

# **AFRO-ARAB YOUTH (AAYC) CONGRESS**

#### THEME:

Amplifying Youth voices for Peace, Unity, and Prosperity

# NALUBAALE 10.10 (10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER) COMMUNIQUE



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(Adopted at the Afro-Arab Youth Congress – Kampala, Republic of Uganda, 2025)

#### Preamble

Guided by the spirit of Afro-Arab brotherhood and inspired by our shared belief in the transformative power of youth to shape a future founded on peace, unity, and prosperity,

We, the participants of the Afro-Arab Youth Conference, convened in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, under the theme: "Amplifying Youth Voices for Peace, Unity and Prosperity",7-10 October 2025;

Issue Nalubaale 10.10 as a collective call to action — to strengthen Afro-Arab cooperation, uphold human dignity, and empower youth to lead the way toward a just and sustainable future.

**Recalling** the longstanding historical, cultural, and civilizational ties that bind our regions, and reaffirming our common commitment to justice, peace, and sustainable development;

**Acknowledging** the vital and transformative role of youth as agents of positive change, social innovation, and inclusive growth in our societies;

**Recognizing** the importance of fostering mutual respect, solidarity, and equitable cooperation among Afro-Arab nations, especially in the face of global challenges, regional instability, and persistent inequalities;

**Guided** by the principles enshrined in the Charters of the African Union and the League of Arab States, and the universal values of human dignity, dialogue, and collective responsibility;

**Determined** to promote youth empowerment, intercultural exchange, and participatory governance through structured dialogue, joint initiatives, and sustainable partnerships;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> the Nalubaale 10.10 communique draws its name from the original Ugandan name for Lake Victoria, Nalubaale, symbolizing life, unity, and resilience. Released during the Afro-Arab Youth initiatives, this communique reflects our commitment to youth empowerment, sustainable development, and strengthening cooperation across Arab and African countries. The "10.10" denotes the date of adoption, marking a milestone in fostering cross-cultural dialogue, inclusive participation, and regional solidarity among youth organizations from member states of the African Union and the Arab League.



**Affirming** the strategic necessity of building a cohesive Afro-Arab identity rooted in shared values, respect for diversity, and a common future;

#### We resolve to:

- 1. Thank **H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda and Patron of the AAYC** for his acceptance to be Patron, his generous support to the council, and for authorizing the signing of the Host Country Agreement between the AAYC and the Government of Uganda;
- 2. Appreciate the donation of the 50 acres of land by H.E. the President to the AAYC and thank H.E. the President and the Government of Uganda for this step;
- 3. Receive and approve the architectural designs of the AAYC international headquarters;
- 4. Note and appreciate the appointment of Rt. Hon. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda as the Special Envoy to H.E. the President on AAYC issues;
- 5. The Executive Committee of the Afro-Arab Youth Council decide to hold the General Assembly in 2026, coinciding with either the annual AAYC anniversary or International Youth Day, on a date to be determined by the host country to ensure broad and effective participation.
- 6. The Committee also proposed extending the mandate of the current Secretary General, Dr. Abbas Agaba, beyond the next General Assembly to ensure continuity and provide guidance and support to the incoming leadership;
- 7. The General Council of the Afro-Arab Youth Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, decided to hold its next session in January 2026 in Benghazi, while opening membership to national youth councils, youth organizations of political parties, volunteer associations, and persons with disabilities from member states of both the Arab League and the African Union, ensuring inclusive representation, transparency, and active participation of all youth stakeholders;
- 8. Authorize the amendments to the constitution to institutionalize the role of the Patron, Co-Patron, Custodian and other amendments.

#### Further,

#### I. FOR PEACE

- 1. We reaffirm that lasting peace is the foundation of human dignity and sustainable development;
- 2. The participants reaffirm that the Palestinian cause remains the central issue of the Arab nation and a moral imperative for the Afro-Arab conscience, and we express our full solidarity with the Palestinian people in their legitimate struggle for freedom;
- 3. We call for respect of national sovereignty and territorial integrity, and reject all forms of external interference and conflicts that undermine stability;
- 4. We recognize the central role of youth in peacebuilding, mediation, and national reconciliation, as key agents of conflict prevention and promoters of tolerance;

- 5. We argue for the peaceful resolution of political conflicts and appeal for cease fire in the different areas under war as a step to peace;
- 6. We request H.E. the President and their Colleague Heads of State to mediate for peace and peaceful coexistence between the warring parties in Libya, DRC, Sudan and other countries;
- 7. The Afro-Arab Youth Council affirms the unity, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Libya, and emphasizes the importance of achieving the national reconciliation project based on respecting the will of the Libyan people and its legitimate institutions elected by the House of Representatives and the Libyan government and on the importance of the role of the Libyan Armed Forces in establishing security and stability in Libya, and that the solution to the Libyan crisis should be Libyan–Libyan, while rejecting all forms of foreign interference;
- 2. The Sudanese Youth Council (SYC), which was founded in 2019, as the sole member organization representing Sudanese youth within the Afro-Arab Youth Council, commends the latter's efforts and its continued fulfillment of its mission and activities from its official headquarters in Kampala, the capital of Uganda. The SYC reaffirms its full support for the AAYC and its endeavors to strengthen Afro-Arab cooperation in the fields of youth and development.
- 3. In this context, the Afro-Arab Youth Congress expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Sudan for hosting and supporting its headquarters during the previous period. It also calls upon all Sudanese parties to end the ongoing conflict and engage in an inclusive national dialogue that prioritises the supreme interests of the nation, safeguards Sudan's unity, sovereignty, and stability, and respects the aspirations of its youth and the will of the Sudanese people.
- 1. We propose the establishment of an "Afrabia Observatory for Peacebuilding" to promote dialogue, collaboration, and innovative peace initiatives among young leaders across both regions.

## II. For Unity

- 1. We believe that Afro-Arab unity is not merely a political aspiration but a historical duty and moral mission that reinforces our collective strength;
- 2. We call for enhanced cultural, educational, and media exchanges among Arab and African youth to deepen mutual understanding and solidarity;
- 3. We encourage the inclusion of youth in regional frameworks such as the African Union, the League of Arab States, the Arab African Council for Socio-Economic Development and the Gulf Cooperation Council, as full partners in policy design and implementation;
- 2. The Afro-Arab Youth Congress believes that culture represents a fundamental pillar for achieving Afro-Arab unity, serving as the deepest bridge for communication between

peoples and as an effective tool to reinforce shared values, positive diversity, and mutual understanding;

1. On this basis, the Council has announced the establishment of the "Afrabia Exhibition Center", which will serve as a regional platform specialized in organizing cultural, artistic, and academic exhibitions, as well as joint economic events between Arab and African countries.

### **III. For Prosperity**

- 1. We affirm that economic empowerment of youth and women is a cornerstone of inclusive development and social justice;
- 2. We urge governments and regional institutions to create Afro-Arab Funds for Entrepreneurship and Innovation to promote job creation and equitable growth;
- 3. The Afro-Arab Youth Congress underscores the importance of activating the **Afro-Arab** Fund for Partnership & Cooperation (AAFPC) as a strategic tool to support joint youth initiatives across Arab and African countries;
- 4. We encourage joint vocational and technical training programs between Arab and African countries, aimed at equipping young people with market-relevant skills, fostering innovation, and promoting employability, including through initiatives such as **AFRABIA BizConnect**, which serves as a platform for networking, mentorship, and business collaboration among young entrepreneurs;
- 5. We call for stronger public-private partnerships to expand digital transformation, foster innovation, and provide decent employment opportunities for young people;

#### **IV. For Youth Empowerment**

We propose the establishment of **AFRABIA NextGen Hub**, a flagship initiative dedicated to empowering Arab and African youth as the driving force of today's transformation. The Hub will focus on:

- 1. Reaffirming that youth are not only the future but also the engine of present-day change;
- 2. Supporting the creation of national and continental youth advisory councils to institutionalize youth participation in governance and public policy;
- 3. Promoting leadership, active citizenship, and volunteerism programs that foster responsibility, creativity, and social innovation among young people;
- 4. Encouraging the integration of digital skills, artificial intelligence (AI), and emerging technologies into youth training programs to prepare them for future jobs, stimulate innovation, and advance entrepreneurship in the digital economy;
- 5. Supporting AI-driven mentorship platforms and e-learning initiatives to enhance access to education, career guidance, and peer-to-peer learning across the Afro-Arab regions.

### V. For Afro-Arab Cooperation

1. We affirm that Afro-Arab cooperation is a bridge for shared progress and peace;

- 2. We call for the revival of Afro-Arab Youth Summits and regular forums to monitor progress and assess commitments;
- 3. We propose the creation of the **AFRABIA Green Center** as a regional hub to empower Arab and African youth in green skills and sustainable development;
- **4.** Recognizing the growing importance of migration and mobility as key issues shaping Afro-Arab relations and global development, we propose the establishment of the **Afro-Arab Observatory on Migration and Human Mobility (AAOMHM)**

#### VI. Acknowledgement

- 1. We express our deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, Patron of the AAYC, for his visionary leadership, unwavering commitment to youth empowerment, and for graciously hosting and supporting the Afro-Arab Youth Council and the proceedings of this historic conference. His dedication to peace, unity, and sustainable development across Africa stands as an enduring source of inspiration to young generations on both continents.
- 2. We also salute H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya and His Highness the President of the United Arab Emirates, who, through their representation and contributions today, have reaffirmed their commitment to the Afro-Arab youth agenda.

#### Conclusion

From Kampala – the Land of Peace and African Renewal, the youth of Africa and the Arab world raise a united appeal to their leaders and peoples, to make our continents a beacon of just peace, effective unity, and shared prosperity. We believe that investing in youth is the strongest guarantee of sovereignty, progress, and dignity for future generations.

Let this Kampala Appeal stand as a testament to our shared conviction that the destiny of our peoples is one built on peace, unity, and hope.

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By: The Afro-Arab Youth Council

