

# KAMPALA COMMUNIQUE

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AFRO-ARAB YOUTH FESTIVAL 2008

KAMPALA-UGANDA

THEME:

**"YOUTH..PEACE..DEVELOPMENT"**



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**Kampala Communiqué**

**Preamble:**

**Considering** the vision and integration of the Arab and African peoples, to realize an Afro-Arab World representing absolute peace on the international scene.

**Guided** by the Universal Declaration on Human Rights of 1948, and the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights-1976, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of 1976, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights of 1986, and the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development of 1986, and the African Youth Charter of 2007 and the Arab Charter of Youth Rights of 1987 and Considering the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women of 1987.

**Recalling** the different forms of slavery, occupation and natural resource and the inhuman crimes on the rights of African and Arab peoples:

**We express** our conviction that the bigger population of the Afro-Arab people are composed of the youth and their ability to participate in the building of their societies, they are the source of strength to achieve perpetual development and peace in Africa and the Arab world;

**Fully Aware** of the deep fear and worry being experienced by Afro-Arab youth ranging from being sidelined, to unemployment, effects on HIV/AIDS, poverty, hunger, illiteracy, poor health, wars and gender inequalities.

**Welcoming, saluting and acknowledging**, Brother Qadhafi's projects for youth, children and women as a great developmental project which contribute to the rise of the African Continent.

**WE THE AFRO-ARAB DELEGATES ASSEMBLES IN KAMPALA BETWEEN 7<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008 TO DISCUSS ISSUES THAT AFFECT US AS YOUNG PEOPLE, AGREE THAT:**

1. African and Arab Youth should consolidate partnerships between them for Unity, Peace and Development.
2. Youth participation in Political and Social Development should be engaged.
3. Afro Arab youth should promote dialogue among themselves with an aim of promoting mutual respect and understanding.
4. Resources should be mobilized and effectively managed for economic empowerment of youth in the Afro-Arab countries.

**MINDFUL** of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium Goals for Development and the UN program of Action for the Youth of the year 2000, and its recommendations,

**We call upon all Afro-Arab youth to:**

1. Be cognizant of our common geographical, historical and common destiny vis a vis the virtual world which has no place for the weak.
2. Crystallize the common works of the Afro-Arab Youth Institutions as we advocate for their empowerment on concerted effort and lasting coordination.
3. Honor the agreed upon roles in building a sound and balanced society, through fully joining in human development initiatives in order to achieve education for all and health services for all.
4. Set up a committee as a mechanism to contribute to conflict resolution involving the youth in handling of crisis and civil wars particularly in Africa through encouraging the dialogue culture among the Afro-Arab youth and listening to the voice of wisdom and logic and entrenching the culture of peace and co-existence.
5. Oppose all forms of colonialism, occupation and domination of any country over another and would like to register solidarity with all the people in the world suffering as a result of wars against colonialism and occupation.
6. Support the holding of regular Afro-Arab fora where the youth could exchange ideas and experiences.
7. Declare war on HIV/AIDS by enhancing awareness programmes and promoting the culture of abstinence before marriage among the Afro-Arab youth.
8. Adhere to the UN Action Plans for youth2000 and other plans prioritising poverty eradication, employment creation, health provision, environmental protection, addressing drug addiction, addressing drop out from school, girls and youths, participation in decision making, increasing access to Information Communication Technologies in the African Continent and the Arab world.
9. Consider the Afro-Arab youths in the diaspora as principal partners in sustainable development of their home countries.
10. Be committed to empowering the women and girl child as a principal partner in uplifting the Afro-Arab societies.
11. Recognise the abilities of the youth with special needs empower them and emphasize their role in society.

**We call upon the African and arab Governments to:**

1. Unite against recolonisation by promoting sustainable economic development in their countries.
2. Form the Afro Arab Alliance and strengthen the remationships between the Arabs ans Africans.We encourage other Arab States to join this spacious world.
3. Create a conducive environment to enable our youth to participate actively in decision making,stand against all forms of marginalization,povertry and stagnation and set priorities for social development in accordance with government plans.
4. Promote economic integration for self sustenance.
5. Strengthen and promote investments and common African and Arab markets to transform them towards sustained socio-economic development.
6. Create conducive environments for free flow of labour and capital in Afro-Arab Countries to reduce illegal immigrations.

**We urge the African Union and the Arab League to.**

1. Organize an Afro Arab Summit regularly since none has been organized since 1977.
2. Organize an Afro-Arab fora for youths under the wings of the Arab League and the African Union Summits.
3. Set up Institutional mechanisms for conflict resolution and management in the Afro-Arab Countries.
4. Promote the establishment of Afro Arab common market.
5. Afro Arab Youth Council sould be accorded observer status in the African Union and Arab League.

**We Urge UN** to amend their instruments and make structural adjustments to accommodate new changes and emerging issues considering the fact that more than two-thirds of the population of its current membership was born after drafting the United Nations Charter.

**These include:**

1. Transferring of power and authority of the Security Council to its General Assembly.
2. Giving Africa and Arab States a permanent seat in the Security Council.
3. Redefining the right of self determination and decision making to include the social,political and economic aspects.

**Reiterate an urge to UN agencies** working with and or related to youth activities to effectively work with afro-arab societies and organizations particularly in the areas of conflict resolution,education,environment,employment,illegal migration.

**Call for** writing off debts as a way of fair reparation for the evils of colonization.

**Note:**

Four Countries have offered to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Afro-Arab youth festivals.These include the Kingdom of Morocco, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Arab Republic of Syria and the Great Socialist Peoples'Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah. The AAYC will vet their potential and declare the winner in due course.

**The Afro Arab Youth Festivals shall take place every two years rotating between African and arab Countries.**

**We Thank**

**The youth and people of uganda and His Excellency the President Y.K Museveni for the success of these festivals.**

**We reconize the support given by Brother.Col.Muamar Al Qadhafi the Great Leader of the Revolution.**

**We also salute His Excellency Umar Hassan Al bashir the President of Sudan and custodian of the Assembly for his support and hosting of the AAYC secretariat.**