

RESILIENCE

GIZ African Union

Embracing Resilience: Africa's Pathway to Sustainable Development

Annual Report 2022

Abbreviations

AA	German Federal Foreign Office
AEEP	Africa-European Union Energy Partnership
AfCDC	Strengthening Crisis and Pandemic Response in Africa
Africa CDC	The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
AfCFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area
AGA	African Governance Architecture
APSA	African Peace and Security Architecture
ATVET4W	Agricultural Technical Vocational Education and Training for Women
AU	African Union
AUBP	African Union Border Programme
AUC	African Union Commission
AUDA-NEPAD	African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
DataCipation	Citizen Engagement and Innovative Data Use for Africa's Development
EAC	East African Community
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECCAS BP	Support to the ECCAS Border Programme
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH
ICBP	Institutional Capacity Building Programme
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IPSS	Institute for Peace and Security Studies
NELGA	Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa
PAU	Pan African University
PIDA	Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa
RECs	Regional Economic Communities
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SIFA	Skills Initiative for Africa
SLGA	Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa

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WELCOME

by Director
Dr Tobias Thiel

Dear Partners, Colleagues and Friends,

I am delighted to present to you the annual report of GIZ African Union for the year 2022, highlighting the theme of **Embracing Resilience: Africa's Pathway to Sustainable Development**. As the gradual decline of the Covid-19 pandemic gives way to new global crises, this report not only showcases meaningful progress in our cooperation with the African Union but also demonstrates the remarkable resilience of the African continent in the face of daunting challenges.



Cognisant of the need for powerful African voices as a dynamic force in global affairs, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) published its new Africa Strategy "Shaping the Future with Africa" in January 2023. While focusing on themes such as the socially and environmentally just transformation of the economy or Germany's new feminist development policy, the strategy explicitly highlights the need for strong and equal partnerships, thereby placing the African Union at the centre of Africa's pathway to sustainable development.

For almost 20 years, the partnership with the African Union has been a fundamental part of the German Development Cooperation. On behalf of the German Government, the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)* supports the African Union and its "Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want" in four key areas: Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, Governance and Migration, Sustainable Economic Growth and Employment, as well as Health and Social Development.

Throughout this report, you will find inspiring stories by the people we reach through our work and testimonies of the impact we jointly achieve with our partners. From creating peaceful borderlands, green and resilient infrastructure to advancing health security and building a digital single market in Africa – these steps towards achieving the vision of an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa driven by its own citizens would not have been possible without the impassioned dedication and unwavering perseverance of our partners, stakeholders and team.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the African Union, as well as all our partners and stakeholders for their staunch support. Your trust and collaboration have been instrumental in our collective achievements.

We look forward to evolving and deepening our trusted partnership.

Addis Ababa, April 2022



Our Vision



We are a TRUSTED PARTNER of the African Union



We EMBODY CHANGE and facilitate change processes across the continent



We foster INNOVATION and SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS to continental challenges



We CONNECT PEOPLE, PARTNERS & IDEAS across Africa

The African Union (AU) is the most important pan-African organisation, uniting all 55 African states. It plays a pivotal role in promoting peace and security, democratic governance, regional economic integration and social development across the continent. Thus, the collaboration with the AU is a foundational part of Germany's international cooperation.

Since 2004, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH has been working with the AU Commission as well as many of the AU's specialised institutions and agencies to jointly implement programmes and projects at continental, regional and national level. These include, among others, the AU Development Agency AUDA-NEPAD, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the AU Mechanism for Police Cooperation (AFRIPOL) or the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

The AU-GIZ partnership is guided by the AU's vision of an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa aiming to find African solutions to African challenges to realise the Africa they want. For this purpose, its strategic framework for inclusive growth and sustainable development is the Agenda 2063. The seven core aspirations of the Agenda 2063 are designed to accelerate Africa's growth and development, while simultaneously contributing to the achievement of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



AU VISION
An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in global arena.





ABOUT GIZ AU

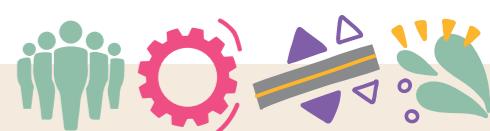
Our Programmes, Footprint and Team

Areas of Work

We are dedicated to being a strong and trusted partner to the African Union. On behalf of our commissioning parties, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Federal Foreign Office (AA), as well as other global players such as the European Union (EU), Norway, Sweden, and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, we support the AU in its work in 35 of the 55 African member states. Our activities with the AU focus on the areas of Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, Sustainable Economic Growth and Employment, Governance and Migration, and Health and Social Development.

All programmes contribute to the United Nations' Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the AU's Aspirations of the Agenda 2063 towards the pan-African drive for unity, self-determination, freedom, progress and collective prosperity.

AGENDA 2063 AND 7 ASPIRATIONS



A PROSPEROUS AFRICA BASED ON INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.



AN AFRICA WITH A STRONG CULTURAL IDENTITY, COMMON HERITAGE, SHARED VALUES AND ETHICS.



AN INTEGRATED CONTINENT, POLITICALLY UNITED AND BASED ON THE IDEALS OF PAN-AFRICANISM AND THE VISION OF AFRICA'S RENAISSANCE.



AN AFRICA WHOSE DEVELOPMENT IS PEOPLE-DRIVEN, RELYING ON THE POTENTIAL OF AFRICAN PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY ITS WOMEN AND YOUTH, AND CARING FOR CHILDREN.



AN AFRICA OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW.



AFRICA AS A STRONG, UNITED, RESILIENT AND INFLUENTIAL GLOBAL PLAYER AND PARTNER.



A PEACEFUL AND SECURE AFRICA.

Programmes and Projects of the GIZ AU Portfolio

PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



APSA	Support to the African Peace and Security Architecture (05/2022 – 10/2024, EUR 9.7 million)
TANA	Support to the Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa (07/2021 – 04/2023, EUR 1.0 million)
IPSS	Support to the Research and Training Programme of the African Union in the Area of Peace and Security (07/2018 – 04/2022, EUR 7.5 million)

AUBP	Support to the African Union Border Programme (01/2021 – 06/2023, EUR 18.0 million)
ECCAS BP	Support to the ECCAS Border Programme (10/2019 – 06/2023, EUR 13.3 million)*
AU AFRIPOL	Programme to Build and Strengthen the Police Structures in Africa (07/2019 – 12/2022, EUR 3.5 million)



GOVERNANCE AND MIGRATION



Migration	Support to the African Union in Labour Migration and Free Movement (01/2022 – 12/2024, EUR 9.2 million)***
ICBP	Institutional Capacity Building Programme (01/2021 – 12/2023, EUR 3.0 million)
AGA	Strengthening Good Governance and Human Rights in Africa (01/2020 – 06/2023, EUR 9.3 million)
DataCipation	Citizens Engagement and Innovative Data Use for Africa's Development 06/2020 – 12/2023, EUR 13.9 million)
RIA	Resilience Initiative Africa (07/2022 – 06/2025, EUR 2.7 million)

SLGA	Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (11/2014 – 11/2026, EUR 47.8 million)
GFG	Good Financial Governance in Africa (02/2019 – 01/2025)
ABS	Multi-Donor-Initiative Capacity Development for Access and Benefit-Sharing (08/2022 – 08/2025)
F4F	Forest 4 Future (01/2020 – 06/2027)



SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT



AfCFTA	Support to the African Continental Free Trade Area (08/2020 – 12/2024, EUR 55.0 million) * / ****
PIDA	Green Infrastructure Corridors for intra-Africa Trade – Support to PIDA (11/2021 – 10/2024, EUR 13.0 million)
SIFA	Skills Initiative for Africa (10/2016 – 12/2022, EUR 18.5 million)*

ATVET4W	Agricultural Technical Vocational Education and Training for Women (01/2017 – 10/2022, EUR 22.0 million)**
AEEP	Africa-European Union Energy Partnership (09/2018 – 03/2024, EUR 6.5 million)*
ABF	Agri-Business Facility for Africa (01/2020 – 12/2023)



All programmes and projects are implemented on behalf of the German Government.



HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



AfCDC	Strengthening Crisis and Pandemic Response in Africa (12/2021 – 11/2024, EUR 8.2 million)
BACKUP Health	Advising Partners in the Implementation of Global Health Financing (04/2020 – 03/2026)
PPOH	Pandemic Prevention and Response, One Health (01/2021 – 03/2024, EUR 1.1 million)
OHDAA	One Health Data Alliance Africa (01/2022 – 12/2024, EUR 2.5 million)

S4DA	Sports for Development in Africa (08/2022 – 06/2025, EUR 2.1 million)
PAU	Support to the Pan African University (08/2020 – 12/2022, EUR 3.7 million)
ENACTUS	Support to the Entrepreneurship Hubs of the Pan African University (12/2021 – 12/2022, EUR 0.7 million)



RESILIENCE



"Resilience" will be the focus of this year's report which is also part of the African Union's Aspiration 7: "Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner", towards achieving its Agenda 2063.

As resilience has more than just one dimension, we would like to show how our comprehensive and diverse work with the African Union contributes to building resilience on the African continent. On the following pages, we would like to present our portfolio, our team and the people we reach as well as highlight different aspects of resilience in the areas of our partnership with the African Union, such as peacebuilding, infrastructure, health and digitalisation.

"Africa is a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner."

- Aspiration 7 of the AU's Agenda 2063

Through our work in 2022...

5,300+
professionals

received training to develop their skills.



We ensured that statements towards **human rights, gender equality, and climate protection** are included in

90
official AU policy documents.



74,000
people networked
and exchanged their knowledge in
830+ events.

290+
knowledge products

were developed with our partners and are now in use to advance regional integration.

Participation

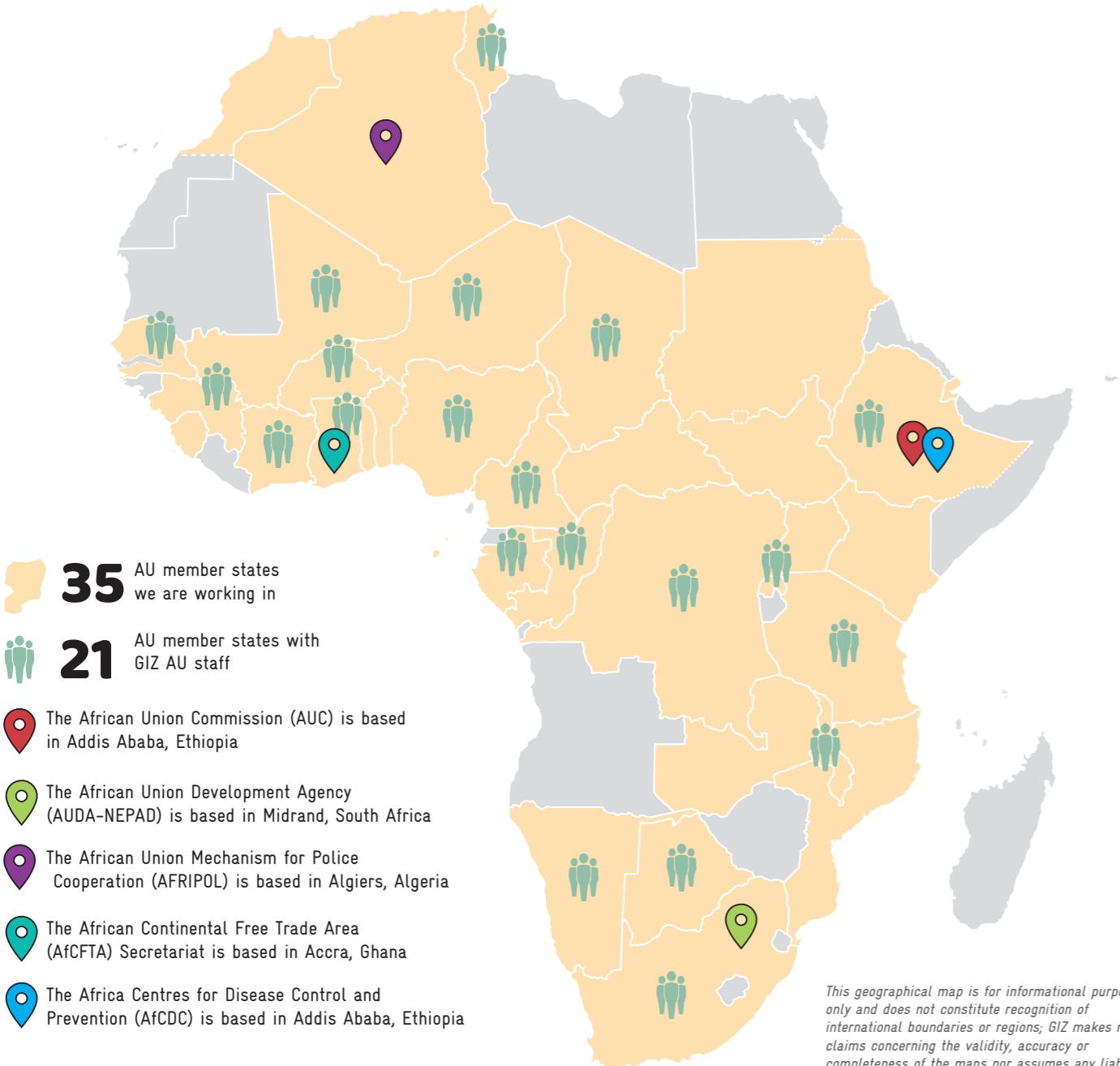
from the private sector and civil society representatives in
200+ initiatives of continental scope was supported and improved.

5.5+ million
social media users
were reached in our online campaigns.

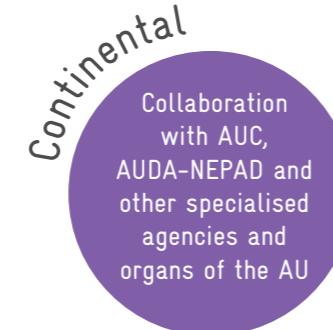




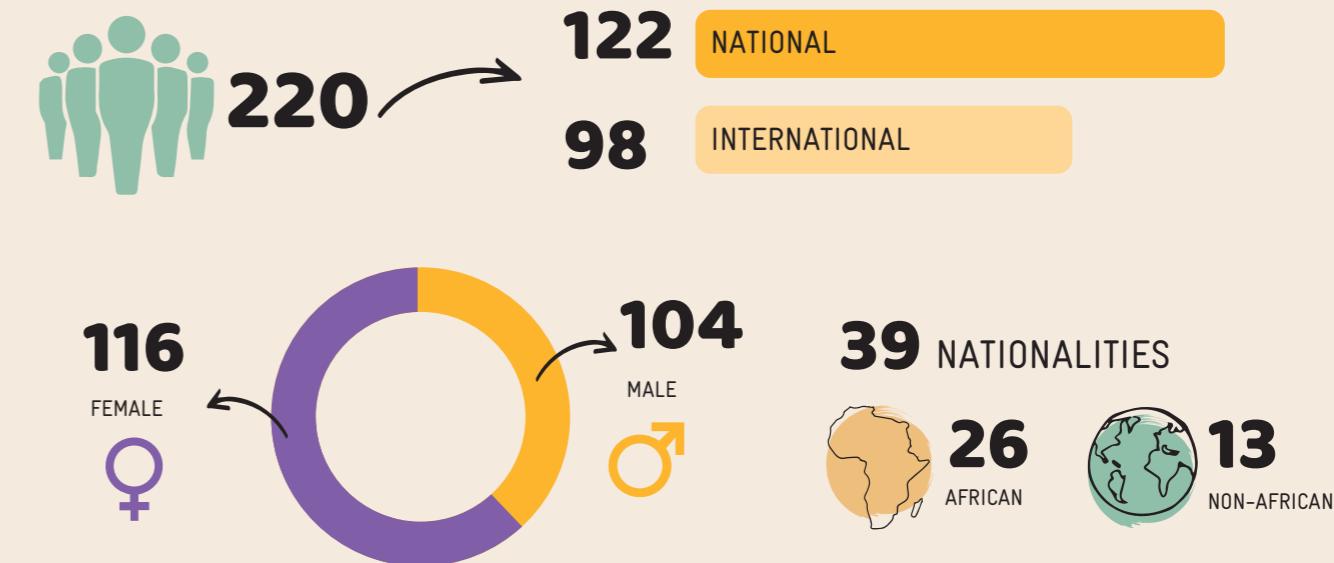
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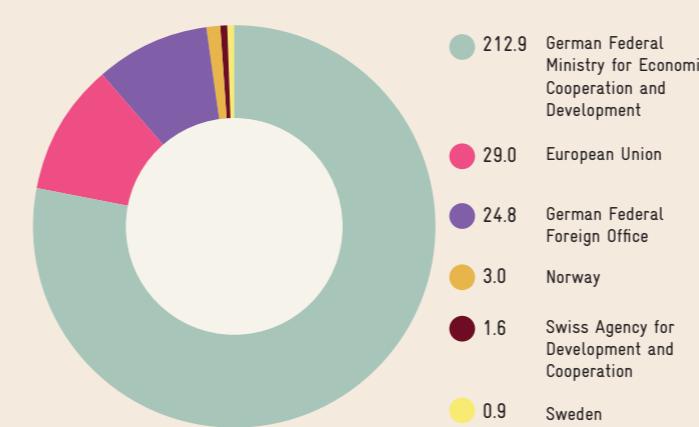
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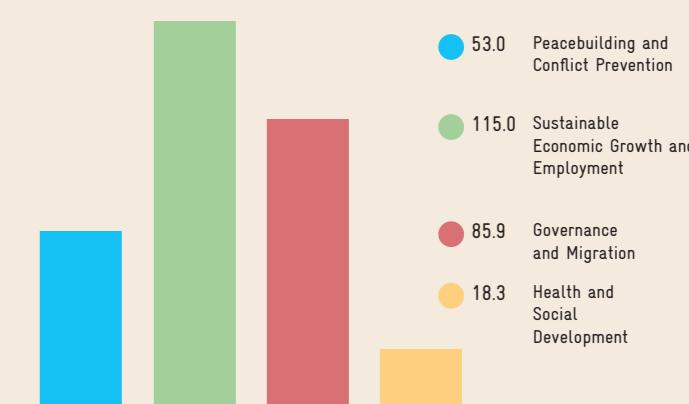
BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE



Budget by commissioning party in million Euros



Budget by sectors in million Euros



GIZ African Union Staff Portraits

GIZ AU is fortunate to have passionate minds and personalities from diverse backgrounds working in our collaborative programmes and projects. These are experts from around the globe – from different cultures, ethnic groups and nationalities working together to realise the resilient Africa that its citizens aspire to. We would like to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity and introduce some of these valued professionals.



OUMY DONDE FAYE

SLGA, Senegal

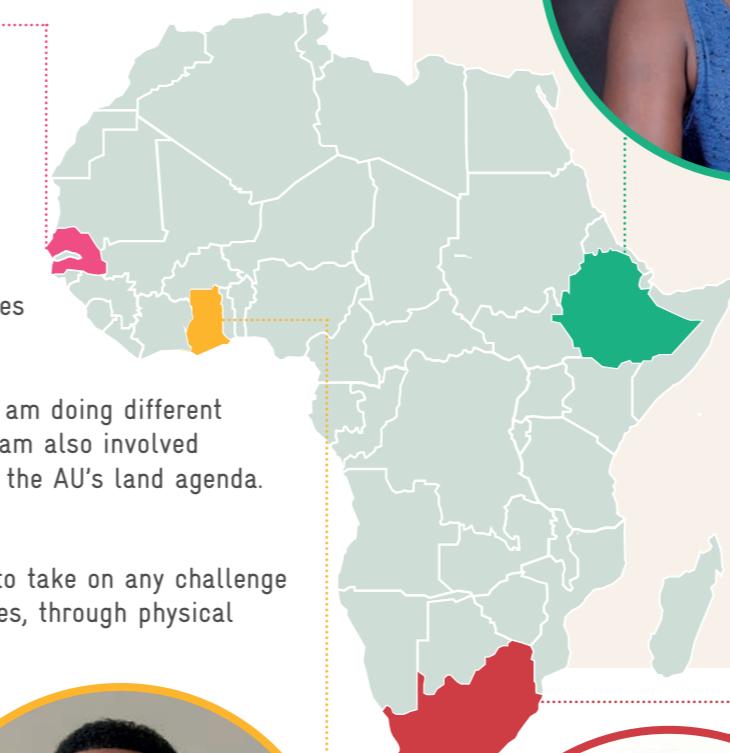


TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF!

When I was in high school, I won the award for best female football player.

WHAT DO YOU DO AT GIZ AU?

Within the programme Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA), I assist and support the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) in francophone West Africa. Beyond NELGA, I am doing different activities from capacity building to policy dialogue workshops. I am also involved in the implementation of activities contained in the GIZ strategic plan and the AU's land agenda.



WHAT ARE THE BEST PARTS OF YOUR JOB?

What I love most about my job is the team spirit, sharing and co-working that allows us to take on any challenge and feel strong. I also appreciate the connection between colleagues despite our differences, through physical meetings and virtual exchanges.

WHAT DOES RESILIENCE MEAN TO YOU?

For me, resilience is living happily in a complex environment.

STEVEN AGES

AfCFTA, Ghana



TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF!

I enjoy working on new projects to pick up new ideas in a team. I'm a lover of positive energy and good vibes, and music and arts do a lot of magic to me. In my free time, I love listening to music, dancing, exercising, going to the beach, swimming, and spending time with my family and friends.

WHAT DO YOU DO AT GIZ AU?

I'm the newest addition to the finance manager trio of the programme support to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). We are the ones solving problems you did not even know existed in ways that will blow your mind. We are the ones who at one minute assist you with procurements and at the next minute give you all the knowledge about taxes.

WHAT ARE THE BEST PARTS OF YOUR JOB?

The best part of my job is that if you work really hard, they will let you keep working really hard. All joking aside, I am lucky to have found many colleagues within the AfCFTA programme who challenge and inspire me. It is far better to have a great team than a team of greats.

WHAT DOES RESILIENCE MEAN TO YOU?

Resilience to me is the capacity of a person to maintain their core purpose and integrity in the face of dramatically changed circumstances. It is also the ability to not only overcome setbacks but to also move forward and to have the courage to continue. Success is not final, failure is not fatal. The real opportunity for success lies within the person and not in the job.



FUNGISAYI PATRICIA MWANYISA

ICBP, Ethiopia



TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF!

I like to run – but I have not managed to do much of it here in Addis Ababa.

WHAT DO YOU DO AT GIZ AU?

I am an advisor and seconded staff to the African Union Commission (AUC) working for the Institutional Capacity Building Programme (ICBP) in the office of the director general of the AUC. While this role was earmarked to strengthen AUC's steering and management capacities, my support also extends to assisting the director with coordinating and tracking audit and budget planning processes.

WHAT ARE THE BEST PARTS OF YOUR JOB?

The office of the director general is a recently established office within the AUC structure with a mandate to lead the operational coordination of the AUC's departments and non-elected staff to ensure high performance, results, and impact. Being part of this new team and supporting the operationalisation of this strategic office of the Commission has been both an exciting and challenging experience.

WHAT DOES RESILIENCE MEAN TO YOU?

Resilience to me in my current role is the ability to step outside my comfort zone and even venture outside my usual areas of expertise to adapt to evolving routine and structuring of the office of the director general.

TIEGO LEGODI

SIFA, South Africa



TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF!

One thing that my colleagues may not know about me is that I am an avid runner. Running has been a big part of my life for many years, and I find it to be a great way to stay fit, relieve stress, and clear my mind.

WHAT DO YOU DO AT GIZ AU?

I am a junior technical advisor within the project Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA), working as a backend administrator for the African Skills Portal for Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship (ASPYEE). My role involves using my technical skills and expertise to support the operation and maintenance of the portal.

WHAT ARE THE BEST PARTS OF YOUR JOB?

Collaborating with others: My job involves working with a team of professionals, including other technical advisors and stakeholders from different organisations. This can be enjoyable as you have the opportunity to learn from others and work together to achieve common goals.

WHAT DOES RESILIENCE MEAN TO YOU?

To me, resilience means having the ability to adapt and overcome adversity, whether it is a challenge or a difficult situation in my professional or personal life. It means being able to persevere and find ways to thrive, even when things do not go as planned.





FROM BARRIERS TO BRIDGES

Creating Peaceful and Resilient Borderlands

The picture shows the last border pillar placed at the Burkina Faso-Mali border. Border pillars are built to visualise defined borders between countries.

Most African borders were drawn during colonial times. Upon decolonisation, most independent African states kept those borders to prevent new conflicts arising from a disputed border revision. However, these borders were often ill-defined, and unclear borders fuel conflict over natural resources, criminality, and terrorist movements, among others. The African Union Border Programme (AUBP) was established to address these problems and to assist African countries in delimitating (finding an agreement on the exact course of the border) and demarcating (making the borders visible on the field, for example, by installing border pillars) borders.

Under the motto “From Barriers to Bridges”, the AUBP strives, as underlined in the Niamey Convention of 2014, to promote peace, security and stability through cross-border cooperation and capacity building. The African Union committed to a progressive border agenda as borders can become catalyst not only for peace, stability and resilience but also for socio-economic growth and regional integration in Africa.



THE NIAMEY CONVENTION OF 2014
IS THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR
CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION.

AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS



SDGs



6

women associations
supported in cross
border cooperation
activities

4

RECs &
35+
countries
supported in
border governance



GIZ has been supporting the AUBP and its sister project under the Support to the ECCAS Border Programme, which started in 2008 with 6 countries and now covers over 35 countries in Africa. The support involves different aspects of border governance. Here are some highlights in 2022:



STRONGER TOGETHER

One of the stepping-stones for delimitation and demarcation work is the trust building between member states that are not yet implementing the AUBP. The introduction to the programme and its ability to resolve long-standing, tense border issues is the number one milestone in the better definition of borders and cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries. For example, in collaboration with the AUBP, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and respective governments undertook advisory missions in Guinea and Sierra Leone. This resulted in both countries establishing their joint boundary management commission in November 2022.

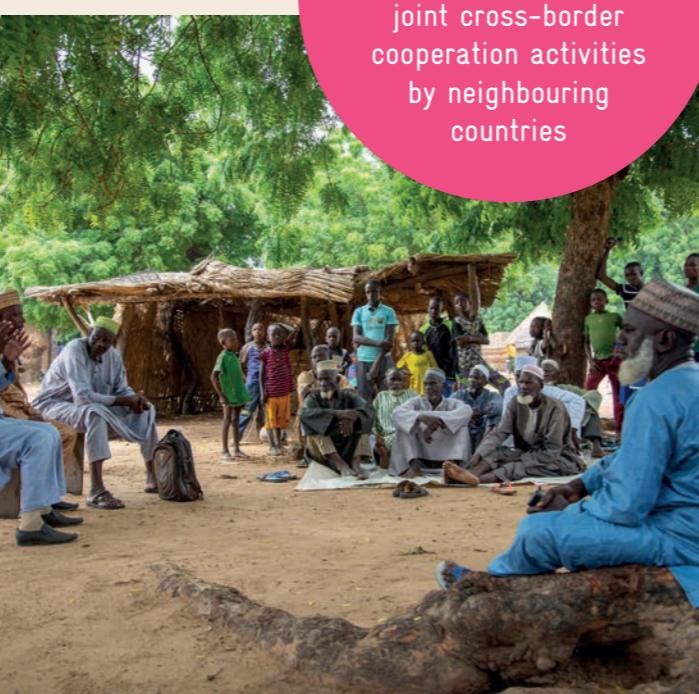
CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION FOR STABILISATION

The Cross-Border Cooperation for Stabilisation initiative supports civil society actors to engage with borderland communities and local authorities to promote joint management of international borders and shared border resources, joint border security measures, and socio-economic and political projects to develop border areas.

Through the engagement with borderland civil societies in 2022, GIZ has supported activities that promote conflict prevention, mitigation, and response approaches in the Horn, East and Southern Africa. Through these activities, among others, people in the border areas can jointly use the land and resources because of resource sharing agreements.

BORDER FORUM FOR CO-CREATING SOLUTIONS

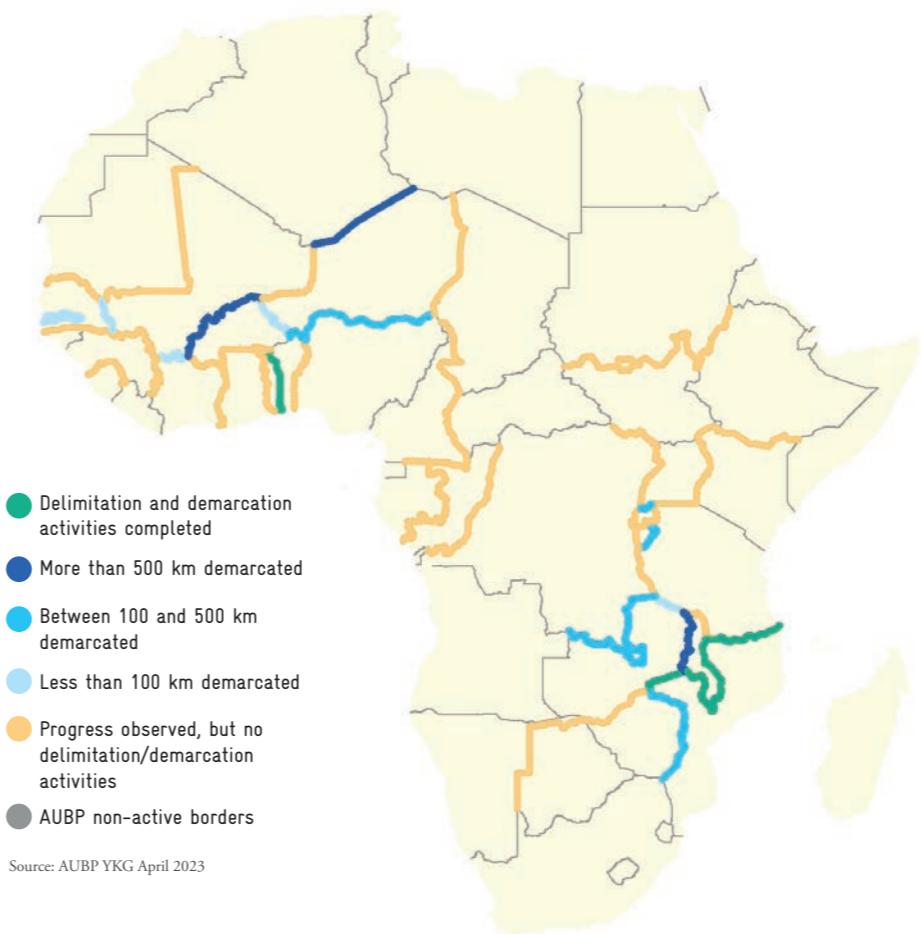
Under the theme “Borders and Collective Security”, the first edition of the biennial Abidjan Border Forum took place in October 2022. In addition to raising awareness among AU member states for rapid ratification of the Niamey Convention, eminent scientists, practitioners and researchers from Africa called on states to invest more in border areas to make up for the infrastructural deficits and to harmonise socio-economic development policies between neighbouring states in border areas.



25

joint cross-border
cooperation activities
by neighbouring
countries

BETTER DEFINED BORDERS WITH GIZ AUBP SINCE 2007



THERE ARE 108 TERRESTRIAL SOVEREIGN BORDERS IN AFRICA, OF WHICH 7,500 KM ARE BETTER DEFINED SINCE 2008 BY THE AUBP.



African Border Day!

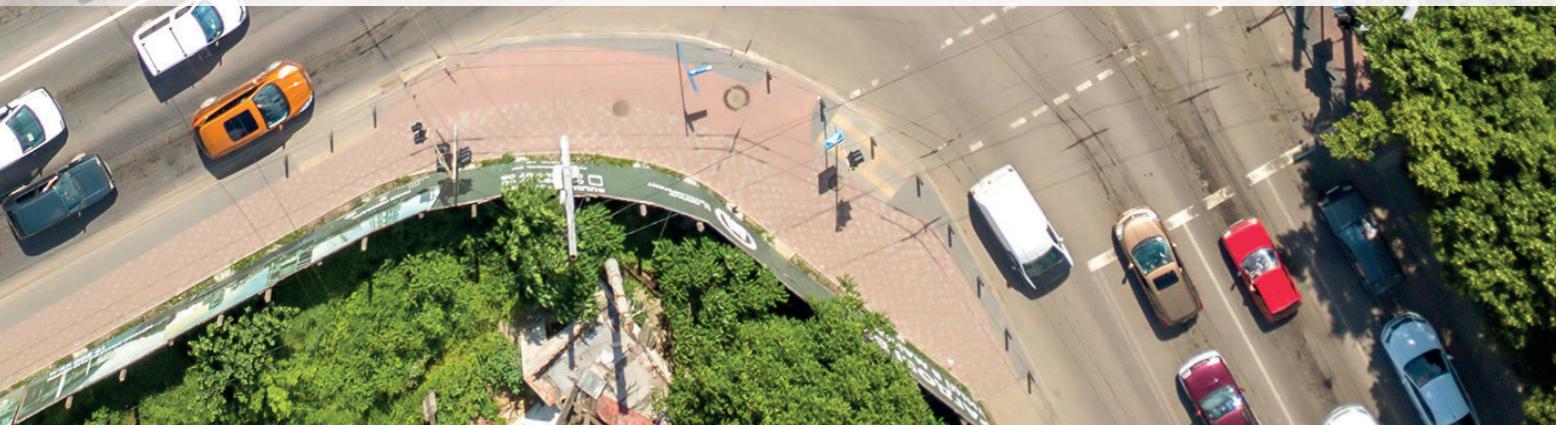
7 June marks the African Border Day to highlight the importance of the AUBP in promoting peace and regional and continental integration. It was celebrated for the first time in 2011.





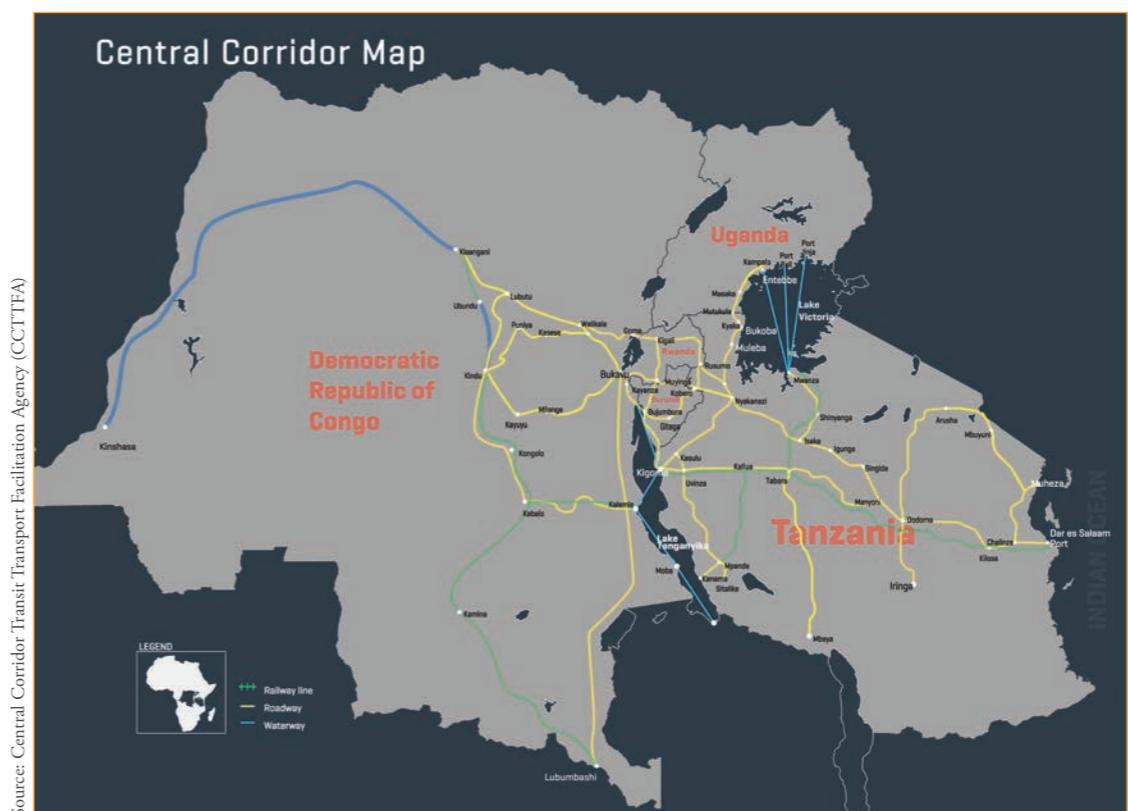
GREEN AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Sustainable Solutions for
Socio-Economic Growth



Despite its immense potential for socio-economic growth, Africa is faced with a range of challenges. Innovative solutions and a commitment to sustainable development can simultaneously promote sustainable economic growth, enhance regional integration and cooperation, ultimately contributing positively to the economies of AU member states. However, natural disasters and changing weather patterns pose a serious threat to existing infrastructure. Even though Africa only produces 7.6 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, the region and its infrastructure assets would suffer if climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts are not included into infrastructure development.

In addressing these challenges, the GIZ programme Green Infrastructure Corridors for Intra-African Trade supports the African Union's Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA). In this regard, it provides support to the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), and the Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA) to strengthen the low-carbon and climate-resilient development of infrastructure. PIDA is the AU strategic plan for regional infrastructure development in the continent and focuses on four different infrastructure sectors: transport, energy, water, and information and communications technology (ICT).



THE CENTRAL CORRIDOR IS A VITAL TRANSPORT AND TRADING ROUTE LOCATED IN EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA. THE CENTRAL CORRIDOR, APPROXIMATELY 1,300 KM LONG, RUNS FROM THE PORT OF TANZANIA, THROUGH RWANDA, BURUNDI, UGANDA TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.

AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS



SDGs



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RESILIENCE

Building resilient green infrastructure and cross-border trade in Africa is crucial for sustainable economic growth and regional integration. Improved cross-border trade networks enabled by green infrastructure investments can boost economic growth, reduce dependence on a single market, and enhance resilience to external shocks.

GIZ together with AUDA-NEPAD and CCTTFA have piloted the Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM) Green Track, a project screening methodology used to plan infrastructure projects to be more resilient and adaptive to climate change in the Central Corridor. The SDM Green Track was presented at COP27 in November 2022.

41
infrastructure
projects
were screened and
received early-stage
technical advise

14
of these 41 projects
received over
EUR 20 million of financial
support to advance from
the early-stage preparation
phase towards
bankability

BUILDING BUSINESSES OF THE FUTURE

Micro-, Small-, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of the African economy, contributing an estimated 80 per cent of the continent's workforce in the informal sector.

GIZ collaborated with AUDA-NEPAD to launch a call for proposals for MSMEs in 2022, focusing on digital solutions in the green infrastructure and trade sectors. MSMEs were invited to propose solutions to socio-economic and climate challenges using digital technologies. Their submissions ranged from technologies on machine learning, geo-satellite data, drones to geographic information system, mobile applications and online platforms.

All applicants participated in trainings on business plan development, digital marketing, financial planning and investor pitching, as well as received one-on-one mentorships and master classes by industry leaders. At the end of 2022, the final ten MSMEs from all five AU regions were selected to advance to work closely with AUDA-NEPAD and GIZ to receive a customised technical advisory programme in 2023.





ADVANCING HEALTH SECURITY IN AFRICA

Ensuring a Safer and Healthier
Continent for its Citizens

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) are at the forefront of Africa's response to health threats and to build a resilient health system. By supporting public health initiatives of African Union member states and strengthening the capacity of their public health institutions, Africa CDC intends to detect, prevent, control and respond quickly and effectively to disease threats.

However, progress towards achieving Africa's transformation goals is threatened by ongoing outbreaks of new and recurrent infectious diseases. This was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic which has not only had a major impact on the health but also on the socio-economic situation of citizens.

After two years of focusing on emergency response, Africa is now at a crossroads to promote its long-term preparedness for future pandemics and health security. To this end, Africa CDC introduced the New Public Health Order for Africa focusing on 5 key areas:

- 01** STRENGTHENING AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
- 02** STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE
- 03** EXPANDING LOCAL MANUFACTURING OF HEALTH PRODUCTS
- 04** INCREASING DOMESTIC INVESTMENT IN HEALTH
- 05** PROMOTING ACTION-ORIENTED AND RESPECTFUL PARTNERSHIPS

The German Government is providing support to Africa CDC through GIZ project Strengthening Crisis and Pandemic Response in Africa. The objective is to sustainably strengthen the resilience of Africa CDC by enhancing its internal capacities in organisational development, project and partnership management.

The African Union heads of states and governments called for the full implementation of the New Public Health Order for Africa during the sidelines of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS



SDGs



1 NO POVERTY



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



5 GENDER EQUALITY



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS





AFRICA HAS THE YOUNGEST POPULATION IN THE WORLD. OVER HALF OF THE 1.4 BILLION PEOPLE LIVING ON THE CONTINENT ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 25. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD GREAT POTENTIAL TO INNOVATE AND ADVANCE AFRICA'S HEALTH.

I AM A BINGWA!

The AU Women, Gender and Youth Directorate and Africa CDC's COVID-19 Vaccination Bingwa Initiative seeks to establish a network of youth champions across the continent to accelerate the uptake of COVID-19 vaccination in Africa. They promote the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations in their communities. The goal is to vaccinate at least 100 million Africans, including 70 million young people by end of 2023. GIZ is supporting this initiative through trainings and activities that engage and mobilise young people to increase vaccination against COVID-19 in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.



YOUTH ARE KEY ACTORS FOR HEALTH SECURITY IN AFRICA

Civil society and young people play a crucial role in African countries in promoting public health and reaching communities. Their meaningful engagement has the potential of positively impacting Africa's health security. Therefore, their structured and systematic engagement in the conversation on public health in Africa is key.

Considering this, Africa CDC with support of GIZ convened a first Africa Youth Pre-Conference under the theme "Meaningful Youth Engagement for Advancing Sustainable Health Security in Africa" at the margins of the second International Conference on Public Health (CPHIA

2022) in Kigali, Rwanda. This is to kick-start a long-term strategic engagement between Africa CDC and young people to advance health security in Africa.

Over 200 youth participants were drawn from various state and non-state institutions, youth-led and youth-oriented organisations, academia as well as networks. As a direct outcome, a Youth Advisory Team for Health was formed for the first time in February 2023. It should help ensure that Africa CDC's strategies and initiatives are inclusive and adequately address young people's health concerns.



IMPACTS IN 2022 UNDER THE BINGWA INITIATIVE:



5,100+

PEOPLE REACHED DIRECTLY THROUGH PHYSICAL AU BINGWA EVENTS AND TRAININGS



500+

PEOPLE RECEIVED TRAININGS



350,000+

PEOPLE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19

#AUBINGWA

13.3+ MILLION PEOPLE REACHED ON SOCIAL MEDIA





A DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET

Data and Technologies as an Asset for Development

Data is one of the most precious commodities of the 21st century. It is said to be the most valuable of new currencies, the lifeblood of modern digital economies. But is this potential also being unlocked and harnessed in Africa?

Digitalisation and innovation are both key enablers for participatory and inclusive decision-making. However, the digitalisation process presents both opportunities and challenges for governments, private sector, civil society, and citizens alike. To take these opportunities whilst confronting these challenges requires realistic and pragmatic policy responses and strategies.

Multilateral organisations, such as the African Union (AU), are in key positions to establish coordinated approaches and promote transparent, evidence-based and participatory policy-making. The GIZ programme Citizen Engagement and Innovative Data Use for Africa's Development (DataCipation) supports AU Organs in their quest to intensify citizen engagement through harnessing data, digital and non-digital approaches.



HARMONIZING DATA POLICIES IN AFRICA

GIZ had the privilege to support the AU Commission (AUC) in achieving a major milestone through the drafting, validation, and subsequent unanimous adoption of the AU Data Policy Framework in February 2022 by the AU Summit. In alignment with the AU Digital Transformation Strategy (2020 – 2030), the Data Policy Framework sets out a common vision, principles, strategic priorities and key recommendations for member states to develop their national data systems. It offers a unique approach and seeks a more equal distribution of the benefits of the increased use and availability of data. It also paves the way for the continent to unleash the potential of digital technologies for sustainable development.

In close coordination with the AUC, GIZ provided support for the development of an implementation plan and a capacity assessment tool for the Data Policy Framework. In a move to support this endeavour by the AU, the European Union Commission's Directorate-General for International Partnerships (INTPA) committed EUR 30 million to fund the implementation of the framework during the next three years.

“DATA IS A VERY IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL ASPECT OF DIGITALISATION AND DEVELOPMENT, WHATEVER SECTOR WE ARE IN.”

Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, AUC Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy

IN 2022, DATACIPATION SUPPORTED THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE AFRICAN UNION DATA POLICY FRAMEWORK AT HIGH LEVEL PLATFORMS SUCH AS:



The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) and Data Governance Dinner.
June, 2022 - Kigali, Rwanda



The Africa Internet Governance Forum (AIGF) and Digital Policy Symposium.
September, 2022 - Lilongwe, Malawi



Open Forums on Enabling a Just and Data-Driven Single Market and Implementing the Data Policy Framework at the global United Nations Internet Governance (UN IGF).
December, 2022 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (APNIG) Capacity building on Internet Governance.
November, 2022 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS



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EMPOWERING THE NEWSROOM, EMPOWERS CITIZENS

As an information gatekeeper, the media plays a crucial role in ensuring checks and balances between those in power and their citizens. As Africa moves into the 4th industrial revolution with emerging technologies, African storytellers are now challenged to think of how to deploy new media technologies for citizen engagement to address the changing communications landscape.

To ensure Africa remains in the race with the rest of the world and benefits from digital transformation, the AU Information and Communication Directorate (AU ICD) joined forces with GIZ to create the AU Media Fellowship. Inaugurated in May 2022, this one-year long fellowship is designed to provide a platform for African journalists and content creators to enhance their capacity to reframe the African narrative. They ensure that stories about the continent are balanced and true to the experiences of its people. In turn, well-informed citizens will be in a position to engage in public debate and decision-making.



THE AU MEDIA FELLOWSHIP

At the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum (20-21 June, Bonn), the fellows spoke on selected panels, including a dedicated panel on "The Future of Journalism in Africa", hosted by the Director of AU ICD, Leslie Richer. This has developed into an stand-alone event series.



THE FELLOWS PUBLISHED 110+ ARTICLES, 180+ SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS REACHING AROUND 250,000 PEOPLE.

THE FELLOWS RECEIVED PRACTICAL TECHNICAL TRAINING, INCLUDING ON DIGITAL PRODUCTION, AUDIOVISUAL EDITING, AND MOBILE JOURNALISM FACILITATED AND CERTIFIED BY THE DEUTSCHE WELLE AKADEMIE.



Each fellow will utilize the newly acquired knowledge in digital methodologies as well as Agenda 2063 flagship themes in their final projects, thereby bringing the African Union closer to African citizens. These projects will also zoom into current topics like the AfCFTA, infrastructure and migration that will greatly benefit from informed citizens to strengthen their successful implementation.



Agenda 2063 The Africa We Want

“ African journalists have the power to counter the narratives that are currently being told about the African continent.

LESLIE RICHER
Director of Information & Communication
African Union

#AUMediaFellowship

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GIZ works to shape a future worth living around the world. What makes the real difference, however, is how our work affects people's life. Across Africa, many inspiring individuals show the diversity of the work we do. Whether in Algeria, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania or Zimbabwe, the champions of these success stories are people of diverse backgrounds – eagerly driven, commanding their paths and helping to improve the lives of many others. We are honored to support them with and through our partners and happily share their stories with you.

ABDULAI OSMAN KOROMA

Master's student in Climate Change at the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (PAUWES), Tlemcen, Algeria

"I believe Africa needs skilled and trained experts, practitioners and policy-makers to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, become resilient to changing weather patterns and align the development strategies with a low-carbon pathway that promotes clean energy transitions. This is what motivated me to apply for a scholarship to enrol in the new Master's Degree in Climate Change at the Pan African University. I left my country Sierra Leone to relocate to Tlemcen, Algeria, and joined a cohort of 75 other like-minded African fellows representing 38 African countries. We are united in diversity and form a family brought together by Pan-Africanism."

My scholarship opened the door for life-changing opportunities and experiences, such as participating in a simulation conference of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Egypt. Studying climate change and becoming an expert in the topic has been a long-term dream for me since I became aware of the threat global warming poses on the future of our planet. Here, we all aim to build capacities and knowledge that will help fight the climate crisis and find sustainable and more innovative solutions for Africa."

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I AM ON MY WAY TO BECOMING A CHANGEMAKER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION AND ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN MY BEAUTIFUL CONTINENT.



The Master's Degree programme in Climate Change at PAUWES was developed with the support of the GIZ project Supporting the Pan African University. This is in line with the Strategic Planning of the PAU and Agenda 2063 of the African Union that recognises the need and urgency of training and university education in this field ensuring that African professionals, experts and policy-makers in relevant positions can contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

DEHAB MESFIN BITEWLIGN

General Manager,
Diamond Enterprise PLC, Ethiopia

"As an ambitious producer engaged in farming and export of processed coffee in Ethiopia, I constantly face different barriers exporting my products. When I heard about a training on the AfCFTA, I was very happy to join. I have received an introductory training on AfCFTA that showed me that there is a great opportunity to partner and do business within Africa. There is a big untapped market on our continent, and unlocking it requires commitment from Africans and support from stakeholders and development partners like GIZ."

I further received an e-commerce and digital marketing training that helped me see the potential of digitally making my business visible and reaching new markets at a much lower cost. I have also learned how to access African markets through an e-commerce platform built with the support of GIZ and other partners, which shows great promise."

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I CAN NOW ENVISION MY EXPORT MARKET BEYOND JUST EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AS THE AFCFTA MAKES TRADING IN AFRICA MUCH EASIER. I BELIEVE THIS WILL REVOLUTIONISE THE BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE OF PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS SUCH AS MYSELF.



i GIZ supports the Secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the African Union Commission in negotiating and implementing a trade agreement for 54 African states. By eliminating barriers to trade in Africa, the AfCFTA is expected to foster economic development and employment on the African continent. Since 2021, the programme has trained over 5,500 African policy-makers, private sector representatives and members of the civil society on issues like digital trade and customs regulations. In Ethiopia, the programme partners with the Ministry of Trade & Regional Integration from government, members of the private sector and a civil organisation that empowers women traders.

SHEILA OJEI

Director, Strategy, Funding and Stakeholder Management, Lagos State Employment Trust Fund, Lagos, Nigeria



"Breaking barriers to youth unemployment was the theme for me at the Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) study tour. Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) was one of the selected winners of the African Good Practice Competition on Youth Skills Development and Employment and it was an honour to represent the Fund as we discussed everything from TVET, skills training and youth unemployment in Africa. In solving youth unemployment, we must play our part in eliminating the barriers, some of which include access to internet, quality work experience, transport costs, lack of relevant skills and even as granular as having appropriate work wear. The study tour exceeded my expectations and helped me see how other African countries like Malawi, Kenya, Algeria, Burkina Faso, and Cameroon and organisations can solve the job creation challenge and connect with them and foster partnerships."

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FROM THE STUDY TOUR, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES TO TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE IN REMOTE AREAS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, ENSURING THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.



AUDA-NEPAD, through the GIZ programme Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA), promotes dialogue on the online platform "African Skills Portal for Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship" (ASPYEE). ASPYEE serves as a knowledge hub and hosts a good practice repository. In 2022, a competition was held across the continent to increase good practices in skills and employment for youth. The winning organisations participated in a study tour in South Africa in October 2022 for knowledge exchange and co-creation of potential solutions.

FARDOSSA ABDULRAHMAN

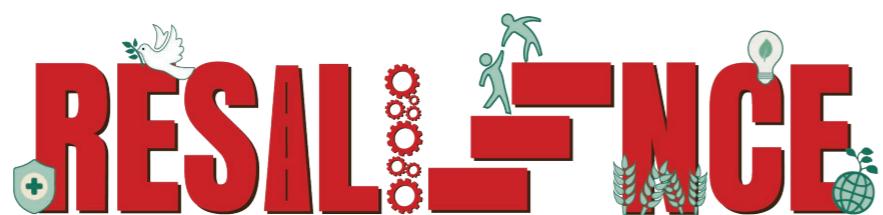
12 yrs old
Sergeant at Arms-Kenya Children Assembly Nairobi County and Trained Child Journalist at Mtoto News, Kenya



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CHILDREN'S VOICES SHOULD COUNT ON MATTERS THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT US! I AM HAPPY WE, AS NUBIAN CHILDREN, HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC DIALOGUE PARTICULARLY ON DECISIONS CONCERNING OUR CITIZENSHIP AND ACCESS TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

"As a child advocate for children's rights, I got an opportunity to attend the Kenya National Public Dialogue on the decisions on the Nubian Cases in Nairobi in July 2022 by the Institute of Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA). I got to learn more about what the government has done in this regard and what different people and organisations are doing to hold the government accountable. I also got a chance to point out the challenges we still experience as Nubian children when it comes to accessing and enjoying our rights as determined by the African Children's Committee. I also gave recommendations on behalf of the children on what we feel must be done. I have since used my position at the Kenya Children Assembly to share the outcomes of the dialogue with the 110 Assembly members."

i The Dialogue on the Nubian Case Decisions by the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights was convened by IHRDA with support from the GIZ project on Strengthening Good Governance and Human Rights in Africa. It was part of the initiatives to facilitate the implementation of AU Human Rights Organs' decisions by member states to ensure that survivors of human rights violations receive timely justice. The Nubian cases concern people of Nubian descent who were denied recognition by the Kenyan government at independence in 1963, because they had no ancestral homeland in Kenya. This renders them stateless and deprives them of all rights and privileges they should enjoy as citizens.

**FACES&STORIES****SAID RAJABU MNDEME**

Director of Estate Management, Tanzania Buildings Agency, Ministry of Works and Transport, Tanzania



"As a public servant in Tanzania's land sector, it was essential for me to enhance my land management and valuation skills through a formal academic programme. The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) scholarship awarded by German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) afforded the opportunity to earn a Master of Science in Real Estate at Ardi University in Dar es Salaam, as well as to exchange knowledge and network at regional land conferences and research study trips in Germany.

This ability has allowed me to provide innovative technical expertise and ascend the leadership ladder from a valuer to director of real estate at Tanzania Buildings Agency, Ministry of Works and Transport, where I oversee all government-related real estates and was able to improve infrastructure and introduce new strategies, among others. As a result of my accomplishments, my world is brightened, and I am now prepared to pursue additional education to serve my government and my people better."



Through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA), the GIZ programme Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA) offers students scholarships and academic opportunities to enhance their knowledge of land governance in Africa. The scholarship supports the African Union's Land Agenda by closing capacity gaps on land governance, thereby contributing to the continent's economic and social development.

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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK NELGA AND DAAD FOR 'BRIGHTENING MY WORLD'.

**CYNTHIA CHIGWENYA**

African Youth Ambassador for Peace - Southern Africa, Zimbabwe

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I BELIEVE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE INCLUDED IN POLICY-MAKING AS THEY ARE INSTRUMENTAL TO CREATING AND SUSTAINING A PEACEFUL AFRICA!



"As the African Youth Ambassador for Peace for Southern Africa, it would be remiss not to acknowledge the progress made in advancing the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda. Youth-led initiatives across the continent attest to the capacity and potential that young peacebuilders have. The 10th Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa gave me the chance to network with high-level government officials, representatives of international organisations, policy-makers, and eminent African personalities from the entire continent and advocate for youth voices to be included in peace and security issues. I discussed how young people can be better integrated into governance and resilience building when managing the various security threats through leveraging normative frameworks such as the Continental Framework on YPS. I am hopeful that future Tana Forums will further assist us in bringing youth voices to the forefront of policy-making!"



The Tana Forum is Africa's unique leading high-level political dialogue conference on peace and security bringing together African leaders and stakeholders to find African-led security solutions. Tana Forum's 10th anniversary was held in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, alongside Lake Tana on 14-16 October 2022 and attended by approx. 300 delegates. African Youth Ambassadors for Peace are part of the African Union's Youth for Peace Africa Programme, an initiative by the AU Commission's Peace and Security Department and supported by GIZ programme Support to the Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). The programme aims to engage, involve, and collaborate with youth and youth groups in the promotion of peace and security on the continent.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

ADVANCING THE GREEN GATEWAY BETWEEN AFRICA AND EUROPE

VIRTUAL, SEPTEMBER 2022

To further align on the shared priorities between both Africa and Europe, the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) convened the second edition of the AEEP Forum on 7 September 2022 to discuss "Advancing the Green Gateway Between Africa and Europe – Seizing COP27 for Energy Access and Climate Stability". The half-day virtual event brought together key stakeholders from the energy and climate sectors, as well as participants from the public and private sector to discuss how to jointly achieve bicontinental energy and climate ambitions at COP27 and in the future. The AEEP Forum offered a unique opportunity to reflect on Africa and Europe's longstanding partnership on energy and engage on key questions of how to realise future energy systems in Africa and Europe that will allow human prosperity in a climate-compatible way.



In her opening remarks, H.E. Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, AUC Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, emphasised the potential to further strengthen the African-European partnership around the already fruitful collaboration on promoting green energy. She highlighted the tangible impact of the AEEP and initiatives supported by the EU, such as the African Single Electricity Market and the Continental Master Plan. Speakers concluded that the partnership between Africa and Europe must be built on the basis of transparency, equity, and justice.

INFORMATION ABOUT TRADE IN SERVICES FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND DIVERSIFICATION

NIAMEY, NIGER, NOVEMBER 2022

At the Extraordinary AU Summit in November 2022 in Niamey, Niger, GIZ programme Support to the African Continental Free Trade Area in cooperation with the World Bank, WTO and the AfCFTA Secretariat, launched a unique and novel database of trade in services restrictions in Africa. The data covers policies and regulations applied to all services sectors in all 54 AfCFTA signatory countries. The strong partnership between the cooperating partners made it possible to collect such a comprehensive set of information in Africa for the first time.

At the launch, the AfCFTA Secretary General, Wamkele Mene, highlighted the importance of this data for African governments to design trade policy based on concrete evidence. In a related conference in Geneva, the WTO Director General, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, said: "In Africa, services trade offers promising opportunities, such as economic growth, poverty reduction, job creation and trade diversification. Still, most of those opportunities remain untapped. (...) Lack of comprehensive information on services trade policies and regulations have eluded African governments and trade negotiators for a long time."



CIVIL SOCIETY AND MEDIA AGAINST CORRUPTION

NAIROBI, KENYA, SEPTEMBER 2022

Media plays an important role in educating, informing, and acting as watch dogs and as potential whistleblowers. GIZ project Strengthening Good Governance and Human Rights in Africa supported the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC) to engage Civil Society and Media in the fight against corruption. Over 50 media practitioners selected across 37 countries in Africa participated in a three-day capacity building workshop that was held in Nairobi, Kenya, in September 2022. Participants were equipped with information on how to best engage state parties towards monitoring and reporting the implementation of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (Article 12).

The AUABC is part of this efforts to support the implementation of the Convention, and convened the workshop in collaboration with the African Union Information and Communication Directorate, with support from GIZ.



The data has been shared with all 54 countries through the AfCFTA Secretariat. GIZ AfCFTA supports countries and Regional Economic Communities in making best use of the information for policy-making processes. Therefore, GIZ conducted a study tour on Trade in Services to Geneva in February 2023 and is planning several trainings across Africa throughout 2023.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



CATALYST FOR FREE MOVEMENT IN AFRICA

GHANA, MOZAMBIQUE, MOROCCO, 2022

Critical conversations on the benefits and challenges of the AU's Free Movement Protocol (FMP) are necessary for its dissemination across the continent. GIZ supported the AU's Economic, Social and Cultural Council Secretariat (ECOSOCC) in organising three fora that targeted all regions within the continent to create awareness on the FMP, discussing its benefits and challenges and urging civil society organisations to become advocates of free movement in their respective regions.

The fora took place in Ghana, Mozambique and Morocco with a wide range of participants from Regional Economic Communities (ECOWAS, ECCAS, EAC, SADC), high level AU delegates, ambassadors to the AU, youth organisations, academia, law experts, travel industry representatives, media representatives and other stakeholders.

The fora facilitated many discussions and exchanges, resulting in communiqués drafted by the participants with observations and recommendations on how to overcome the hurdles facing the FMP. Overall, the events showed that there is a great need to further sensitise African citizens on the benefits of migration and the related policy frameworks to equip them for lobbying for the implementation of these policies.



FOSTERING PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY

SOA (YAOUNDÉ), CAMEROON, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2022

To engage investors and businesses in the development of an entrepreneurial ecosystem, GIZ worked with ENACTUS – a global network of young business owners and entrepreneurs – by supporting the Entrepreneurship Hubs of the Pan African University (PAU). The PAU Institute for Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences (PAUGHSS) co-hosted with ENACTUS Germany a series of training workshops to empower, build knowledge and skills of students and staff members on fostering private sector engagement with the PAUGHSS Entrepreneurship Hub.

Bringing together 40 students, the workshops have provided them with relevant knowledge and skills on (youth) entrepreneurship, development of public-private partnerships to accompany academic research, internships and the transition from studies to employment and entrepreneurship. The trainings taught them how to come up with a feasible business prototype that can contribute to solving tangible problems in their communities. They concluded by pitching creative and innovative business prototypes in front of a jury consisting of the PAUGHSS directorate and experts of the private, academic and entrepreneurship sectors, after which the best project idea was selected and showcased. Moreover, all students participating in the workshops were invited to become part of the first-ever ENACTUS team within the PAU.

ENACTUS is an experimental learning network dedicated to creating a better world while developing the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders and social innovators, and that enables student teams to develop and realise innovative and sustainable business models.



BECOMING AN AGENT FOR PEACE THROUGH A SERIOUS GAME

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, SEPTEMBER 2022

Amid ongoing conflicts and political strife in Africa, the involvement of youth as militias, rebels, vigilante groups as well as victims is growing. As urgent action is needed, the African Union Youth for Peace Africa Programme and the GIZ programme Support to the African Peace and Security Architecture have launched the serious game "Mission 55 – Conflict in Anaka" on the International Day of Peace. The game aims to raise awareness, educate and inform the public, particularly youth, on the mandate of the AU to promote good governance, peace and security in Africa. It exposes the players to the AU governance, peace and security architecture (AGA-APSA) tools used to prevent, manage and mitigate conflicts. It also aims to enhance the agency of peacebuilders within their communities.



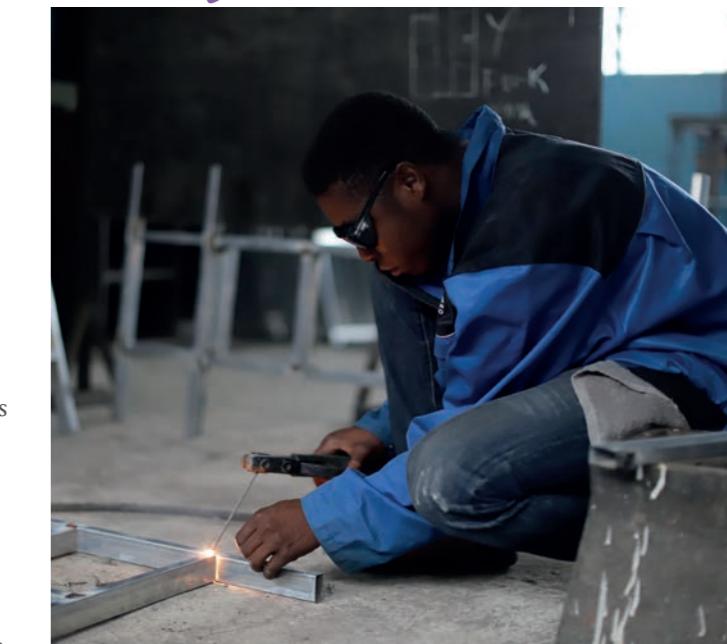
With the youngest population in the world, digital innovations are the perfect instrument to increase knowledge among African youth. The game is engaging and involves youth in the promotion of peace and security in Africa, thereby amplifying the voices of youth and empowering them to act as agents for peace. The game can be downloaded from the Google Play Store on the website: <https://mission55.games>



PROMOTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND AFRICAN OWNERSHIP

SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA, MARCH 2022

The Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) promotes dialogue events at a national and continental level with stakeholders like TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) policy-makers, TVET educators and practitioners as well as the public and private sector, and African youth.



In March 2022, SIFA supported the implementation of the WorldSkills Africa event in Swakopmund, Namibia, in partnership with WorldSkills International and the African Union. This three-tiered event included a Skills Competition, a Careers Exhibition, and TVET Conference. With its theme "Promoting Skills Development in the 21st Century for Sustainable Economic Growth and African Ownership", the event offered an excellent engagement platform for TVET experts, policy-makers, and industry. Local, regional, and international TVET experts attended the event engaging through thematic presentations to generate knowledge and sharing experiences.

The event was attended by the AUC Commissioner H.E. Prof. Mohamed Belhocine and showcased skills of people from Africa in the culinary, motor vehicle, beauty, sciences, robotics, and welding fields. WorldSkills Africa was praised for exhibiting the potential of African youth and the skills they possess, skills that are deemed important for the development of the African continent.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



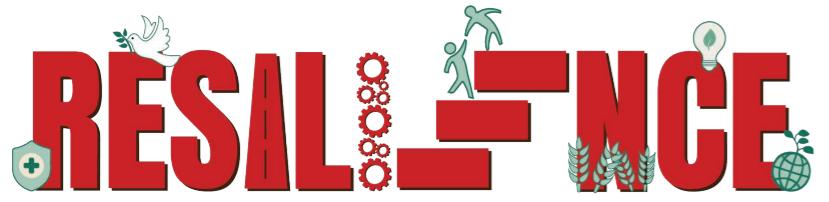

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR RURAL WOMEN

MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE, OCTOBER 2022

The 2022 International Day of Rural Women (IDRW) – an event that provided the continent with a renewed opportunity to commit to supporting rural women – was celebrated by the African Union Commission (AUC) and partners under the AU theme “Strengthening Rural Women’s Resilience in Agro-Food Systems and Nutrition” and the global theme “Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All”. The two-day conference was dedicated to recognising the vital role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in promoting agricultural and rural development, enhancing food security, and eradicating rural poverty.

H.E. Amb. Josefa Sacko, AUC Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment; H.E. Celso Ismael Correia, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Republic of Mozambique; and Thierry Kuhn, Head of Cooperation, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, all emphasised the need to strengthen the role of rural women in ensuring Africa’s agro-food system resilience as the continent faces one of the most alarming food crises in decades.

This conference, supported by the GIZ programme Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA), was attended by over 150 people from across the continent. It called for the implementation of the diverse commitments to gender equality through strong protocols and policies that address gender imbalances in agro-food systems, as well as the development of a continental gender strategy on land in Africa.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF RESONDING SUCCESS – TANA FORUM@10!

BAHIR DAR, ETHIOPIA, OCTOBER 2022

For the first time in three years, the Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa returned to its convention venue: Bahir Dar alongside Lake Tana in Ethiopia. Under the theme “Managing Security Threats: Building Resilience for the Africa We Want” around 300 high-level decision-makers and eminent African personalities from governments and intergovernmental organisations, the private sector, civil society networks, and thematic experts discussed practical solutions for Africa’s most pressing security threats.



The three-day event, held on 14-16 October 2022, called for more investments in governance and resilience building, crisis prevention and active participation of citizens in public affairs as key to managing security challenges facing the continent. In her contribution to a panel discussion, State Minister of the German Federal Foreign Office, Katja Keul, highlighted the essential role of women in mediation processes considering global insecurity. Discussions were open and deliberate with many attendees commending the ability to have frank, informal discussions – a key and unique element of the Tana Forum.



STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE IN TIMES OF URBANISATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

JULY 2022

According to estimates by the United Nations, Africa’s urban population will increase by nearly one billion people over the next three decades. Exacerbated by climate change, people, goods, and infrastructure in cities are particularly exposed and vulnerable to hazards if urban development lacks risk-informed planning and decision-making. However, risks are not yet systematically dealt with in communities, countries or regions nor are they sufficiently integrated into state-led planning and implementation processes to secure development achievements. Given the significant investments

in infrastructure development due to continuous urbanisation, it is critical to strengthen the resilience of cities in evolving and complex risk landscapes and to prevent cities from expanding unplanned into risk-prone areas.

Against this backdrop, the newly established GIZ project Resilience Initiative Africa (RIA) cooperates with the AU and selected member states to increase the capacities of regional, national, local state and non-state actors to strengthen risk-informed development in urban disaster risk management. Regionally, the project is embedded in the 2063 Agenda of the AU, the African Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Management, as well as the implementation of both the Sendai Framework and the Nairobi Declaration.

LOOKING AHEAD



In 2023, GIZ will further broaden and deepen the cooperation with the African Union and its institutions, as well as all our partners. We are especially looking forward to the following developments:

New AU Theme: Acceleration of the AfCFTA Implementation

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is a flagship project of the Agenda 2063 with the aim of creating one African market for goods and services. The AU Theme 2023 is its acceleration and securing the commitment of all stakeholders to speed up the implementation.



Connecting African Markets

The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) in collaboration with the African Union and the AfCFTA Secretariat, will organise the 3rd Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF2023) in Egypt in November 2023 to provide a unique and valuable platform for businesses.



Africa Climate Summit

Kenya will host the African Union's Africa Climate Summit in September 2023. African Leaders and experts will build momentum ahead of COP28 to discuss issues of climate change, the impact on Africa and develop a unified strategy.

Promotion of Human Rights & Women's Empowerment in Africa

The German government supports the AU Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment agenda guided by the norms and standards in the Maputo Protocol. 2023 marks the 20th anniversary of its adoption as the most comprehensive treaty on women's rights globally.

Shaping the Future with Africa

BMZ published its new Africa Strategy in January 2023. Priority areas are social and environmental transformation of the economy (just transition), creating good jobs for the continents rapidly growing young population (decent work) and gender equality.



Health Conferences

The following three health conferences will take place:

- 3rd International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2023), Lusaka, Zambia, November 2023.
- Africa CDC Youth Conference, Lusaka, Zambia, November 2023.
- Africa Health Tech Summit, Kigali, Rwanda, October 2023.

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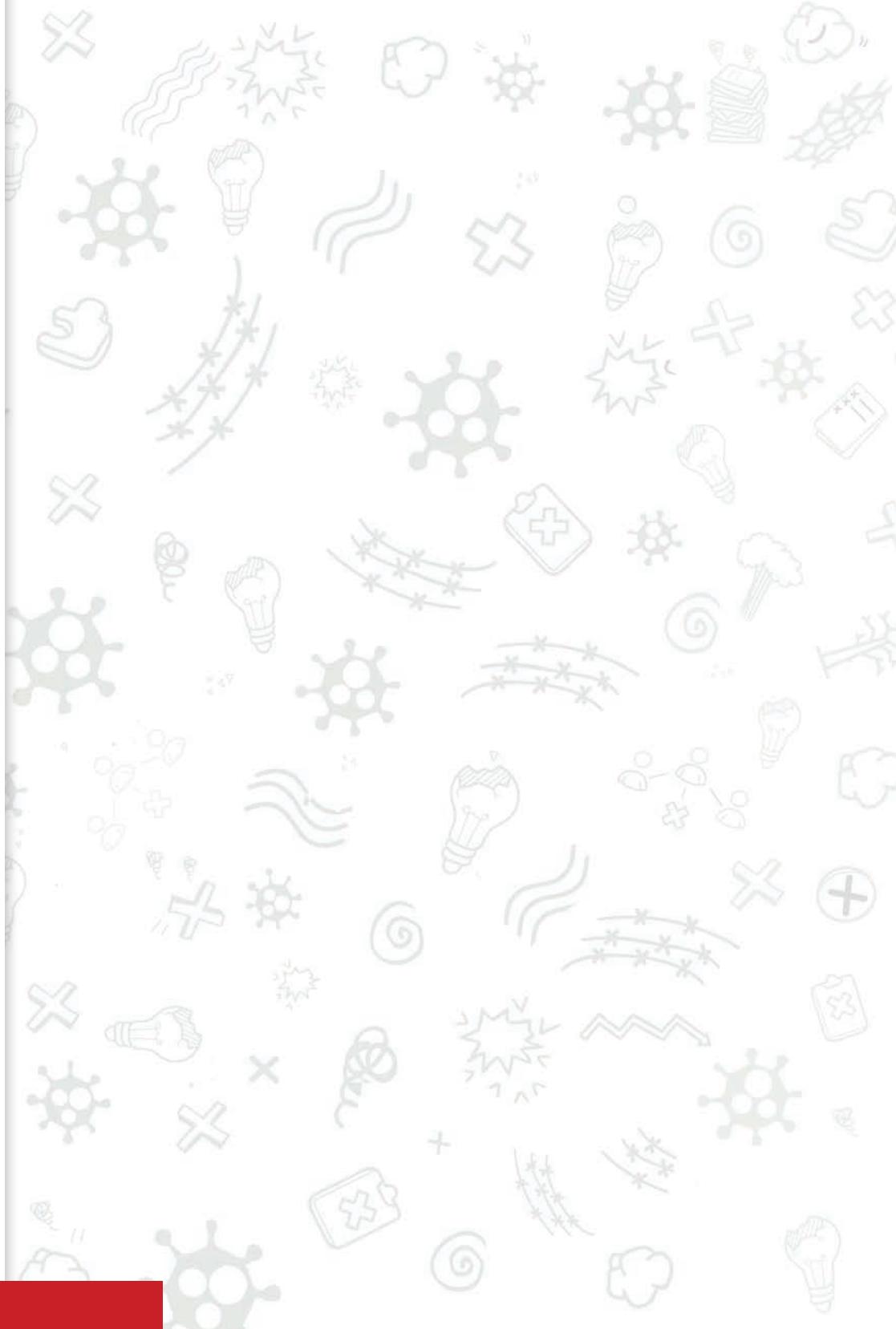
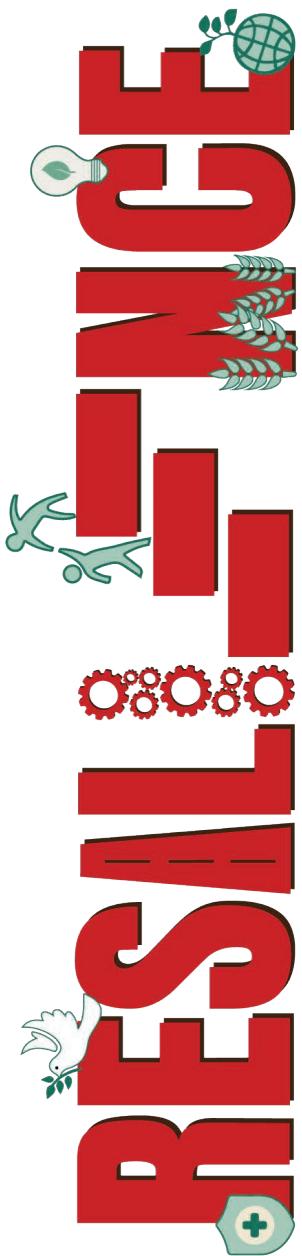
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