

## Africa

Africa is the second largest continent in the world after Asia. Comprising 54 countries, Africa has a diverse population of over one billion. It is widely believed that Africa, with its breathtaking natural splendor, is the birthplace of humankind.



Source of the picture: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African\\_Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_Union)

Since the early 1960s, Africa has come a long way to become the African Union, its current organizational structure. Africa desperately needs an organizational structure, namely a robust and operational African Union. The only way to put an end to the constant and senseless wars is for Africa to be united and one. Then, and only then, will Africa's children be given a respite and a chance to focus on transforming the continent into a more peaceful, prosperous, and civilized one. Endless conflicts are destroying Africa's future and the present.

The African Union received its new flag more than three years ago after an open competition won by an Ethiopian competitor. The current flag of the African Union was adopted during one of its assemblies, which took place in Addis Ababa on January 31, 2010.



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Before flipping the calendar page to January 2012, African Union officials and special guests unveiled the new headquarters in the capital of Africa - Addis Ababa.



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As for the African Union, while its goals are laudable, no tangible progress has been made to improve Africa's competitive position compared to other continents. Africa must begin to measure time in nanoseconds and develop a sense of urgency in addressing the issues holding the continent back. Simply moving fast is not enough; Africa must move exponentially quicker as a matter of necessity.

It is **adarash's** sincere desire and aspiration that the African Union's upcoming major initiatives will include: a) The establishment of a continental educational center - the University of Africa. The main campus would be established in Ethiopia, with 54 local campuses each country. Each campus would include high school, primary school, and early childhood education facilities. The University of Africa would be instrumental in preparing Africans to lead the continent to unprecedented levels of civilization, prosperity, and peace. b) Developing a continental network of roads connecting all the campuses of the University of Africa. Imagine the profound impact these projects could have on many fronts!

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