Union jointly launched the Initiative on International Cooperation in Open Science.¹³⁰⁸ The initiative aims to promote the free flow of science and technology resources among the Global South. With explicit calls to support joint scientific infrastructure and open-access research, it advances Agenda 2063 and the goal of establishing seamless cross-border cooperation and integrative infrastructure across Africa.

On 1 December 2024, China granted zero tariff treatment to all items previously subject to a 100 per cent tariff for least developed countries that have established diplomatic relations with China, including 33 African countries.¹³⁰⁹ This initiative aims to support the needs of and share development opportunities with countries in the Global South, helping the African Union to realize trade and economic integration.

On 5 January 2025, Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Namibia, Congo, Chad and Nigeria to promote bilateral relations with African countries.¹³¹⁰ During his visit to Namibia, Minister Wang expressed China's willingness to support Namibia's modernization efforts by expanding collaboration in infrastructure, digital economy and energy.¹³¹¹ In Chad, Prime Minister Allamaye Halina welcomed increased Chinese business investment and expressed the willingness to strengthen bilateral economic relations.

¹³⁰⁶ Canada launches its first global Africa Strategy: A partnership for shared prosperity and security, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 11 April 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2025/03/canada-launches-its-first-global-africa-strategy-a-partnership-for-shared-prosperity-and-security.html>

¹³⁰⁷ Statement from Global Affairs Canada on Africa Day, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2025/05/statement-from-global-affairs-canada-on-africa-day.html>

¹³⁰⁸ China launches open science initiative with Brazil, South Africa, African Union, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202411/21/content_WS673f3388c6d0868f4e8ed4ab.html

¹³⁰⁹ 外交部：非洲发展振兴进程中，中国永远不会缺席。中华人民共和国中央人民政府 (Beijing) 6 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2025. https://www.gov.cn/lianbo/bumen/202412/content_6991359.htm

¹³¹⁰ 中国外长连续35年年初首访非洲 外交部谈中方期待，中华人民共和国中央人民政府 (Beijing) 3 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2025. https://www.gov.cn/lianbo/bumen/202501/content_6996166.htm

¹³¹¹ 王毅新年首访非洲 中非迈出“开局之年”第一步，中国青年报 (Beijing) 10 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 April 2025. https://m.cyol.com/gb/articles/2025-01/10/content_AjwAZBSzLB.html

On 15 February 2025, President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to the 38th African Union Summit, reaffirming China's commitment to deepening China-Africa relations and supporting Africa's development.¹³¹² President Xi emphasized the importance of implementing the “six proposals for modernization” and the Ten Partnership Initiatives. These actions “cover many key areas of Africa's modernization, including... trade and financial inclusion and are of great significance to the development transformation of the African continent.”

On 20 March 2025, the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation, a state enterprise, announced a USD1.4 billion investment in the rehabilitation of the Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority railway.¹³¹³ This investment allocates USD1 billion for track repair, safety enhancements and efficiency improvements and USD400 million for the purchase of new locomotives and wagons. The refurbishment aims to modernize this critical transportation corridor, enhancing regional connectivity and trade between Tanzania and Zambia. This initiative aligns with the African Union's Agenda 2063 objectives by promoting integrative infrastructure, facilitating seamless cross-border movement and economic integration.

On 29 April 2025, the China Chamber of Commerce to Africa (CCCA) was officially launched in Addis Ababa under the guidance of the Chinese Mission to the African Union.¹³¹⁴ Spanning sectors such as energy, telecom, agriculture and construction, the CCCA aims to foster economic integration and facilitate partnerships that directly support Agenda 2063 objectives. Chinese officials highlighted that the chamber will strengthen cooperation and trade between China and Africa, helping to enhance regional value chains, attract investment and improve logistics infrastructure.

On 6 May 2025, the Export-Import Bank of China provided Nigeria with a USD652 million funding package to construct a vital road corridor.¹³¹⁵ This road will serve as a key evacuation corridor, facilitating the movement of goods from the Lekki Deep Sea Port and the Dangote Petroleum Refinery to other parts of the country. This project highlights China's continued commitment to investing in infrastructure across Africa.

China has fully complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. By investing in logistical infrastructure across various African countries, China has demonstrated strong support for cross-continental connectivity and logistical development. Simultaneously, tariff reductions and high-level diplomatic engagements constitute strong support for seamless borders and dialogue.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jasmin Simopoulos

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

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https://www.gov.cn/yaowen/liebiao/202502/content_7003962.htm

¹³¹³ China's CCECC to invest \$1.4 billion in Tanzania-Zambia railway, Reuters (London) 20 March 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/chinas-ccecc-invest-14-billion-tanzania-zambia-railway-2025-03-20>

¹³¹⁴ China Chamber of Commerce to Africa launched in Addis Ababa, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202504/30/content_WS6811757cc6d0868f4e8f2342.html

¹³¹⁵ Nigeria approves \$652 million China Exim Bank road finance package, Reuters (London) 6 May 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/nigeria-approves-652-million-china-exim-bank-road-finance-package-2025-05-06>

On 29 November 2024, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Noël Barrot met with the chairperson of the African Union.¹³¹⁶ They discussed the progress of the African Continental Free Trade Area and opportunities for France to support innovation, climate, communication, cybersecurity and space.

On 16 April 2025, France held the Ancrages Forum in Marseille aimed at revitalizing France-Africa relations.¹³¹⁷ The Government of France announced several initiatives including pledging to support entrepreneurs in Africa.

On 17 April 2025, Minister Barrot reaffirmed France's commitment to African diasporas by announcing the African Diaspora Action Plan.² This action plan provides an integrated framework linking several programs that support Africa's financial money transfer infrastructure, private sector and entrepreneurs.

On 15 May 2025, Minister Barrot and Minister Delegate for Europe Benjamin Haddad passed a bill that approved amendment No. F/BG/2023/04 to the African Development Fund.¹³¹⁸ This amendment enables the African Development Fund to access international financial markets, allowing it to finance investment and better foster development.

France has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. France has made diplomatic efforts to meet with African leaders and reiterated its commitments to development and free trade in the region, thus constituting moderate action to support seamless borders and dialogue. Moreover, France has demonstrated a moderate commitment to integrative infrastructure through its actions regarding the African Development Fund and the creation of the African Diaspora Action Plan.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Jezebel Melo-Centanni

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 28 November 2024, Germany announced that it would work with South Africa to promote renewable energy and facilitate a socially just and sustainable green transition.¹³¹⁹ As part of the Just Energy Transition Partnership, Germany pledged EUR276 million to support South Africa's shift to renewable power, with the majority of funds being a loan to advance energy transition.

On 9 December 2024, the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), a state-owned development bank, and the African Trade & Investment Development Insurance (ATIDI) announced a strategic partnership to improve

¹³¹⁶ Communiqué conjoint à l'issue de la tenue du dialogue stratégique Union africaine - France, France Diplomatie (Paris) 2 December 2024. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/dossiers-pays/afrique/evenements/article/communique-conjoint-a-l-issue-de-la-tenue-du-dialogue-strategique-union>

¹³¹⁷ Ancrages forum: supporting entrepreneurship in Africa (16 April 2025), France Diplomatie (Paris) 16 April 2025. Access Date: 18 April 2025. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/africa/news/article/ancrages-forum-supporting-entrepreneurship-in-africa-16-apr-2025>

¹³¹⁸ Compte rendu du Conseil des ministres du 15 mai 2025, Gouvernement (Paris) 15 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 May 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/conseil-des-ministres/compte-rendu-du-conseil-des-ministres-du-15-05-2025>

¹³¹⁹ Deutschland bleibt wichtiger Unterstützer von Südafrikas sozial gerechter Energiewende, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Berlin) 28 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/de-unterstuetzt-suedafrikas-sozial-gerechte-energiewende-239498>

access to finance for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).¹³²⁰ The initiative aims to facilitate cross border trade across the African continent by providing risk mitigation strategies for financial institutions through the Portfolio Risk Sharing Agreement (PoRSA) program and streamline the transportation of goods across borders through the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) scheme.

On 8 January 2025, the Federal Government published its Africa Policy Guidelines, which set out four priorities for cooperation with African countries, including a focus on sustainable growth and better economic trade between companies.¹³²¹ The government aims to actively boost trade with Africa. Priorities include implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area with European Union partners, expanding the EU's economic partnership agreements with African nations and supporting the involvement of German small and medium-sized businesses in Africa.

On 12 February 2025, Germany and the African Development Bank committed to joint initiatives that would boost energy access and private sector growth in Africa.¹³²² The two parties signed significant agreements for the Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa (AGIA), specifically the AGIA Project Development Fund.

On 18 March 2025, KfW and the African Development Bank signed a EUR18.4 million financing agreement for the New Partnership for Africa's Development's Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility Special Fund.¹³²³ This contribution supports the deployment of financing towards infrastructure development in the continent, in alignment with the UN SDG goals and Agenda 2063.

On 11 April 2025, Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Niels Annen met with the Chairperson of the AU Commission Mahmoud Ali Youssouf to advance strategic partnerships between the AU and Germany.¹³²⁴ State Secretary Annen reaffirmed Germany's commitment to the "further implementation of the Agenda 2063."

On 5 May 2025, the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU), the Christian Social Union in Bavaria (CSU) and the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) signed a coalition agreement reiterating Germany's commitment to supporting the African Continental Free-Trade Area (AfCFTA) through enhancing trade relations with African countries and economic partnerships with Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ghana.¹³²⁵

¹³²⁰ ATIDI and KfW Development Bank Partner to Strengthen SME Access to Finance and Support Cross Border Trade, African Trade & Investment Development Insurance (Nairobi) 9 December 2024. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.atidi.africa/atidi-and-kfw-development-bank-partner-to-strengthen-sme-access-to-finance-and-support-cross-border-trade/>

¹³²¹ Shaping partnerships together in a changing world: The Federal Government's Africa Policy Guidelines, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 8 January 2025. Access Date: 17 May 2025. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/regionaleschwerpunkte/afrika/afrika-leitlinien-node>

¹³²² African Development Bank and Germany Announce Major Initiatives in Energy Access, Private Sector Development, African Development Bank Group (Abidjan) 12 February 2025. Access Date: 28 March 2025. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/african-development-bank-and-germany-announce-major-initiatives-energy-access-private-sector-development-80896>

¹³²³ African Development Bank and Germany Sign €18.4 million financing agreement in support of NEPAD-IPPF to boost infrastructure project preparation in Africa, African Development Bank Group (Abidjan) 18 March 2025. Access Date: 28 March 2025. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/african-development-bank-and-germany-sign-eu184-million-financing-agreement-support-nepad-ippf-boost-infrastructure-project-preparation-africa-81855>

¹³²⁴ AU, Germany explore avenues to strengthening strategic partnerships, Fana Media Corporation S.C. (Addis Ababa) 11 April 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.fanamc.com/english/au-germany-explore-avenues-to-strengthening-strategic-partnerships/>

¹³²⁵ The coalition agreement between the CDU, CSU and SPD, Deloitte (Munich) 5 May 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.deloittelegal.de/dl/en/services/legal/perspectives/koalitionsvertrag-cdu-csu-spd.html>

On 21 May 2025, Minister for Foreign Affairs Johann Wadephul met with the African Union Commission (AUC) Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, committing to strengthen collaborative efforts in economic development of the continent.¹³²⁶

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters the second decade of implementation. Germany has provided strong economic support to various initiatives to further infrastructural development across the continent. Germany has also taken strong action to strengthen regional supply chains, market integration and facilitate the movement of goods across borders through the Coalition agreement and the KfW-ATIDI Strategic partnership.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Anabit Hakobyan

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 26 February 2025, External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar attended the Japan-India-Africa Business Forum.¹³²⁷ During the event, he emphasized the importance of strengthening cooperation between attending delegations to enhance the relevance of Global South voices, expand trade relations, deepen economic engagement and promote broader development.

On 12 March 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with the Prime Minister of Mauritius Navinchandra Ramgoolam.¹³²⁸ They discussed a deepening of economic and political cooperation, in particular, agreeing to proceed with a variety of initiatives to boost both partners' trade and infrastructure development.

On 13 April 2025, the first joint Africa-India Key Maritime Engagement exercise was held.¹³²⁹ This event aims to strengthen multilateral collaboration between India and ten African countries and bolster maritime security, particularly in the region, against threats to economic trade, such as piracy.

On 3 May 2025, President Droupadi Murmu met with President of Angola Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco.¹³³⁰ President Murmu reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening strategic partnerships in the African continent through initiatives like the India-Africa Forum Summit that fosters development assistance, economic cooperation, multilateral engagement, human resource development and South-South cooperation.¹³³¹

India has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

¹³²⁶ AUC Chairperson had a fruitful engagement with Germany's Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Johann Wadephul, African Union Commission (Addis Ababa) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://au.int/ar/node/44801>

¹³²⁷ EAM's remarks at Japan-India-Africa Business Forum (February 26, 2025), Government of India Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 26 February 2025. Access Date: 13 April 2025. <https://www.mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm?dtl/39105/eams+remarks+at+japanindiaafrica+business+forum+february+26+2025>

¹³²⁸ India-Mauritius Joint Vision for an Enhanced Strategic Partnership (March 12, 2025), Government of India Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 12 March 2025. Access Date: 13 April 2025. <http://mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/39159/indiamauritius+joint+vision+for+an+enhanced+strategic+partnership+march+12+2025>

¹³²⁹ AFRICA INDIA KEY MARITIME ENGAGEMENT (AIKEYME) 2025 INAUGURATION, Ministry of Defence (New Delhi) 13 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121521>

¹³³⁰ President hosts President of Angola (May 03, 2025), Government of India Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 4 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/39464/President_hosts_President_of_Angola_May_03_2025

¹³³¹ India-Africa Forum Summit: A partnership of vision and mutual growth, The Times of India (New Delhi) 30 December 2024. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/rashmi-anands-perspectives/india-africa-forum-summit-a-partnership-of-vision-and-mutual-growth/>

India has demonstrated moderate support for integrative infrastructure by participating in multilateral events. India has also demonstrated moderate support for seamless borders and dialogue through its participation in forums and in maritime exercises with African countries to combat piracy.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Samuel Kamalendran

Indonesia: -1

Indonesia has not complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

Indonesia has not complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Indonesia has not taken any steps to advance having a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of -1.¹³³²

Analyst: Dhillon Mistry

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 27 January 2025, the Undersecretary for the Environment and Energy Security Claudio Barbaro reiterated Italy's dedication to the Mattei Plan at the African Head of State Energy Summit.¹³³³ This demonstrates Italy's commitment to the Mattei Plan and the development of renewable energy on the African continent.

On 29 January 2025, Minister of the Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto attended the launch of "Terna Innovation Zone Tunisia" and signed a memorandum of understanding on sustainable development with the Tunisian government.¹³³⁴

On 19 February 2025, Ambassador Luca Sabbatucci highlighted Italy's support for the Africa Virtual Investment Platform (AVIP), a joint initiative between the African Union and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to facilitate data, transparency and coordination of investment opportunities in Africa, with a focus on infrastructure, during an OECD Council meeting.¹³³⁵ The AVIP was an initiative supported during Italy's G7 Presidency.

¹³³² This score of non-compliance was determined after consulting the following sources: <https://indonesia.go.id/>, www.setneg.go.id, www.kemenkeu.go.id, <https://www.menpan.go.id/>, <https://www.thejakartapost.com/> and <https://en.antaranews.com/>.

¹³³³ Piano Mattei, l'Italia sostiene il Programma "Mission 300" per l'accesso all'elettricità di 300 milioni di persone nell'Africa Sub-Sahariana, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 27 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.mase.gov.it/notizie/piano-mattei-litalia-sostiene-il-programma-mission-300-laccesso-allelettricit-di-300>

¹³³⁴ Energia: Pichetto a Tunisi, opportunità di crescita tra i due Paesi nello spirito del Piano Mattei, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 30 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.mase.gov.it/comunicati/energia-pichetto-tunisi-opportunita-di-crescita-i-due-paesi-nello-spirito-del-piano>

¹³³⁵ Italy at OECD-ESA, X Corp. (Texas) 19 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://x.com/ItalyatOECD_ESA/status/1892251889091141982

On 27 February 2025, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni discussed Italy's commitment to the Mattei Plan on a telephone call with the President of Egypt Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.¹³³⁶ This demonstrates Italy's commitment to the Mattei Plan and to develop education, renewable energy and sustainable agriculture in Africa.

On 3 March 2025, Minister of Foreign Affairs Antonio Tajani participated in a series of meetings with President of Algeria Abdelmadjid Tebboune, Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad and African Affairs Ahmed Attaf and Minister of Energy, Mines and Renewable Energies Mohamed Arkab to discuss strategic economic partnerships as a part of the Mattei Plan and visions for development initiatives across the African continent.¹³³⁷ The meetings focussed on economic partnerships in the agriculture, defence, energy, infrastructure, space and transport sectors.

On 14 March 2025, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Edmondo Cirielli met with the Economic Advisor of the Eritrean President Hagos Ghebrehiwet where Deputy Minister Cirielli reiterated Italy's commitment to supporting the development of the Horn of Africa and strengthening Italian-Eritrean partnerships in line with the Mattei Plan.¹³³⁸

On 25 March 2025, Prime Minister Meloni discussed Italy's dedication to the Mattei Plan during a meeting with EU Commissioner for International Partnerships Jozef Síkela.¹³³⁹ This displays Italy's commitment to the Mattei Plan and to develop of the African continent.

On 27 March 2025, Italy and the EU co-hosted a joint event for coordination and cooperation on Italy's Mattei Plan for Africa and the EU's Global Gateway initiative.¹³⁴⁰ The parties aimed to address the specific needs of African countries, drive sustainable investment and strengthen economic security with the African continent. Key areas of discussion included the coffee supply chain and various forms of infrastructure.

On 5 April 2025, Minister Cirielli stated the strategic motivations of tools and instruments supporting public-private partnership under the Mattei Plan as a "development cooperation" during the Conference "Mattei Plan: Projects, Opportunities and Financial Instruments."¹³⁴¹

On 7 April 2025, the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security presented at the 11th Session of the African Regional Forum for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Economic Commission for

¹³³⁶ Telephone conversation with President El-Sisi of Egypt, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 27 February 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/telephone-conversation-president-el-sisi-egypt/27764>

¹³³⁷ Tajani on mission in Algeria, a key strategic partner in the Mediterranean and Africa, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 3 March 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2025/03/tajani-in-missione-in-algeria-partner-strategico-chiave-nel-mediterraneo-e-in-africa/

¹³³⁸ Deputy Minister Cirielli receives Eritrean President Afewerki's Economic Advisor, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 14 March 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2025/03/il-vice-ministro-cirielli-riceve-il-consigliere-economico-del-presidente-eritreo-afewerki/

¹³³⁹ Meeting with the European Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jozef Síkela, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 25 March 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/meeting-european-commissioner-international-partnerships-jozef-s-kela/28042>

¹³⁴⁰ Italy-EU Joint Press Release, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 27 March 2025, Access Date: 17 May 2025. <https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/italy-eu-joint-press-release/28063>

¹³⁴¹ Speech by Deputy Minister Cirielli at the Conference "Mattei Plan: Projects, Opportunities and Financial Instruments," Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 5 April 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2025/04/intervento-del-vice-ministro-cirielli-al-convegno-piano-mattei-progetti-opportunita-e-strumenti-finanziari/

Africa.¹³⁴² During the event, it reaffirmed Italy's commitment to the multilevel implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its dedication to supporting African partners in developing localized, integrated frameworks for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

On 24 April 2025, Minister Tajani met with the President of Egypt Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and the Minister of Foreign Affairs Badr Abdelatty to sign a series of agreements including a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the Italian-Egyptian Employment Centre in alignment with the Mattei Plan.¹³⁴³ The centre aims to address the need for skilled labour.

On 7 May 2025, the Italian Development Cooperation conducted a mission to Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea to strengthen and consolidate partnerships in West Africa, in alignment with the Mattei Plan.¹³⁴⁴ The delegation held meetings with representatives from partner countries, engaging with various ministries including agriculture, education and digitalisation to identify priority areas and operational methods for implementing actions.

On 21 May 2025, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs Maria Tripodi participated in the EU-African Union Ministerial Meeting in Brussels where she highlighted Italy's efforts to advance socio-economic development in the African continent within the framework of the Mattei Plan.¹³⁴⁵

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Italy has reaffirmed its commitment to development in Africa, notably through the Mattei Plan, constituting moderate support for development and infrastructure. However, it has not taken strong action in that there have been no substantive material initiatives to advance having a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Dhillon Mistry

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 25 November 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD) jointly launched the One-Stop Border Posts (OSBP) Status Report during the 8th Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa

¹³⁴² Il MASE all'African Regional Forum for Sustainable Development per presentare il modello italiano di localizzazione degli SDG, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 8 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2025. <https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/il-mase-allafrican-regional-forum-sustainable-development-presentare-il-modello-italiano-di>

¹³⁴³ Tajani in Egypt for Gaza, Libya, the Red Sea, and Economic Cooperation, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 24 April 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2025/04/tajani-in-egitto-per-gaza-libia-mar-rosso-e-collaborazione-economica/

¹³⁴⁴ Mission of the Italian Development Cooperation system to Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 16 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2025/05/missione-del-sistema-italiano-della-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo-in-ghana-costa-davorio-e-guinea/

¹³⁴⁵ Tripodi in Brussels for Foreign Affairs Council and EU-African Union Ministerial Meeting, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2025/05/tripodi-a-bruxelles-a-consiglio-affari-esteri-e-a-ministeriale-unione-europea-unione-africana/

Week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.¹³⁴⁶ The OSBP report analyses the efforts of one-stop border posts located in key corridors across the continent, which facilitate the integration of Africa as part of Agenda 2063.

On 13 February 2025, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Eri Arfiya participated in bilateral meetings with representatives of various African countries and organizations at the Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union.¹³⁴⁷ Meetings included ministers of the Republic of Seychelles, Mozambique, Botswana, Ghana and Ethiopia, as well as representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and AUDA-NEPAD. During these talks, Vice-Minister Eri requested each country's participation at the upcoming 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development and reaffirmed the importance of bilateral relations.

On 21 February 2025, Minister of Foreign Affairs Iwaya Takeshi attended the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting where he reiterated Japan's commitment to strengthening cooperation with Africa through collaboratively addressing challenges through the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) in August.¹³⁴⁸ By aligning TICAD outcomes with G20 priorities, Japan aims to support and promote Africa's development under "the principles of African 'ownership' and international 'partnership'."¹³⁴⁹

On 29 March 2025, Minister Iwaya met with representatives from the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC) where Minister Iwaya underscored development efforts and reiterated Japan's commitment to facilitating dialogue and partnerships with the African continent.¹³⁵⁰ Minister Iwaya committed to supporting Agenda 2063 and working "both bilaterally and internationally, including at TICAD."

On 11 April 2025, the Ambassador to the African Union Nakagawa Tsutomu met with Chairperson of the African Union Commission Mahamoud Ali Youssouf.¹³⁵¹ They discussed strengthening AU-Japan relations, including deepening bilateral cooperation, Japan's support in peace and security efforts and preparations for the upcoming Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development Summit. They agreed to establish a high-level policy dialogue mechanism to align Japan's support with the AU's strategic priorities and identify concrete areas for collaboration.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Japan has demonstrated moderate support for integrative infrastructure in Africa through participation in diplomacy and multilateral dialogue, and verbal affirmations. Japan has also demonstrated moderate support for seamless cross-border integration through its efforts to establish the OSBP Status Report.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Rie Aiyama

¹³⁴⁶ 第8回アフリカ・インフラ開発プログラム(PIDA)ウィークへの参加:AUDA-NEPADと共同作成を行ったOSBPステータス・レポートを成功裏にローンチ, 独立行政法人 国際協力機構 (Tokyo) 9 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 April 2025. https://www.jica.go.jp/information/seminar/2024/1557446_52234.html

¹³⁴⁷ Visit of Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs ERI to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Results), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 17 February 2025. Access Date: 4 April 2025. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_00996.html

¹³⁴⁸ G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Summary), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 21 February 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.mofa.go.jp/ecm/ec/pageite_000001_00826.html

¹³⁴⁹ Tokyo International Conference on African Development – TICAD, United Nations Development Programme (New York) n.d. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.undp.org/africa/ticad>

¹³⁵⁰ Meeting between Minister IWAYA Takeshi and Representatives of the African Diplomatic Corps, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 29 March 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_01138.html

¹³⁵¹ AUC Chairperson received H.E. Mr. Tsutomu Nakagawa, Ambassador of Japan to the African Union, African Union (Addis Ababa) 11 April 2025. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250411/chairperson-received-he-mr-tsutomu-nakagawa-ambassador-japan-au>

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 27 November 2024, the Ministry of Economy and Finance hosted the “Africa-EDCF Symposium” to facilitate economic cooperation between Korea and 21 African countries.¹³⁵² This initiative introduced future partnership plans through the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) and presented various cooperation strategies put in place to advance large-scale development projects between Korea and Africa.

On 27 November 2024, Minister for Trade Cheong In-Kyo met with Moroccan Minister Karim Zidane to discuss expanding bilateral cooperation through an Economic Partnership Agreement.¹³⁵³ This partnership would allow Korean firms to participate in projects within Morocco’s technology markets such as the renewable energy sector, boosting opportunities for investment and economic growth in Morocco.

On 5 February 2025, Second Vice Foreign Affairs Minister Kang In-sun participated in the inaugural Korea-Africa dialogue on critical minerals cooperation and expressed Korea’s commitment to “fostering long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships” with African nations.¹³⁵⁴ This action demonstrates Korea’s intention to further investment and economic cooperation with African countries through bilateral partnerships, particularly in the critical minerals sector and other related fields.

On 5 February 2025, Second Vice Minister Kang had meetings with Tanzania’s Deputy Minister of Minerals Steven Kiruswa, South Africa Deputy Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Phumzile Mgcina and Zimbabwe Minister of Mines and Mining Development Winston Chitando during the Korea-Africa dialogue on critical minerals cooperation.¹³⁵⁵ They discussed the expansion of partnerships reached at the 2024 South Korea-Africa summit. This reflects Korea’s commitment to advancing cooperative efforts with Tanzania, South Africa, and Zimbabwe through the discussion of initiatives such as the Mahenge Liandu Graphite Project from the Minerals Security Partnership.¹³⁵⁶

On 11 March 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announced the expansion of the International Agriculture Cooperation Project by declaring the First Comprehensive Plan for its 2025-2029 run.¹³⁵⁷ The project’s plan includes developments for the K-Ricebelt project, which aims to provide assistance to approximately 14 African countries in rice farming.¹³⁵⁸ This undertaking demonstrates Korea’s commitment to supporting the advancement of agricultural infrastructure in African countries.¹³⁵⁹

¹³⁵² Government Enhances EDCF Cooperation with 21 African Nations, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Sejong City) 27 November 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2025.

<https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=6019>

¹³⁵³ Korea and Morocco to make swift push for bilateral EPA, Korea.net (Sejong City) 27 November 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2025. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=7709&type=O&insttCode=A110412>

¹³⁵⁴ S. Korea vows to build 'mutually beneficial' partnership with Africa in critical minerals, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 5 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20250205008100315>

¹³⁵⁵ Vice FM discusses critical minerals cooperation with senior African officials, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 6 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20250206002400315>

¹³⁵⁶ Critical minerals talks held with 3 Southern African countries, Korea.net (Sejong City) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/policies/view?articleId=266106>

¹³⁵⁷ S. Korea Expands the Scope of Its ODA Project to Benefit 50 or More Countries and Develops 10 or More Partnership Models, Korea.net (Sejong City) 11 March 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=573521&type=N&insttCode=A260109>

¹³⁵⁸ S. Korea to extend agriculture ODA programs to 50 countries by 2029: ministry, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20250211003600320>

¹³⁵⁹ The K-Ricebelt Project: 3,562 Tonnes of High-yielding Rice Seeds Were Produced in Seven African Countries in 2024, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Sejong City) 2 April 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.mafra.go.kr/bbs/english/25/573778/artclView.do>

On 8 April 2025, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Dukgeun Ahn met with Moroccan Minister of Industry and Trade Ryad Mezzour to discuss bilateral cooperation initiatives regarding industry and trade.¹³⁶⁰ During the meeting, the ministers discussed launching negotiations for an Economic Partnership Agreement by initiating a trade and investment promotion framework.¹³⁶¹ This action seeks to promote mutual economic growth through a partnership leveraging Korea's technology and Morocco's power as a regional hub for industrial trade.¹³⁶²

On 7 May 2025, the Ministry of the Interior and Safety announced that it sent an 18-member delegation to promote digital government cooperation in Ethiopia and Egypt.¹³⁶³ The delegation sought to share Korea's expertise on digital governance and engage in discussions supporting the expansion of bilateral cooperation in the sector. This initiative reflects Korea's commitment to strengthening public sector infrastructure for information and communication technology across Africa.

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Korea has demonstrated moderate support through a series of bilateral initiatives that promote economic development in Africa through expanding trade and investment in Africa relating to agriculture, digital governance and critical minerals. However, it has not taken strong action to advance having a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, Korea receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Charlize Medina

Mexico: -1

Mexico has not complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 26 May 2025, Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs María Teresa Mercado Pérez inaugurated Africa Week, which includes five days of activities to strengthen Mexico's ties with the African continent.¹³⁶⁴ This initiative demonstrates Mexico's commitment to bilateral, regional and multilateral collaboration with African countries to help realize "an integrated, prosperous and peaceful African continent."

Mexico has not complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Mexico has taken action weak action through Africa Week to advance having a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent. However, Mexico has not taken action to advance the component of ensuring the African continent has seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

¹³⁶⁰ Korea to accelerate industrial cooperation with Morocco, Korea.net (Sejong City) 8 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=7946&type=O&insttCode=>

¹³⁶¹ S. Korea, Morocco seek early start of negotiations for economic partnership agreement, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 8 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20250408002800320>

¹³⁶² [Bridge to Africa] Morocco-Korea cooperation essential bridge for global trade, says minister, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.koreaherald.com/article/10465480>

¹³⁶³ Mission to promote digital gov't cooperation in 2 African states, Korea.net (Sejong City) 7 May 2025. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://www.korea.net/NewsFocus/Sci-Tech/view?articleId=270915>

¹³⁶⁴ Mexico Celebrates Africa Week 2025, Gobierno de México (Mexico City) 26 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-celebrates-africa-week-2025-to-strengthen-ties-with-the-african-continent?idiom=en>

Thus, Mexico receives a score of -1 .¹³⁶⁵

Analyst: Samuel Kamalendran

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 29 November 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak discussed enhancing cooperative efforts across multiple sectors and humanitarian programs with Niger's Prime Minister Ali Mahamane Lamine Zeine and President Abdourahamane Tchiani.¹³⁶⁶ This action shows Russia's intention to increase collaborative projects with African countries that yield gains in economic development through infrastructural progress.

On 4 December 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Alexey Overchuk announced the government's plan to launch an investment fund in 2025 for projects in African countries.¹³⁶⁷ This initiative aims to support Russian companies that contribute to infrastructural development on the African continent, particularly in the areas of energy, transport, logistics and mineral production.¹³⁶⁸

On 24 January 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirmed its commitment to furthering Russian-African relations by reviewing current developmental engagements and intentions for new projects.¹³⁶⁹ Plans include expanding assistance in education, public health and agriculture. The ministry also reiterated its alignment with the African Union, stating its support for enhancing the AU's influence at multilateral platforms such as the United Nations.

On 30 January 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Patrushev co-chaired the 12th Session of the Joint Intergovernmental Russian-Algerian Commission with Algeria's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Youcef Cherfa.¹³⁷⁰ The meeting focused on cooperative trade efforts in the energy, agriculture, transport and pharmaceutical industries and resulted in adopting bilateral agreements regarding education, science and economics.

On 21 February 2025, Foreign Affairs Minister Sergey Lavrov met with South Africa's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ronald Lamola during the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting to discuss bilateral relations, focusing on trade.¹³⁷¹ This action indicates Russia's interest in advancing a cooperative partnership with South Africa on political and economic affairs.

¹³⁶⁵ This score of non-compliance was determined after consulting the following sources: <https://www.gob.mx/sre/en>, <https://www.banxico.org.mx/>, <https://secihti.mx/>, <https://www.gob.mx/sct>, <https://www.gob.mx/sre>, <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/> and <https://mexicodailypost.com/>.

¹³⁶⁶ Alexander Novak pays a working visit to Niger, The Russian Government (Moscow) 29 November 2024. Access Date: 1 April 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/53576/>

¹³⁶⁷ Russia to start financial support of investment projects in Africa in 2025 — official, TASS Russia News Agency (Moscow) 4 December 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2025. <https://tass.com/economy/1882359>

¹³⁶⁸ Russia to Launch Financial Support for Investment Projects in Africa in 2025, Deputy PM Says, Sputnik Africa (Moscow) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2025. <https://en.sputniknews.africa/20241205/russia-to-launch-financial-support-for-investment-projects-in-africa-in-2025-deputy-pm-says-1069550421.html>

¹³⁶⁹ Foreign Ministry's answers to media questions for Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's news conference on the performance of Russian diplomacy in 2024, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 1 April 2025. https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1992829/

¹³⁷⁰ Dmitry Patrushev holds meeting of Russian-Algerian Intergovernmental Commission, The Russian Government (Moscow) 30 January 2025. Access Date: 1 April 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/54098/>

¹³⁷¹ Press release on Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's meeting with South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ronald Lamola, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 21 February 2025. Access Date: 8 May 2025. https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/1999155/

On 6 March 2025, Minister Lavrov met with Zimbabwe's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Amon Murwira to discuss bilateral relations.¹³⁷² The meeting concerned expanding cooperative initiatives for trade, economic, and investment cooperation in minerals, energy, infrastructure and technology sectors.

On 1 April 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Yury Trutnev met with Namibia's Minister of International Relations and Trade, Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, to discuss bilateral relations and trade.¹³⁷³ The discussion highlighted "an almost twofold increase in bilateral trade" due to provisions set up as part of the Intergovernmental Russian Namibian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation and resulted in plans for further cooperation.

On 3 April 2025, Minister Lavrov met with a delegation from the Alliance of Sahel States featuring delegations from Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger.¹³⁷⁴ During these talks, Minister Lavrov highlighted the importance of the Alliance as a new multi-lateral organization promoting integration on the African continent. Moreover, he reiterated Russia's commitment to providing the Alliance with all-around assistance and announced plans to continue meeting with them regularly.

On 16 April 2025, Affairs Minister Lavrov met with South Africa's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ronald Lamola during the 18th meeting for the Mixed Intergovernmental Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation.¹³⁷⁵ The officials discussed cooperation in trade and the economy and reaffirmed their mutual commitment to coordinating actions in multilateral forums such as BRICS, the G20 and the United Nations.

On 1 May 2025, Minister Lavrov met with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Togolese Abroad of Togo Robert Dussey where Minister Lavrov reiterated Russia's commitment to bolstering bilateral partnerships and strengthening sustainable development in Africa.¹³⁷⁶

On 26 May 2025, Minister Lavrov delivered remarks at the reception of Africa Day where he reiterated joint efforts to advance Russia-Africa relations and highlighted the establishment of the Department of Partnership with Africa in the Russian Foreign Ministry to advance economic and social development in the African continent.¹³⁷⁷

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. While Russia has engaged in bilateral discussions with African countries, affirmed its commitment to the African Union and voiced support for the Alliance of Sahel States, a new regional multi-lateral initiative, it has not taken strong action to advance a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African

¹³⁷² Press release on Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's talks with Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe Amon Murwira, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 8 May 2025. https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/2001753/

¹³⁷³ Yury Trutnev discussed bilateral projects with Minister of International Relations and Trade of Namibia Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, The Government of Russia (Moscow) 1 April 2025. Access Date: 16 May 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/54649/>

¹³⁷⁴ Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's statement and answer to a media question following a meeting of the foreign ministers of Russia and the Alliance of Sahel States, Moscow, April 3, 2025, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 3 April 2025. Access Date: 13 April 2023. https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/2006951/

¹³⁷⁵ Press release on Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's meeting with Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa Ronald Lamola, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 16 April 2025. Access Date: 16 May 2025. https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/2009429/

¹³⁷⁶ Press release on an exchange of greetings between Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Togolese Abroad of the Republic of Togo Robert Dussey on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 1 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/russia_africa/2012931/

¹³⁷⁷ Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's remarks at the reception on Africa Day, Moscow, May 26, 2025, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 26 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. https://mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/russia_africa/2020041/

continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Charlize Medina

Saudi Arabia: -1

Saudi Arabia has not complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 1 March 2025, Saudi Arabia delivered 330 housing units to Tunisia.¹³⁷⁸ This handover under the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) underscores the SFD's USD150 million initiative to provide social housing across several regions of Tunisia. These actions promote Agenda 2063 Goal 10: "access to affordable and decent housing" and mark part of a wider commitment from Saudi Arabia to promote housing development in Africa.

Saudi Arabia has not complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Saudi Arabia has not taken substantive action to promote African economic integration or prominence in global trade. Saudi Arabia has only taken action to improve social housing within one country instead of the African Union as a whole. In addition, it has not taken steps to advance having a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of -1.¹³⁷⁹

Analyst: Bryn Walton Williams

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 21 November 2024, South Africa in partnership with China, Brazil and the African Union, jointly launched the Initiative on International Cooperation in Open Science.¹³⁸⁰ The initiative aims to promote the free flow of science and technology resources among the Global South. With explicit calls to support joint scientific infrastructure and open-access research, it advances the African Union's Agenda 2063 goals of seamless cross-border cooperation and integrative infrastructure, particularly in the digital and research domains.

On 9 December 2024, International Relations Minister Ronald Lamola affirmed that South Africa will use the G20 Presidency to advance Agenda 2063.¹³⁸¹ South Africa aims to achieve this by prioritizing Africa's

¹³⁷⁸ Saudi Arabia delivers 330 housing units in Tunisia as part of \$150m development project, Arab News (Riyadh) 1 March 2025. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2592001/amp>

¹³⁷⁹ This score of non-compliance was determined after consulting the following sources: <https://www.my.gov.sa/en>, <https://www.mofa.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx>, <https://mep.gov.sa/ar>, <https://www.mof.gov.sa/en/Pages/default.aspx>, <https://www.arabnews.com/> and <https://saudigazette.com.sa/>.

¹³⁸⁰ China launches open science initiative with Brazil, South Africa, African Union, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202411/21/content_WS673f3388c6d0868f4e8ed4ab.html

¹³⁸¹ SA will use G20 to look ahead to the African Union's 2063 agenda, says Lamola, International Relations and Cooperation Republic of South Africa (Pretoria) 9 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://g20.org/news/sa-will-use-g20-to-look-ahead-to-the-african-unions-2063-agenda-says-lamola/>

challenges on the agenda, especially on issues such as development, poverty, food security and high debt burden.

On 12 December 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa addressed the inaugural South Africa-Angola Business Forum, where he emphasized deeper trade and investment ties between the two countries.¹³⁸² President Ramaphosa noted the importance of regional integration through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the Southern African Development Community Free Trade Agreement. He urged businesses to address challenges to promote economic growth and sustainable development across the region.

On 1 March 2025, Minister of Finance Enoch Godongwana led the Finance in Common Summit in Cape Town which called for global development institutions to collaborate in addressing development and poverty.¹³⁸³ Minister Godongwana along with leaders of the African Development Bank urged other G20 members to strengthen financial commitments, especially for Africa's green transition and infrastructure. The summit also introduced Mission 300 which aims to deliver electricity to 300 million Africans by 2030.

On 18 March 2025, Deputy Minister of Trade and Competition Andrew Whitfield highlighted at the G20 Trade and Investment Group Working Session that South Africa will use the G20 presidency as an opportunity to promote African development.¹³⁸⁴ South Africa aims to prioritize advocating for African integration through investments in infrastructure, productive sectors and the implementation of the AfCFTA as well as inclusive growth, green industrialization, WTO reform and global trade challenges.

On 29 April 2025, Deputy President Shipokosa Paulus Mashatile spoke at the Think20 Africa High-Level Dialogue.¹³⁸⁵ He reiterated Africa's commitment to leveraging its G20 presidency to promote African agency in global affairs and achieve key continent-wide priorities for development and industrialization, such as strengthening disaster resilience, fostering debt sustainability, facilitating green energy transition, and harnessing critical minerals for development.

On 12 May 2025, President Ramaphosa attended the Africa CEO Forum in Abidjan, which aimed to strengthen trade and investment relationships across Africa.¹³⁸⁶ The South African government strongly supported domestic firms exploring new opportunities in African markets. South Africa's high-level engagement underscored its commitment to advancing Africa's economic integration. Additionally, President Ramaphosa reemphasized South Africa's dedication to fostering inclusive global cooperation, promoting a fair economic recovery and ensuring long-term environmental sustainability.

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters the second decade of implementation. South Africa has taken action to support the economic development of the African Union through prioritizing Agenda 2063 in its G20 Presidency. While South Africa has verbally stressed the

¹³⁸² President Cyril Ramaphosa: South Africa-Angola Business Forum, South African Government (Pretoria) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-south-africa-angola-business-forum-12-dec-2024>

¹³⁸³ Finance in Common Summit urges global development finance institutions to harness collective power to address global poverty, African Development Bank (Abidjan) 1 March 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/finance-common-summit-urges-global-development-finance-institutions-harness-collective-power-address-global-poverty-81383>

¹³⁸⁴ G20 Presidency a Great Platform for SA to Champion Africa's Development – Deputy Minister Whitfield, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (Pretoria) 18 March 2025. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.thedtic.gov.za/g20-presidency-a-great-platform-for-sa-to-champion-africas-development-deputy-minister-whitfield/?hilit=development>

¹³⁸⁵ Deputy President Paul Mashatile: T20 Africa High-Level Dialogue, South African Government (Pretoria) 29 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/deputy-president-paul-mashatile-t20-africa-high-level-dialogue-29-apr-2025>

¹³⁸⁶ Abidjan, 12-13 May 2025, Africa CEO Forum (Abidjan) n.d. Access Date: 17 May 2025. <https://www.theafricaceoforum.com/en/shaping-the-future-of-africa/>; We are deepening our trade and investment ties across Africa, South African Government (Pretoria) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 17 May 2025. <https://www.gov.za/blog/we-are-deepening-our-trade-and-investment-ties-across-africa>

importance of African global involvement, Agenda 2063 and the AfCFTA thus constituting moderate support, they have taken no strong actions to advance having a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Anahit Hakobyan

Türkiye: 0

Türkiye has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 15 February 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs congratulated the newly elected members of the African Union Commission, particularly the new Chairperson, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti Mahamoud Ali Youssouf.¹³⁸⁷ The Ministry also reiterated Türkiye's ongoing commitment to cooperation with the African Union, especially in support of the realization of Agenda 2063.

On 28 February 2025, Türkiye accredited an ambassador as a representative to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), a regional economic community in Africa.¹³⁸⁸ This enables greater economic cooperation and dialogue with COMESA. The newly appointed Ambassador Hüseyin Barbaros Dicle highlighted Türkiye's commitment to supporting capacity building in the region, advancing regional integration. Türkiye plays the key role of a strategic partner to COMESA in sectors such as agriculture, health and tourism.

On 13 April 2025, Türkiye reaffirmed its commitment to deepening partnership with Africa and supporting initiatives that align with Agenda 2063.¹³⁸⁹ The Foreign Ministry issued a statement emphasizing the upcoming fourth Türkiye-Africa Partnership Summit in 2026 as an opportunity to strengthen cooperation in key areas such as trade and infrastructure.

Türkiye has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Türkiye took moderate actions to support an integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent, such as strengthening infrastructure cooperation with Africa and building relationships with regional economic communities. However, it has not taken strong actions to help Africa become a continent of seamless borders and manage cross-border resources through dialogue, aside from issuing verbal affirmations.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sonia Tao

United Kingdom: 0

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

¹³⁸⁷ No: 35, 15 February 2025, Regarding the Election of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ankara) 15 February 2025. Access Date: 11 April 2025. https://www.mfa.gov.tr/no_-35_-afrika-birligi-komisyon-baskanligi-secimleri-hk.en.mfa

¹³⁸⁸ News: 02.28.2025, Afronomicslaw ([n.p.]) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.afronomicslaw.org/category/news-and-events/news-02282025>

¹³⁸⁹ Türkiye reaffirms commitment to Africa on 20th anniversary of AU observer status, TRT Global (İstanbul) 13 April 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.trt.global/afrika-english/article/c85914dd9393>

On 27 January 2025, British International Investment, a government development finance agency, announced a GBP5.3 million deal with UK energy firm MOPO.¹³⁹⁰ This investment allows MOPO to expand its battery rental operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, helping to bridge infrastructure gaps and provide vital access to electricity.

On 27 January 2025, Minister for Africa Ray Collins announced GBP8 million in contribution to the African Development Bank's Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa.¹³⁹¹ This helps support African partners in ongoing efforts to expand electricity access across the continent.

On 5 March 2025, British International Investment (BII) in conjunction with the Ghana International Bank in a USD50 million trade finance deal to support businesses across seven African countries.¹³⁹² This initiative aims to provide necessary capital and equipment for small and medium-sized enterprises across Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gambia, Benin, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania. This deal helps progress the economic aspirations of the African Union on the path to financial independence and self-funding.

On 24 March 2025, UK Export Finance (UKEF) facilitated a GBP12.5 million deal between British firm Dints and the MCA Group's infrastructure and renewable energy operations in Angola.¹³⁹³ The deal secures a substantial export opportunity for British suppliers and helps to transform lives in Angola through improving access to critical infrastructure and renewable electricity. The deal helps progress Agenda 2063's vision 72: achieving reliable cost-effective renewable and environmentally friendly energy to African households' business industries and institutions.

On 9 April 2025, Foreign Secretary David Lammy co-hosted the Clean Power for Growth Roundtable in Rome alongside Italian Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani.¹³⁹⁴ The event aimed to promote international cooperation and supply chains to support clean energy transition, with key focus on the theme of promoting 'growth and jobs particularly for young people in Africa'. This theme aligns with Agenda 2063 and aims to develop world-class, integrative African infrastructure.

On 21 May 2025, the UK announced a total of GBP105 million in investments across two projects at the first-ever East Africa Trade and Investment Forum, featuring representatives from Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya. BII and Standard Chartered Bank pledged GBP100 million in support of a cross-border facility to lower the risks of trade and cross-border business between Tanzania and Kenya. Moreover, BII announced a GBP5 million investment in rolling out electric bicycles and battery infrastructure across Kenya.

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. While the UK has taken strong substantive action to support Africa being a continent of seamless borders, they have only taken moderate action to invest in African infrastructure and support

¹³⁹⁰ UK drives green growth by connecting millions to electricity across Africa, British International Investment (London) 27 January 2025. Access Date: 11 April 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-drives-green-growth-by-connecting-millions-to-electricity-across-africa>

¹³⁹¹ UK drives green growth by connecting millions to electricity across Africa, British International Investment (London) 27 January 2025. Access Date: 11 April 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-drives-green-growth-by-connecting-millions-to-electricity-across-africa>

¹³⁹² GHIB and BII announce \$50m partnership to boost cross-border trade across Africa's frontier economies, British International Investment (London) 3 March 2025. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://www.bii.co.uk/en/news-insight/news/ghib-and-bii-announce-50m-partnership-to-boost-cross-border-trade-across-africas-frontier-economies/>

¹³⁹³ British exports shine in African infrastructure and renewable energy deal, United Kingdom Export Finance (London) 24 March 2025. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-exports-shine-in-african-infrastructure-and-renewable-energy-deal>

¹³⁹⁴ Foreign Secretary David Lammy hosts energy firms and banks to discuss climate change, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 9 April 2025. Access Date: 27 April 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-david-lammy-hosts-energy-firms-and-banks-to-discuss-climate-change>

economic development. The majority of actions are restricted to certain countries instead of the African Union as a whole.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Bryn Walton Williams

United States: –1

The United States has not complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 3 December 2024, the US and Angola co-hosted a Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Lobito Trans-Africa Corridor Summit where they affirmed commitments to continue developing the Corridor and invest in infrastructure to connect the Atlantic and Indian Oceans and pledged to accelerate the new Zambia-Lobito rail project.¹³⁹⁵ The successful development of the corridor aims to boost trade and support economic diversification and development on the African continent.

On 5 December 2024, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and Angola Minister of Commerce and Industry Rui Miguens de Oliveira signed the Memorandum of Understanding, launching the US-Angola Commercial and Investment Partnership (CIP).¹³⁹⁶ The CIP promotes private-sector-led economic development, specifically in priority sectors, such as agricultural technology and infrastructure.

On 20 January 2025, after being inaugurated President Donald Trump ordered a freeze on all US foreign aid and the effective closure of the United States Agency for International Development.¹³⁹⁷ This suspension represents a disruption to US programs and development initiatives across Africa.

On 7 February 2025, President Trump signed an executive order suspending US aid and assistance to South Africa.¹³⁹⁸ This includes the halting of aid and assistance programs supporting development, trade and infrastructural improvement in South Africa.

On 19 February 2025, President Trump signed an executive order for the elimination of the United States African Development Foundation.¹³⁹⁹ The African Development Foundation's mandate involved investing in initiatives to promote development, trade and infrastructural improvement on the continent.

On 5 April 2025, President Donald Trump placed a 10 per cent tariff on all countries.¹⁴⁰⁰ This tariff applies to the countries of Africa.

¹³⁹⁵ Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment in the Lobito Trans-Africa Corridor, The White House (Washington DC) 3 December 2025. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/12/03/fact-sheet-partnership-for-global-infrastructure-and-investment-in-the-lobito-trans-africa-corridor/>

¹³⁹⁶ U.S. Department of Commerce and Angolan Ministry of Commerce and Industry Strengthen Ties through Commercial and Investment Partnership Memorandum of Understanding, United States Department of Commerce (Washington DC) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2024/12/us-department-commerce-and-angolan-ministry-commerce-and-industry>

¹³⁹⁷ Implementing the President's Executive Order on Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid, United States Department of State (Washington DC) 26 January 2025. Access Date: 11 April 2025. <https://www.state.gov/implementing-the-presidents-executive-order-on-reevaluating-and-realigning-united-states-foreign-aid/>

¹³⁹⁸ Addressing Egregious Actions of The Republic of South Africa, The White House (Washington DC) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/addressing-egregious-actions-of-the-republic-of-south-africa/>

¹³⁹⁹ Commencing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy, The White House (Washington DC) 19 February 2025. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/commencing-the-reduction-of-the-federal-bureaucracy/>

On 25 April 2025, Secretary of State Marco Rubio hosted the Signing of a Declaration of Principles between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda to facilitate a pathway to an “integrated economic development in the eastern DRC region.”¹⁴⁰¹ The regional economic integration framework outlines expanded foreign trade and investment from the U.S. government and private sector.¹⁴⁰² This initiative does not “support” or facilitate the provision of aid and assistance to the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and its trade and economic integration aspirations as the framework prioritizes U.S. commercial interests.

On 14 May 2025, Senior Bureau Official Bureau of African Affairs Troy Fitrell shared remarks on the launch of the Bureau of African Affairs’ Commercial Diplomacy Strategy.¹⁴⁰³ Ambassador Fitrell stated the shift in US engagement with Africa from development assistance to “commercial engagement” done through “expanded trade and private investment, because it is the private sector.” This shift to the private sector undermines longstanding public sector institutions and policies supporting the creation of infrastructure and the management of cross-border resources.

On 29 May 2025, Ambassador Fitrell participated in the Carnegie Africa Program – Fireside Chat on Commercial Diplomacy.¹⁴⁰⁴ Ambassador Fitrell shared a shift in the U.S. Department of State’s economic engagement with African countries from a development assistance based approach to basing the focus of their diplomatic engagement in “commercial diplomacy.” This shift in policy approach is antithetical to the commitment as it targets institutions and development programmes directly supporting the creation of infrastructure and the management of cross-border resources, ultimately hindering efforts to reach Agenda 2063.

The United States has not complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Recent actions, such as the closure of various development agencies and the effective suspension of aid to Africa, stand in direct contradiction to the commitment. The US has removed funding to South Africa and imposed a 10% tariff across all African countries, harming development and trade. These reflect actions directly and explicitly antithetical to the goal of having a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

¹⁴⁰⁰ Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Declares National Emergency to Increase our Competitive Edge, Protect our Sovereignty, and Strengthen our National and Economic Security, The White House (Washington D.C.) 2 April 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/04/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-declares-national-emergency-to-increase-our-competitive-edge-protect-our-sovereignty-and-strengthen-our-national-and-economic-security/>

¹⁴⁰¹ The United States Hosts Signing of Declaration of Principles Between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Government of Rwanda, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 25 April 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.state.gov/releases/office-of-the-spokesperson/2025/04/the-united-states-hosts-signing-of-declaration-of-principles-between-the-government-of-the-democratic-republic-of-the-congo-and-the-government-of-rwanda/>

¹⁴⁰² Declaration of Principles, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 25 April 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.state.gov/releases/bureau-of-african-affairs/2025/04/declaration-of-principles/>

¹⁴⁰³ Remarks for Launch of Bureau of African Affairs Commercial Diplomacy Strategy, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 14 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.state.gov/remarks-for-launch-of-bureau-of-african-affairs-commercial-diplomacy-strategy/>

¹⁴⁰⁴ Remarks by for the Carnegie Africa Program – Fireside Chat on Commercial Diplomacy, United Nations Department of State (Washington D.C.) 29 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.state.gov/remarks-by-for-the-carnegie-africa-program-fireside-chat-on-commercial-diplomacy/>

Thus, the United States receives a score of -1 .¹⁴⁰⁵

Analyst: Jezebel Melo-Centanni

African Union: +1

The African Union has fully complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 21 November 2024, the African Union alongside Brazil, South Africa and China jointly launched the Initiative on International Cooperation in Open Science.¹⁴⁰⁶ The initiative aims to promote the free flow of science and technology resources among the Global South. With explicit calls to support joint scientific infrastructure and open-access research, it advances Agenda 2063 and the goal of establishing seamless cross-border cooperation and integrative infrastructure across Africa.

On 11 December 2024, the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) held its 2nd Ordinary Session of the 4th Permanent General Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya.¹⁴⁰⁷ The session was attended by senior government officials from the Republic of Kenya, high-level AU officials and ECOSOCC representatives, leaders of civil society organizations, regional and international development partners and members of media and stakeholders invested in African development. The session featured elections for the ECOSOCC Standing Committee, discussions on the progress and challenges of civil society engagement and the launch of the Call for Applications for National ECOSOCC Chapters.

On 20 January 2025, AU Commissioner Amani Abou-Zeid participated in the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland.¹⁴⁰⁸ Commissioner Abou-Zeid emphasized Africa's role in the global energy transition, clean tech and industrialization, demonstrating Africa's emerging participation in global governance. Key initiatives discussed included the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Program Infrastructure Development for Africa, the African Single Electricity Market and strategies for green hydrogen, clean cooking and sustainable aviation fuels.

On 15 February 2025, the AU hosted the 38th AU Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, bringing together heads of state, policymakers and key stakeholders of the AU to address pressing challenges and opportunities for the continent.¹⁴⁰⁹ The summit launched the African Union's Theme of the Year 2025: "Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations." Discussion areas at the summit included accelerating the implementation of Agenda 2063, prioritizing health and well-being, harnessing Africa's youth, fostering innovation, promoting peace and security and enhancing climate resilience.¹⁴¹⁰

¹⁴⁰⁵ This score of non-compliance was determined after consulting the following sources: <https://www.usa.gov/>, <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/>, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/>, <https://2021-2025.state.gov/press-releases/>, <https://web.archive.org/web/20250116154937/https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/>, <https://web.archive.org/web/20250101021131/https://www.congress.gov/>, <https://web.archive.org/web/20250101061622/http://www.senate.gov/>, <https://www.senate.gov/>, <https://www.house.gov/>, <https://www.usatoday.com/>, <https://www.wsj.com/> and <https://www.msnbc.com/>.

¹⁴⁰⁶ China launches open science initiative with Brazil, South Africa, African Union, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 12 May 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202411/21/content_WS673f3388c6d0868f4e8ed4ab.html

¹⁴⁰⁷ Second Ordinary Session of the Fourth ECOSOCC Permanent General Assembly, African Union Economic Social and Cultural Council (Lusaka) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 4 April 2025. <https://ecosocc.au.int/en/news/media-advisories/2024-12-05/second-ordinary-session-fourth-ecosocc-permanent-general-assembly>

¹⁴⁰⁸ African Union at the World Economic Forum, African Union (Addis Ababa) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 4 April 2025. <https://au.int/es/node/44391>

¹⁴⁰⁹ 38th AU Summit, African Union (Addis Ababa) 15 February 2025. Access Date: 4 April 2025. <https://au.int/en/summit/38>

¹⁴¹⁰ 38th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the AU, African Union (Addis Ababa) 15 February 2025. Access Date: 4 April 2025. <https://au.int/en/newsevents/20250215/38th-ordinary-session-assembly-au>

On 25 February 2025, the Pan-African Parliament held a joint session with the Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources; the Committee on Gender, Family, Youth and People with Disabilities; and the Committee on Justice and Human Rights.¹⁴¹¹ The session featured updates on the proposed Pan-African Parliament Model Law on Climate Change and a presentation on the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2025-2035). This session strengthened African Union cooperation on climate action, advancing Agenda 2063.

On 4 March 2025, the African Union Institute of Statistics attended the 56th Session of the United Nations Statistics Commission in New York.¹⁴¹² The agenda covered critical topics including national accounts, population and housing censuses, environmental-economic accounting and climate change statistics. The representatives demonstrated a continent-wide commitment to proactive statistical development by collaborating with key organizations such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank.

On 19 March 2025, the African Minerals Development Centre, an organ of the African Union, hosted the 3rd African Forum on Mining in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.¹⁴¹³ The forum reaffirmed the Africa Mining Vision as the continent's framework for mineral resource governance and launched the African Green Mineral Strategy promoting continent-wide green industrialization. Key outcomes included calls for a unified digital geological data platform and the establishment of a High-Level African Critical Minerals Diplomacy. These efforts directly advance Agenda 2063's goals for inclusive economic transformation and regional integration.

On 15 April 2025, the AU convened its 24th Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.¹⁴¹⁴ The session underscored the urgency of African-led solutions in trade, health and peacebuilding, emphasizing the reduction of external dependence by strengthening AfCFTA, promoting intra-African trade and financing Peace Support Operations through domestic resources.

On 21 April 2025, the African Union attended the 2025 Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund in Washington DC.¹⁴¹⁵ The AU convened a series of strategic side events, focused on reforming global financial frameworks, mobilizing investments for job creation and sustainable growth, advancing climate finance and debt relief to enhance resilience and strengthening Africa's role in global governance.

On 5 May 2025, the African Union launched the Kampala Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme Strategy and Action Plan (2026-2035).¹⁴¹⁶ As part of Agenda 2063, the initiative aims to eliminate hunger and reduce poverty by mobilizing USD100 billion to increase agri-food output by 45 per cent, triple

¹⁴¹¹ Joint Meeting of Pan-African Parliament Committees on Legislative and Strategic Issues, African Union Pan-African Parliament (Johannesburg) 25 February 2025. Access Date: 4 April 2025. <https://pap.au.int/en/news/press-releases/2025-02-25/joint-meeting-pan-african-parliament-committees-legislative-and>

¹⁴¹² STATAFRIC at the Fifty-Sixth Session of the United Nations Statistics Commission: A Unified African Voice for Advancing Statistical Practices, African Union STATAFRIC (Tunis) 4 March 2025. Access Date: 4 April 2025. <https://statafric.au.int/index.php/en/news/press-releases/2025-03-04/statafric-fifty-sixth-session-united-nations-statistics-commission>

¹⁴¹³ African Forum on Mining Calls for Bold Action to Transform the Continent's Mineral Sector, African Union (Addis Ababa) 28 March 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250328/african-forum-mining-calls-bold-action-transform-continents-mineral-sector>

¹⁴¹⁴ The 24th Extra-Ordinary Session of the Executive Council kicks-off in Addis Ababa, African Union (Addis Ababa) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250415/24th-extra-ordinary-session-executive-council-kicks-addis-ababa>

¹⁴¹⁵ The African Union Champions Africa's Economic Priorities at the 2025 World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings, African Union (Addis Ababa) 16 April 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250416/african-union-champions-africas-economic-priorities-2025-world-bank-group-and>

¹⁴¹⁶ African Union launches the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035 and the CAADP Kampala Declaration, African Union (Addis Ababa) 6 May 2025. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250506/au-launches-caadp-strategy-action-plan-2026-2035-caadp-kampala-declaration>

intra-African agricultural trade and cut post-harvest losses by half. The Kampala Declaration envisions integrated, climate-resilient food systems across Africa, emphasizing regional cooperation, private sector engagement and the engagement of youth and women in agricultural transformation.

On 8 May 2025, ECOSOCC, in partnership with the Chinese NGO Network for International Exchange, hosted the inaugural Africa-China People-to-People Dialogue in Lusaka, Zambia.¹⁴¹⁷ The forum brought together civil society organizations, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to advance citizen-led collaboration between the two countries. The Dialogue reaffirmed ECOSOCC's goal of bridging African and Chinese civil societies, building trust, inclusion, and shared solutions in areas like trade, education and policy implementation.

On 21 May 2025, [Minister of External Relations of Angola and Chair of the AU Executive Council Tete António and High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas participated in the 3rd EU-AU Ministerial Meeting to strengthen partnerships in the areas of peace, security and governance; multilateralism; prosperity and people, migration and mobility.¹⁴¹⁸ The Ministers committed to bolstering the EU and AU economies, identifying key areas to strengthen economic integration and cooperation by leveraging the Global Gateway agenda and scaling up sustainable development and investment initiatives in the African continent.¹⁴¹⁹ The Ministers also welcomed progress on the AfCFTA in supporting economic integration and sustainable development of supply chains.

The African Union has fully complied its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. It has taken strong actions, including holding meetings and summits, to facilitate greater regional integration and development. Overall, the African Union has taken strong action to advance a world-class, integrative infrastructure that spans the African continent and is a continent of seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue.

Thus, the African Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rie Aiyama

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation.

On 5 December 2024, the European Investment Bank (EIB) committed USD80 million of equity investment into the Pembani Remgro Infrastructure Fund II.¹⁴²⁰ This fund is African-led and supports renewable energy, digital infrastructure and transportation projects across sub-Saharan Africa. By working towards bridging Africa's infrastructure financing gap, this investment supports Agenda 2063's goals of continent-wide infrastructure and connectivity, promoting sustainable development and economic integration.

¹⁴¹⁷ Africa-China People-to-People Dialogue calls for a strengthened and deeper citizen-led partnerships, African Union (Addis Ababa) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250512/africa-china-people-people-dialogue-calls-deeper-citizen-led-partnerships>

¹⁴¹⁸ 3rd European Union - African Union Ministerial Meeting, 21 May 2025, European Council (Brussels) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-ministerial-meetings/2025/05/21/eu-au/>

¹⁴¹⁹ 3rd EU-AU Ministerial Meeting, 21 May 2025 - Joint communiqué, European Council (Brussels) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/q50bjauc/joint-communiqu%C3%A9-21052025.pdf>

¹⁴²⁰ EIB commits USD 80 million to Pembani Remgro Infrastructure Fund II for resilient infrastructure in Africa that creates jobs, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-490-eib-commits-usd80-million-to-pembani-remgro-infrastructure-fund-ii-for-resilient-infrastructure-in-africa-that-creates-jobs>

On 16 December 2024, the Council of the EU reaffirmed support for the roll out of the African Continental Free Trade Area, highlighting the strategic importance of transport corridors for its success.¹⁴²¹ The Council also adopted conclusions to enhance Team Europe's support for global food security and nutrition, explicitly endorsing the African Union's "Kampala" framework within the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme. These actions align objectives of facilitating more regional trade and economic integration in Africa as well as Agenda 2063's objectives of eradicating hunger.

On 16 January 2025, the EIB, as part of the Global Gateway strategy, provided a EUR50 million loan to enhance Côte d'Ivoire's stake in the African Trade and Investment Development Insurance (ATIDI) organization, a pan-African multilateral insurer.¹⁴²² This financing expands ATIDI's capacity to accomplish its objectives in expanding trade and investments, promoting economic integration and resilience across the African continent.

On 5 March 2025, the EU signed a EUR20 million African Union Partnership Performance Acceleration Programme to accelerate integrated development and capacity building across Africa.¹⁴²³ The two-year programme focuses on implementing key projects in digital connectivity, energy and economic integration, aligning with the African Union's Agenda 2063 aspirations for a united and economically integrated continent.

On 10 April 2025, the EIB, under the EU's Global Gateway strategy, announced a USD100 million investment to expand mobile broadband infrastructure across Madagascar and Tanzania.¹⁴²⁴ The project will double 4G coverage and roll out 5G networks in both countries, improving high-speed connectivity for millions of people and businesses.

On 21 May 2025, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas and Minister of External Relations of Angola and Chair of the AU Executive Council Tete António participated in the 3rd EU-AU Ministerial Meeting to strengthen partnerships in the areas of peace, security and governance; multilateralism; prosperity and people, migration and mobility.¹⁴²⁵ The Ministers committed to bolstering the EU and AU economies, identifying key areas to strengthen economic integration and cooperation by leveraging the Global Gateway agenda and scaling up sustainable development and investment initiatives in the African continent.¹⁴²⁶ The Ministers also welcomed progress on the African Continental Free Trade Area in supporting economic integration and sustainable development of supply chains.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to support the African Union to realize the trade and economic integration and aspirations under its Agenda 2063 as it enters its second decade of implementation. Through its initiatives, the EU addressed multiple dimensions of development, including having a world-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the African continent and be a continent of

¹⁴²¹ Council Conclusions on Africa, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 16 December 2024. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-16901-2024-INIT/en/pdf>

¹⁴²² Global Gateway: Côte d'Ivoire secures EUR 50 million EIB loan with ADITI to support low-carbon transition, sustainable trade and investments, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 16 January 2025. Access Date: 29 March 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-013-global-gateway-cote-d-ivoire-secures-eur-50-million-eib-loan-with-aditi-to-support-low-carbon-transition-sustainable-trade-and-investments>

¹⁴²³ AU and EU deepen ties with €20 million capacity-building agreement, European Union External Action (Brussels) 5 March 2025. Access Date: 10 May 2025. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/node/450353_fr

¹⁴²⁴ Axian Telecom Receives US\$100 Million Investment from EIB Global for Mobile Broadband Network Expansion in Madagascar and Tanzania, Axian Telecom (Antananarivo) 10 April 2025. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://www.axian-telecom.com/en/2025/04/10/axian-telecom-receives-us-100-million-investment-from-eib-global-for-mobile-broadband-network-expansion-in-madagascar-and-tanzania>

¹⁴²⁵ 3rd European Union - African Union Ministerial Meeting, 21 May 2025, European Council (Brussels) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-ministerial-meetings/2025/05/21/eu-au/>

¹⁴²⁶ 3rd EU-AU Ministerial Meeting, 21 May 2025 - Joint communique, European Council (Brussels) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 20 June 2025. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/q50bjauc/joint-communiqu%C3%A9-21052025.pdf>

seamless borders and the management of cross-border resources through dialogue. These measures illustrate the EU's commitment to facilitating Africa's integration and sustainable development goals, as articulated at the G20 Rio de Janeiro Summit.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Bebram Hatbi