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“We have meanwhile set up a process and there are also independent institutions monitoring which objectives of our G7 meetings we actually achieve. When it comes to these goals we have a compliance rate of about 80%, according to the University of Toronto. Germany, with its 87%, comes off pretty well. That means that next year too, under the Japanese G7 presidency, we are going to check where we stand in comparison to what we have discussed with each other now. So a lot of what we have resolved to do here together is something that we are going to have to work very hard at over the next few months. But I think that it has become apparent that we, as the G7, want to assume responsibility far beyond the prosperity in our own countries. That’s why today’s outreach meetings, that is the meetings with our guests, were also of great importance.”

Chancellor Angela Merkel, Schloss Elmau, 8 June 2015

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11. Development: African Union Agenda 2063

“We aim to work in partnership with the African continent, supporting the African Union Agenda 2063, in order to provide the young generation in particular with adequate skills, quality infrastructures, financial resources, and access to a sustainable, prosperous and safe future.”

G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué

Assessment

Member	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada	-1		
France		0	
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.63	

Background

In 1963, the Organization of African Unity (OAU), later replaced by the African Union (AU) in 2001, was founded upon the principles of decolonization and continental political independence. In 2013, the organization celebrated its 50th anniversary and began the development of a new 50-year agenda. The African Union Commission (AUC), supported by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), Planning and Coordinating Agency, the African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa created Agenda 2063 and the AU adopted the plan in 2015.¹⁰¹²

Within the long-range vision of Agenda 2063, the AUC also developed the First Ten Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 (2013-2023). This was the first in a series of five ten-year programs to provide attainable development goals. Included in the First Ten-Year Plan were 12 Flagship Projects, such as the creation of an Integrated High Speed Train Network, near term national and Regional Economic Communities development priorities to ensure the successful completion of the long-term development aspirations, and continental frameworks (such as the Science Technology Innovation Strategy for Africa) to support state development efforts.¹⁰¹³

In 2001, NEPAD, an economic development program, and in was adopted at the 37th Summit of the Organization of African Unity Lusaka, Zambia. In 2002, the G8 members created the Action

¹⁰¹² Agenda 2063: First Ten-Year Implementation Plan 2014-2023, tralac (Stellenbosch). 31 March 2016. Access Date: 11 October 2017. <https://www.tralac.org/news/article/9370-agenda-2063-first-ten-year-implementation-plan-2014-2023.html>.

¹⁰¹³ Agenda 2063: First Ten-Year Implementation Plan 2014-2023, tralac (Stellenbosch). 31 March 2016. Access Date: 11 October 2017. <https://www.tralac.org/news/article/9370-agenda-2063-first-ten-year-implementation-plan-2014-2023.html>.

Plan for Africa in response and all G8 members agreed to partner with a NEPAD country regarding, among other things, health care, economic projects, debt relief, and water management.¹⁰¹⁴

In 2005, G8 members agreed to increase aid to developing countries by USD 50 billion in addition to cancelling the debt of the 18 poorest states in Africa.¹⁰¹⁵

In 2011 at the Deauville Summit, the G8 members agreed to support the economic communities of Africa and the Minimum Integration Programme of the African Union.¹⁰¹⁶ Four years later, members once more committed themselves to improving African energy infrastructure.¹⁰¹⁷

In the G7 Taormina communiqué, leaders committed themselves to supporting Agenda 2063 with the promotion of energy access, innovation, education, and improved services.¹⁰¹⁸

Commitment Features

The commitment refers to a larger set of African development goals outlined in Agenda 2063 and reflective of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

With Agenda 2063, African leaders pledged to accelerate growth, development, and prosperity across the continent reinforced by a pan-African vision of self-reliance and socioeconomic enhancement.¹⁰¹⁹

The plan has seven aspirations, including:

1. Sustainable development to modernize infrastructure, preserve the environment, improve education, and eradicate poverty
2. A united continent free from colonialism, oppression, and restrictive border policies
3. A democratic Africa supportive of human rights, the rule of law, justice, and good governance
4. A peaceful Africa
5. Entrenched pan-Africanism promoting the cultural diversity and heritage of the region
6. People-driven development aimed at empowering women and youth
7. A globally influential and self-reliant Africa¹⁰²⁰

¹⁰¹⁴ G8 Summit 2007, The Press and Information Office of the Federal Government of Germany (Berlin). 2009. Access Date: 9 November 2017. https://www.g-8.de/nn_92160/Content/EN/Lexikon/G8/N/neue-partnerschaft-f_C3_BCr-afrikas-entwicklung.html.

¹⁰¹⁵ G8 leaders agree \$50bn aid boost, BBC News (London). 8 July 2005. Access Date: 9 November 2017. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/4662297.stm>.

¹⁰¹⁶ Deauville G8 Summit Final Compliance Report, G8 Research Group (Toronto). 18 May 2012. Access Date: 11 October 2017. <http://www.g8live.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2011g8finalcompliance.pdf>.

¹⁰¹⁷ Brussels G7 Summit Final Compliance Report, G7 Research Group (Toronto). 6 June 2015. Access Date: 11 October 2017. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2014compliance/07-2014-g8-compliance-final-20150715.pdf>.

¹⁰¹⁸ G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué, G7 2017 Italia (Taormina). 27 May 2017. Access Date: 11 October 2017. http://www.g7italy.it/sites/default/files/documents/G7%20Taormina%20Leaders%27%20Communique_27052017_0.pdf.

¹⁰¹⁹ Agenda 2063, African Union Foundation (Addis Ababa). Access Date: 11 October 2017. <http://www.africaunionfoundation.org/en/pages/agenda-2063>.

¹⁰²⁰ Agenda 2063, African Union Foundation (Addis Ababa). Access Date: 11 October 2017. <http://www.africaunionfoundation.org/en/pages/agenda-2063>.

For full compliance, G7 members must support the youth empowerment aspirations of Agenda 2063 through partnerships with African states or as members of international bodies working with the African continent. If a G7 member has pursued action not targeted towards youth, compliance will be affected. A G7 member acting unilaterally does not count towards compliance. “Support” is defined as “the action, or act of providing aid, assistance, or backing up an initiative, or entity.”¹⁰²¹ “Youth” is defined as between the ages of 15 and 35 in the 2006 African Youth Charter.¹⁰²²

These actions include, as guided by the four key areas identified in the commitment:

1. Adequate skills, for youth: Encouraging primary, secondary, and university education, skill development in science and technology, technical and vocational training through scaled up investment and the establishment of high-quality Technical and Vocational Education Training centres, and strengthening the Pan African University for youth to cultivate a norm of innovation, prosperity, employability and entrepreneurship.¹⁰²³
2. Quality infrastructure, for youth: Providing support for infrastructure modernization to ensure access to affordable and decent housing, public transportation, clean water, reliable energy sources, informations and communications technology (ICT) in schools, and venture capital to young entrepreneurs in a well-developed ICT digital economy.¹⁰²⁴ “Quality infrastructure” is “generally understood to be the totality of the institutional framework (public and private) required to establish and implement standardization, metrology (scientific, industrial and legal), accreditation and conformity assessment services (inspection, testing and product and system certification) necessary to provide acceptable evidence that products and services meet defined requirements, be it demanded by authorities or the market place.”¹⁰²⁵
3. Financial resources, for youth: Improving investment conditions to enhance financial resources of youth by promoting the free movement of people, capital, goods, and services and strengthening Africa’s place in the global economy. Financial resources refers to financial inclusion involving access to financial services like loans for education or entrepreneurship as well as safe areas to save funds.¹⁰²⁶
4. Sustainable, prosperous and safe future: Supporting Africa in fostering long term sustainable development and a peaceful environment, with the resources to foster its own development. A sustainable and prosperous future includes sustainable development and inclusive growth, while a safe future involves no conflict by 2020, entrenched human rights, democracy, gender equality,

¹⁰²¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto). 2 May 2016. Access Date: 15 October 2017. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/compliance/compliance-coding-manual-2016.pdf>.

¹⁰²² The African Youth Charter, Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality in Africa (Addis Ababa). July 2006. Access Date: 9 November 2017. <http://www.carmma.org/resource/african-youth-charter>.

¹⁰²³ Agenda 2063, African Union Commission (Addis Ababa). April 2015. Access Date: 9 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/en/africa/osaa/pdf/au/agenda2063.pdf>.

¹⁰²⁴ Agenda 2063, African Union Commission (Addis Ababa). April 2015. Access Date: 9 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/en/africa/osaa/pdf/au/agenda2063.pdf>.

¹⁰²⁵ Quality Infrastructure, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (Vienna). Access Date: 12 November 2017. https://www.unido.org/fileadmin/user_media_upgrade/What_we_do/Topics/Competitive_and_trade/5_QI_highres.pdf.

¹⁰²⁶ Financial Inclusion of Youth, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York City). Access Date: 9 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/documents/youth/fact-sheets/youth-financial-inclusion.pdf>.

and inclusion.¹⁰²⁷ Such actions towards a safe future can be related to compliance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calling for better prevention, response, and management of African crises and conflicts.¹⁰²⁸

Scoring Guidelines

-1	Member does not work in partnership with the African continent, in support of its Agenda 2063, to provide the young generation with at least two of the following: adequate skills OR quality infrastructure OR financial resources OR a sustainable, prosperous and safe future.
0	Member works in partnership with the African continent, in support of its 2063 Agenda, to provide the young generation with at least two, or 50%, of the following: adequate skills OR quality infrastructure OR financial resources OR a sustainable, prosperous and safe future.
+1	Member works in partnership with the African continent, in support of its 2063 Agenda, to provide the young generation with at least three, or 75%, of the following: adequate skills OR quality infrastructure OR financial resources OR a sustainable, prosperous and safe future.

Lead Analyst: Harrison Myles

Canada: -1

Canada has not complied with its commitment to Agenda 2063 by taking minimal measures to support a safe, sustainable, and prosperous future with a focus on peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, and gender equality.

On 9 October 2017, Canada's Permanent Representative to the African Union, Philip Baker, addressed the Pan African Parliament. Baker restated Canada's commitment to the African Union's Agenda 2063 and claimed Canada is committed to continental capacity building, conflict prevention, peacekeeping, mediation, and post conflict reconstruction.¹⁰²⁹ Additionally, Baker said "Canada sees a strong role for women in all of these elements" and the Canadian government is pushing for African development policies to include more women as a part of their Feminist Foreign Policy strategy.¹⁰³⁰

On 23 October 2017, the Government of Canada committed CAD 20 million towards the Delivering for Girls and Women: Better Health, Rights and Data for Equality project.¹⁰³¹ The aim of the initiative is to "improve the health, wellbeing, and enjoyment of rights of women and girls, with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights" through global and community advocacy

¹⁰²⁷ Agenda 2063, African Union Foundation (Addis Ababa). Access Date: 11 October 2017.

<http://www.africaunionfoundation.org/en/pages/agenda-2063>.

¹⁰²⁸ G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué, G7 2017 Italia (Taormina). 27 May 2017. Access Date: 11 October 2017.

http://www.g7italy.it/sites/default/files/documents/G7%20Taormina%20Leaders%27%20Communique_27052017_0.pdf.

¹⁰²⁹ Address to the Pan-African Parliament — By Canada's Permanent Representative to the African Union, Mr. Philip Baker, The Embassy of Canada to Ethiopia (Addis Ababa). October 9, 2017. Access Date: 29 November 2017.

http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/ethiopia-ethiopie/highlights-faits/2017/2017-10-06-address-allocution-pan-african.aspx?lang=eng&_ga=2.86393048.1180226339.1512002566-219691122.1512002566.

¹⁰³⁰ Address to the Pan-African Parliament — By Canada's Permanent Representative to the African Union, Mr. Philip Baker, The Embassy of Canada to Ethiopia (Addis Ababa). October 9, 2017. Access Date: 29 November 2017.

http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/ethiopia-ethiopie/highlights-faits/2017/2017-10-06-address-allocution-pan-african.aspx?lang=eng&_ga=2.86393048.1180226339.1512002566-219691122.1512002566.

¹⁰³¹ Project Profile- Delivering for Girls and Women: Better Health, Rights and Data for Equality, Government of Canada (Ottawa). 23 October 2017. Access Date: 29 November 2017. <http://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/D004951001>.

and “filling data gaps on the health, rights, and wellbeing of women and girls.”¹⁰³² Of the CAD 20 million, 26.67% of the funds will go towards African states and further support gender equality and a prosperous future.

On 20 December 2017, the Canadian Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship announced a CAD 15 million support package for Kenyan refugees and drought-affected people. The funding will be given to the the World Food Programme and the UNHCR and further support Kenya’s response to domestic crises.¹⁰³³

On 22 December 2017, the Government of Canada announced CAD 19.8 million of additional aid to Cameroon, Chad, Ethiopia, Niger, Nigeria, South Sudan, and Uganda. The assistance will address food, water, and medical emergencies, especially amongst women and children, caused by drought and conflict.¹⁰³⁴

Canada has not complied with the African development goals outlined in Agenda 2063 by only supporting a prosperous and safer future through a commitment to peacebuilding in the continent, crisis relief, and the promotion of women’s rights and equality. Furthermore, Canada has failed to work in partnership with the African continent, opting to support the African development goals through unilateral aid.

Thus, Canada receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Aaishah Karim

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to support Agenda 2063 by taking measures to support a safer future and skill development, but with a minimal focus on African youth.

On 2 July 2017, President Emmanuel Macron announced strong support for a new multinational anti-terrorism force in West Africa.¹⁰³⁵ France will work alongside Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Burkina Faso, and Chad by providing a 5,000-strong military support to be deployed in September, 70 tactical vehicles, and communication and protective equipment.¹⁰³⁶ The action aims to combat terrorism and enhance the safety of the region.

On 25 July 2017, President Macron announced France’s intention to increase international aid to Africa in order to limit poverty and improve education and health services. The day before, Macron

¹⁰³² Project Profile- Delivering for Girls and Women: Better Health, Rights and Data for Equality, Government of Canada (Ottawa). 23 October 2017. Access Date: 29 November 2017. <http://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/D004951001>.

¹⁰³³ Canada announces funding for humanitarian and development assistance in Kenya, Government of Canada (Ottawa). 20 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_announcesfundingforhumanitariananddevelopmentassistancein.html.

¹⁰³⁴ Canada announces additional funding to respond to multiple food crises in sub-Saharan Africa, Government of Canada (Ottawa). 22 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_announcesadditionalfundingtorespondtomultiplefoodcrisesin.html.

¹⁰³⁵ France Pledges to Bolster African Antiterrorism Force, New York Times (New York City). 2 July 2017. Access Date: 15 December 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2017/07/02/world/africa/03mali.html>.

¹⁰³⁶ France Pledges to Bolster African Antiterrorism Force, New York Times (New York City). 2 July 2017. Access Date: 15 December 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2017/07/02/world/africa/03mali.html>.

specified that aid to fragile states would rise to 0.55% of the gross domestic product over his five-year mandate.¹⁰³⁷

France has partially complied with the goals of Agenda 2063 by contributing to a sustainable, safe, prosperous future through anti-terrorism actions and providing adequate skills via educational development.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Amogh Kadhe

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to support Agenda 2063 by taking measures to support skill development, the modernization of infrastructure, and the improvement of investment conditions with a focus on African youth.

On 12 June 2017, the Government of Germany announced an agreement to reform partnerships with Tunisia, Ivory Coast, and Ghana, initiating an investment plan of up to EUR300 million.¹⁰³⁸ The programs aim to expand the use of renewable energy, improve energy efficiency and develop the financial and banking sector.

On 3 November 2017, the Governments of Ethiopia and Germany signed a summary record of the negotiations on development cooperation.¹⁰³⁹ Following this, Germany announced EUR 212.6 million to support the implementation of agriculture, education and biodiversity projects in Ethiopia. Both countries agreed to continue cooperation in sustainable land management, strengthening drought resilience and enhancing agricultural productivity, including agricultural mechanization and technology for small-holder farmers.¹⁰⁴⁰

On 11 November 2017, the Government of Germany and the East African Community (EAC) signed a EUR 35 million agreement to support health and education sectors in the region.¹⁰⁴¹ EUR 30 million will maintain the EAC immunization programs while EUR 5 million will contribute to a scholarship program to promote the EAC's regional integration agenda. The program aims to support higher education students and their role in fostering social change and economic growth.¹⁰⁴²

¹⁰³⁷ France to increase aid to fight poverty in Africa: president, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing). 25 July 2017. Access Date: 15 December 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-07/25/c_136472118.htm.

¹⁰³⁸ Germany's Merkel promotes African development ahead of G20, AP News (New York City). 12 June 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <https://www.apnews.com/822e5fe3bd8d4e9cbdce9f55f63da871/Germany%27s-Merkel-promotes-African-development-ahead-of-G20>.

¹⁰³⁹ Ethiopia: Germany announces €212.6M development aid, APA News (Addis Ababa). 4 November 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://apanews.net/index.php/en/news/ethiopia-germany-announces-2126m-development-aid>.

¹⁰⁴⁰ Ethiopia: Germany announces €212.6M development aid, APA News (Addis Ababa). 4 November 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://apanews.net/index.php/en/news/ethiopia-germany-announces-2126m-development-aid>.

¹⁰⁴¹ Germany to give 95 bn/- for EAC schemes, Tanzania Standard Newspaper (Arusha). 21 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.dailynews.co.tz/index.php/home-news/54358-germany-to-give-95bn-for-eac-schemes>.

¹⁰⁴² Germany to give 95 bn/- for EAC schemes, Tanzania Standard Newspaper (Arusha). 21 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.dailynews.co.tz/index.php/home-news/54358-germany-to-give-95bn-for-eac-schemes>.

On 8 December 2017, the German government announced an additional EUR28 million in humanitarian aid to Central Africa. The assistance will support the World Food Programme and the International Committee of the Red Cross in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic to alleviate civilian suffering from armed conflict.¹⁰⁴³

Germany has supported the African Union Agenda 2063 in partnership with the African continent to provide financial resources, quality infrastructure, and adequate skills to young people.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Adolphus Lau

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitments to the goals outlined in Agenda 2063 by taking measures to support skill development, the modernisation of infrastructure, and the improvement of financial resources related to young people.

On 26 June 2017, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Italian Development Cooperation Agency sent 15 students from seven different sub-Saharan African countries to the University of Pisa for a higher education summer school program in the field of geothermal energy.¹⁰⁴⁴

On 9 September 2017, the Italian government approved the use of EUR 7 million in Chad and Niger for humanitarian and development initiatives.¹⁰⁴⁵ EUR 4 million will go towards improving education, health, food security, water supply, and economic support for the most vulnerable groups in Niger.¹⁰⁴⁶ The remaining EUR 3 million will support Chad in preventing and treating acute malnutrition in minors through the issuance of healthcare and food assistance.¹⁰⁴⁷

On 28 September 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs unveiled Migraventure, a program that supplies African-Italian entrepreneurs with the needed training and finances to create projects in their

¹⁰⁴³ Preventing a humanitarian catastrophe: more aid for Central Africa, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin). 8 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/themen/humanitaerehilfe/-/1029890>.

¹⁰⁴⁴ 3-week Geothermal Summer School for students from Africa in Italy, Think Geoenergy (Reykjavik). 10 July 2017. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/3-week-geothermal-summer-school-for-students-from-africa-in-italy/>.

¹⁰⁴⁵ Development Cooperation. Alfano: "Chad and Niger: humanitarian and development initiatives approved for a total of 7 million euros", Farnesia (Rome). 15 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/09/cooperazione-allo-sviluppo-alfano.html.

¹⁰⁴⁶ Development Cooperation. Alfano: "Chad and Niger: humanitarian and development initiatives approved for a total of 7 million euros", Farnesia (Rome). 15 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/09/cooperazione-allo-sviluppo-alfano.html.

¹⁰⁴⁷ Development Cooperation. Alfano: "Chad and Niger: humanitarian and development initiatives approved for a total of 7 million euros", Farnesia (Rome). 15 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/09/cooperazione-allo-sviluppo-alfano.html.

native African countries.¹⁰⁴⁸ Italian officials say the initiative aims to open opportunities that will keep young and ambitious Africans developing at home.¹⁰⁴⁹

On 17 October 2017, the Italian Development Agency provided Sudan with EUR 1.2 million for the Project of Community Security and Stability.¹⁰⁵⁰ The project aims to provide clean water to Sudan through the construction of water stations in the Al-Azzazah, Dandro and the Blue Nile State.¹⁰⁵¹ The funds also aim to encourage education through the establishment of a school in the Mayo region of the Jebel Awlia district.¹⁰⁵²

On 7 November 2017, Italy provided the Central African Republic with EUR 3 million for emergency financing through the Italian Cooperation service.¹⁰⁵³ The funds are going towards ameliorating education, agriculture, food security, health, and protection.¹⁰⁵⁴ It focuses on Bangui and other disadvantaged regions of the Central African Republic.¹⁰⁵⁵

On 28 November 2017, Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni pledged EUR 25 million to Ghana in order to aid in the development of both small and medium Ghanaian enterprises.¹⁰⁵⁶ The assistance is to be distributed by the Ghanaian Finance Ministry, and carries with it the intent to jump start Ghana's private sector.¹⁰⁵⁷

Italy has fully complied with its commitments regarding Agenda 2063 by way of working with the continent within its borders, as well as abroad. Italy has aided African youth in providing skill development opportunities, modernising infrastructure, and improving financial resources.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joel McLeod

¹⁰⁴⁸ Italy looks to its African entrepreneurs to ease migrant pressure, Euractiv (London). 2 October 2017. Access Date: 26 October 2017. <https://www.euractiv.com/section/development-policy/news/italy-looks-to-its-african-entrepreneurs-to-ease-migrant-pressure/>.

¹⁰⁴⁹ Italy looks to its African entrepreneurs to ease migrant pressure, Euractiv (London). 2 October 2017. Access Date: 26 October 2017. <https://www.euractiv.com/section/development-policy/news/italy-looks-to-its-african-entrepreneurs-to-ease-migrant-pressure/>.

¹⁰⁵⁰ Sudan: Italian Development Agency Extends 1.2 Million Euros for Community Security Project, AllAfrica (Cape Town). 17 October 2017. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710180416.html>.

¹⁰⁵¹ Sudan: Italian Development Agency Extends 1.2 Million Euros for Community Security Project, AllAfrica (Cape Town). 17 October 2017. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710180416.html>.

¹⁰⁵² Sudan: Italian Development Agency Extends 1.2 Million Euros for Community Security Project, AllAfrica (Cape Town). 17 October 2017. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710180416.html>.

¹⁰⁵³ Central African Republic, Farnesina (Rome). 7 November 2017. Access Date: 16 November 2017. http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/11/repubblica-centrafricana.html.

¹⁰⁵⁴ Central African Republic, Farnesina (Rome). 7 November 2017. Access Date: 16 November 2017. http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/11/repubblica-centrafricana.html.

¹⁰⁵⁵ Central African Republic, Farnesina (Rome). 7 November 2017. Access Date: 16 November 2017. http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/11/repubblica-centrafricana.html.

¹⁰⁵⁶ Italy provides € 25m grant for Ghana's private sector development, GhanaWeb (Ghana). 29 November 2017. Access Date: 19 Jan 2018. <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Italy-provides-25m-grant-for-Ghana-s-private-sector-development-604901>.

¹⁰⁵⁷ Italy provides € 25m grant for Ghana's private sector development, GhanaWeb (Ghana). 29 November 2017. Access Date: 19 Jan 2018. <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Italy-provides-25m-grant-for-Ghana-s-private-sector-development-604901>.

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to Agenda 2063 by taking measures to support the improvement of investment conditions, adequate skill development amongst young people, and the modernisation of infrastructure in Africa.

On 15 June 2017, the Japan International Cooperation Agency provided a loan of up to JPY 34.41 billion to the African Development Bank Group (AfDB). The funds will enhance the AfDB's Private Sector Financing Operations by developing infrastructure and agriculture for private enterprises. The loan is part of the joint Enhanced Private Sector Assistance initiative.¹⁰⁵⁸

On 3 July 2017, the Government of Japan and the AfDB signed a letter of intent to create the Japan-Africa Energy Initiative (JAEI). Japan will provide USD 6 billion in “both concessional and non-concessional finance” for various energy systems in homes, schools, hospitals, agriculture, and industries. The JAEI supports the AfDB's New Deal on Energy for Africa which attempts to provide “universal access to energy by 2025.”¹⁰⁵⁹

From 25 to 26 July 2017, the second Japan-Africa Business Forum took place in Tokyo. The theme of the conference was “Investment and Business Opportunities with Africa” and included AfDB Senior Staff, African Ministers, Japanese officials, and both Japanese and African members of the private sector. The forum facilitated the interaction between Japanese and African businesses, with Japanese businesses committed to actively doing business and investing in Africa.¹⁰⁶⁰

On 5 December 2017, Japan announced two grant projects in Madagascar, totalling JPY 670 million. The projects will aim to improve food security and clean water access.¹⁰⁶¹

On 13 December 2017, the Government of Japan announced three grant aid projects after the Japan-Senegal Summit Meeting in Tokyo. The grant will provide JPY 4.17 billion to improve energy supply, food security, and medical training in Senegal.¹⁰⁶²

On 18 December 2017, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, Taro Kono, announced an agreement with the Minister of Investment and International Cooperation of the Arab Republic of Egypt regarding the JPY 993 million Project for Procurement of Education and Research Equipment for Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST) (Phase 2). The grant will enhance education and research equipment in the E-JUST engineering sector and continue the project's goal

¹⁰⁵⁸ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan with African Development Bank Group: Providing financing for the private sector to support economic growth, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo). 19 June 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/170619_01.html.

¹⁰⁵⁹ AfDB and Government of Japan Launch Japan-Africa Energy Initiative, African Development Bank Group (Abidjan). 4 July 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/afdb-and-government-of-japan-launch-japan-africa-energy-initiative-17154/>.

¹⁰⁶⁰ AfDB and African Ambassadors host 2nd Japan-Africa Business Forum in Tokyo, African Development Bank (Abidjan). 4 August 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/afdb-and-african-ambassadors-host-2nd-japan-africa-business-forum-in-tokyo-17243/>.

¹⁰⁶¹ Exchange of Notes concerning Grant Aids to Madagascar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo). 5 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001827.html.

¹⁰⁶² Exchange of Notes concerning Grant Aid to Senegal, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo). 13 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press1e_000062.html.

of “sustainable economic growth and job creation through the development of industrial human resources.”¹⁰⁶³

Japan has fully complied with its Agenda 2063 commitments through the improvement of business and investment environments, the enhancement of educational institutions, and the promotion of energy infrastructure.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Fares Kardous

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitments to Agenda 2063 by only promoting a safer and more prosperous future through crisis relief, democratic stability, and poverty relief.

On 7 July 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May announced a GBP 30 million plan over four years to purchase British insurance premiums and fund natural disaster aid in Africa. Afterwards, companies could continue working on the continent and increase private investment. The plan is part of a larger GBP200 million initiative announced at the G20 summit in Hamburg.¹⁰⁶⁴

On 29 July 2017, the UK government announced its contribution of GBP 28.5 million towards the Kenyan election that was set to take place on 8 August 2017.¹⁰⁶⁵ The money came from the Department for International Development (DFID) and was used towards voter education as well as conflict resolution and technical assistance.¹⁰⁶⁶

On 30 August 2017, the DFID fund to support Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education Innovation and Reform announced its new long-term partnerships. These include the Leading for Education in Africa Partnership, the Transforming Employability for Social Change in East Africa, the Pedagogical Leadership in Africa, and the Transformation of Pharmacy and Chemistry Degree Provision. All four of these partnerships aim to increase access to higher education and employable skills in Africa.¹⁰⁶⁷

On 19 October 2017, the Government of the United Kingdom announced the UK Aid Match. The government partnered with the Campaign for Female Education (Camfed) and will match donations

¹⁰⁶³ Exchange of Notes Concerning Grant Aid to Egypt, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo). 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001846.html.

¹⁰⁶⁴ Theresa May to spend aid money on insurance against disasters in Africa, The Guardian (London). 7 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/07/theresa-may-to-spend-aid-money-on-insurance-against-disasters-in-africa>.

¹⁰⁶⁵ Grotesque! Fury as Britain gives millions in aid to fund general election in Kenya which activists fear will end in a bloodbath, Daily Mail (London). 29 July 2017. Access Date: 28 December 2017. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4743152/Fury-Britain-gives-30m-aid-fund-Kenya-s-election.html>.

¹⁰⁶⁶ Britain defends its huge spending on Kenya's election, Prime News Ghana (Accra). 7 August 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.primenewsghana.com/business/britain-defends-its-huge-spending-on-kenya-s-election.html>.

¹⁰⁶⁷ Introducing the new SPHEIR partnerships, Department for International Development (London). 30 August 2017. Access Date: 20 April 2018. <https://www.spheir.org.uk/latest-news/introducing-new-spheir-partnerships>.

until 10 January 2018. This money will go towards working against high childbirth and poverty rates among young African girls and a more prosperous future.¹⁰⁶⁸

The UK partnered with the African Union to create a sustainable, safe, prosperous future through greater natural disaster response, political stability, and poverty reduction. The UK has contributed to solidifying infrastructure by increasing private investments on the African continent, and has taken action towards providing adequate skills.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Timnit Abraha

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitments to support Agenda 2063 by taking measures to improve investment conditions, enhance infrastructure, and provide a safer future with a strong focus on African youth.

On 3 July 2017, the U.S. Mission to the African Union hosted a workshop along with the African Union (AU) on the topic of preventing and countering violent extremism. The workshop supports the AU's 2002 Plan of Action for the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and Agenda 2063's goal of a safer future.¹⁰⁶⁹

On 8 July 2017, the U.S. President Donald Trump promised USD 639 million in aid for Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria, and Yemen at the G20 summit in Hamburg. The aid will bolster drought and conflict relief efforts through emergency food supplies, medical care, shelter, and sanitation.¹⁰⁷⁰

On 31 August 2017, the Government of the United States announced a USD 91 million Ethiopian drought aid package for food and medical care. The assistance will help strengthen Ethiopia's response to the current environmental crisis.¹⁰⁷¹

On 6 September 2017, the United States African Development Foundation (USADF) announced USD 375,000 of capital funding for 35 African social Entrepreneurs. Aged between 25 and 35, these entrepreneurs will be provided with USD 25,000 each in start-up capital for projects that enhance community change and economic growth in 20 sub-Saharan countries.¹⁰⁷²

¹⁰⁶⁸ Government doubles Cambridge aid for under-threat girls in Africa, Business Weekly (New York City). 19 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <https://www.businessweekly.co.uk/news/academia-research/government-doubles-cambridge-aid-under-threat-girls-africa>.

¹⁰⁶⁹ U.S. — AU Workshop on Countering Violent Extremism, U.S. Mission to the African Union (Addis Ababa). 3 July 2017. Access Date: 12 December 2017. <https://www.usau.usmission.gov/u-s-au-workshop-countering-violent-extremism/>.

¹⁰⁷⁰ At G20 summit, Trump pledges \$639 million in aid to four countries, Reuters (London). 8 July 2017. Access Date: 12 December 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-g20-germany-famine/at-g20-summit-trump-pledges-639-million-in-aid-to-four-countries-idUSKBN19T0LC>.

¹⁰⁷¹ United States to give Ethiopia \$91 million in drought aid for food and medicine, The Washington Post (Washington D.C.). 31 August 2017. Access Date: 12 December 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/us-gives-ethiopia-91-million-in-drought-aid-for-food-and-medicine/2017/08/31/0f8d381e-c101-4a08-86e4-562fae028a2c_story.html?utm_term=.8e0d377e2025.

¹⁰⁷² U.S. African Development Foundation Invests in 35 Young African Entrepreneurs, United States African Development Foundation (Washington, D.C.). 6 September 2017. Access Date: 12 December 2017. <http://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases/2017/9/6/the-us-african-development-foundation-invests-in-35-young-african-entrepreneurs>.

On 7 October 2017, the United States removed economic and trade sanctions on Sudan. Sanctions had been in place since 1997 and negatively affected the economic advancement of the country and its citizens.¹⁰⁷³ This decision enhances the investment conditions of Sudan.

On 30 October 2017, the United States announced a pledge of USD 60 million to support Chad, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, and Mauritania in their efforts to build a cross-border counterterrorism force in the Sahel region.¹⁰⁷⁴ The effort seeks to stabilize the territory and ensure a safer future.

On 4 December 2017, the Government of the United States and the Government of Israel announced a memorandum of understanding to reduce energy poverty and increase access to energy in sub-Saharan Africa “through innovative partnerships between private enterprise, African governments and foreign assistance.”¹⁰⁷⁵

On 7 December 2017, USADF and the Government of Benin doubled their commitment to support small and medium enterprises in Beninese communities.¹⁰⁷⁶ Each will invest USD 1 million a year for a total of USD 10 million over the next five years at the community level.¹⁰⁷⁷

On 7 December 2017, the USADF and All On, a Nigeria-based impact investing company, announced a USD 3 million partnership to expand energy access to underserved and unserved markets in Nigeria.¹⁰⁷⁸ Both parties will jointly fund up to 30 small and medium energy enterprises over the next three years to improve off-grid energy solutions like solar, wind, hydro, biomass and gas technologies.¹⁰⁷⁹

The United States has fully complied with the African Union Agenda 2063 in partnership with the African continent to provide young people with financial resources, quality infrastructure, and a safer future.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

¹⁰⁷³ The African Union welcomes the removal of U.S. economic and trade sanctions on Sudan, African Union (Addis Ababa). 7 October 2017. Access Date: 12 December 2017. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20171007/african-union-welcomes-removal-us-economic-and-trade-sanctions-sudan>.

¹⁰⁷⁴ U.S. pledges \$60 million to build new African counterterrorism force, The Washington Post (Washington, D.C.). 30 October 2017. Access Date: 12 December 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-pledges-60-million-to-build-new-african-counterterrorism-force/2017/10/30/87a6e9c2-bdc4-11e7-8444-a0d4f04b89eb_story.html?utm_term=.cabdf249a5d1.

¹⁰⁷⁵ United States and Israel announce partnership to increase energy investment in Africa, USAID (Washington, D.C.). 4 December 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/press-releases/dec-4-2017-united-states-and-israel-announce-partnership-increase-energy>.

¹⁰⁷⁶ The U.S. African Development Foundation and Government of Benin double investment in local enterprise development, USADF (Washington, D.C.). 7 December 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/564bee8de4b05dd815f0baa0/t/5a2ef2b108522956adad4c4e/1513026226024/Benin+MOU+Signing+Press+Release+12-7-17+FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁰⁷⁷ The U.S. African Development Foundation and Government of Benin double investment in local enterprise development, USADF (Washington, D.C.). 7 December 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/564bee8de4b05dd815f0baa0/t/5a2ef2b108522956adad4c4e/1513026226024/Benin+MOU+Signing+Press+Release+12-7-17+FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁰⁷⁸ The U.S. African Development Foundation and All On announce partnership for off grid energy investments in Nigeria, USADF (Washington, D.C.). 7 December 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <http://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases/?offset=1512680700316>.

¹⁰⁷⁹ The U.S. African Development Foundation and All On announce partnership for off grid energy investments in Nigeria, USADF (Washington, D.C.). 7 December 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <http://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases/?offset=1512680700316>.

Analyst: Adolphus Lau

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to support Agenda 2063 in achieving the goals of quality infrastructure, improved financial resources, and a sustainable future of socio-economic enhancement and self-reliance with a specific focus on young people.

On 15 June 2017, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica committed the EU to work with the Economic Community of West African States and the West African Economic and Monetary Union to advance economic growth. The EU invested EUR 88 million to facilitate economic security, trade, and infrastructure development. EUR 25 million was invested in the West African police information system and EUR 10 million in economic governance to ensure a regulated and stable economy. The EU also recognized the significance of climate change by providing EUR 38 million to combat the effects of greenhouse gases.¹⁰⁸⁰

On 2 August 2017, the European Commission invested over EUR 1 billion in an effort to emphasize international cooperation. As outlined in the Work Programme of the European Research Council, the institution will work with African countries in 2018 to research and understand issues such as food security and renewable energy which will contribute to a sustainable future.¹⁰⁸¹

On 28 September 2017, the European Commission implemented its External Investment Plan to increase foreign investment in Africa by providing EUR 4.1 billion to both developing and impoverished countries. The goal is to cultivate sustainable development and environmentally-friendly energy, provide financing to entrepreneurs and promote an inclusive economy that is accessible to both women and youth.¹⁰⁸²

The EU has supported the African Union Agenda 2063 in partnership with the African continent to provide the young generation with quality infrastructure, financial resources, and a sustainable future.

Thus, the EU receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sofia Lopez

¹⁰⁸⁰The European Union maintains its commitment to security and resilience in West Africa, European Commission (Brussels). 15 June 2017. Access Date: 3 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-1622_en.htm.

¹⁰⁸¹Commission to invest €30 billion in new solutions for societal challenges and breakthrough innovation, European Commission (Brussels). 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4122_en.htm.

¹⁰⁸²EU kick-starts its new EU External Investment Plan, European Commission (Brussels). 28 September 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEX-17-3545_en.htm.