Traditional Liberian dancers perform during a farewell for the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) to say "thank you" for supporting peace and security in Liberia.
KEY PROGRAMMES

- Coordination of global advocacy of and support for African Union development initiatives
- Regional coordination of and support for African Union development initiatives
- Public information and awareness activities for African Union development initiatives
- Regional cooperation for economic and social development in Africa

INDICATIVE RESOURCES

$109M

$87M regular assessed and $22M voluntary contributions (incl. Economic Commission for Africa)

SELECT MANDATES

- Framework for a Renewed United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa’s Integration and Development Agenda, GA resolution 71/254
- Monitoring Mechanism to Review Commitments towards Africa’s Development, GA resolution 66/293
- New Partnership for Africa’s Development, GA resolution 72/310
- Political Declaration on Africa’s Development Needs, GA resolution 63/1
- Recommendations on the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa, GA resolution 72/311

SELECT ENTITIES

- Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Department of Global Communications
Students at the Ajira Digital Training Centre, a resource centre in the Kamukunji Constituency, Nairobi, Kenya. Secretary-General António Guterres visited the centre and spoke with students.
CONTEXT

While Africa’s economies continue to recover, challenges to inclusive growth remain, such as unemployment and lack of access to essential services and rights. The United Nations is firmly committed to supporting Africa in reducing poverty, empowering people, increasing the engagement of women and youth, pursuing transformative action and investments in climate change mitigation and fostering inclusive development.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The United Nations Secretariat maintains two significant programmes in support of Africa’s development. Through the Special Adviser on Africa, the United Nations helps to raise international awareness on issues affecting Africa, supports global advocacy in collaboration with the UN communications team, and strengthens the coherence of the Organization’s work across the peace, security and development nexus. Through the work of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations promotes economic and social development on the continent, helps to foster intraregional integration and promotes international cooperation.

“I have seen first-hand how challenges can become opportunities when stakeholders pull together to bring about a peaceful and prosperous Africa.”

Bience Gawanas,
Special Adviser on Africa

...AFRICA CAN HARNESS THE OPPORTUNITIES OF A YOUNG AND GROWING POPULATION

Population by age and gender (% of population, 2018)

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Source: Department of Economic and Social Affairs

GDP per capita (current US$)

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Source: United Nations/IMF

...AFRICA STILL NEEDS TO ACCELERATE GROWTH AND INNOVATION...

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KEY RESULTS

Over the course of 2018, the United Nations and the African Union further deepened their partnership. Most importantly, a new sustainable development framework between the two organizations, signed in January, envisions stronger coordination to ensure that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union’s Agenda 2063 are mainstreamed and integrated in national development plans and that they contribute positively to people-centred and planet-sensitive structural transformation in Africa.

In support of the global and regional development agendas, ECA, for example, created a toolkit that facilitates streamlined planning and reporting by African Governments on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. To help boost regional integration, the United Nations and the new African Union Development Agency collaborated in supporting the African Continental Free Trade Area.

“A new pan-Africanism built on economic regional and global integration is under way.”

Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa

AFRICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

The United Nations System provides support to

54 countries in Africa

Out of over $50B in United Nations System spending

40% is delivered in Africa

Out of 105,000 staff in the United Nations System

38% are working in Africa

Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, speaks to the press in New York following the plenary meeting of the third United Nations-African Union Annual Conference.
AFRICA IS CATCHING UP
Progress on some sustainable development indicators has been accelerating

The United Nations also continued to support efforts by the African Union Commission to enhance preparedness and resilience-building through disaster risk reduction frameworks.

The United Nations worked with the African Union to maximize the positive contribution of migration on the continent and address the related challenges. In that context, United Nations support has been focused on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the global compact on refugees.

The United Nations will continue to provide sustained global advocacy on African issues and generate cutting-edge policy research on key priorities while providing policy advice at the regional and country levels. In that context, the Organization will advocate and support the African Union’s efforts to help “silence the guns” by 2020, advance the African Continental Free Trade Area and implement the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (resolution 69/313, annex) and the Paris Agreement (FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex). Those efforts will feed into the broader support of the United Nations for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.