Priorities of the Egyptian Chairmanship of the African Union

On 10 February 2019, Egypt was elected as Chairman of the African Union (AU) for one year. During its Chairmanship, Egypt is focusing on a number of interrelated priorities to enhance peace, security and development in the continent, including by advancing Agenda 2063, Silencing the Guns Initiative and the operationalization of African normative frameworks.

**PEACE AND SECURITY**
- Operationalizing the AU Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) Policy, including through the establishment of the AU Center for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (AUC-PCRD) in Cairo.
- Enhancing African capacities in conflict prevention, resolution and mediation, including the African Women Mediators Network (FemWise).
- Enhancing African capacities in peacekeeping, including reviewing the doctrine and modalities of deployment of the African Standby Force (ASF) and enhancing other response mechanisms to crises.
- Reinforcing continental cooperation to defeat terrorism and to prevent extremism conducive to terrorism.
- Strengthening UN-AU Partnership in matters of peace and security.

**INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL REFORM OF THE AU**
- Continuing the institutional and financial reform of the AU.
- Enhancing the capabilities of regional economic groups as the building blocks of the African Economic Community.
- Developing an integrated system to evaluate performance and accountability, as well as reinforcing transparency.

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION**
- Expediting ratification of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) to enter into force during Egypt’s chairmanship.
- Supporting the execution of infrastructure projects in Africa, to contribute to achieving economic and regional integration, as well as promoting intra-African trade.
- Creating and improving employment opportunities for African youth.
- Developing the African manufacturing system and regional value-added chains.
- Achieving food security, including by developing the African agricultural system and expanding fishery projects.

**THE ASWAN FORUM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**
- Launching the first of its kind high-level platform to address the interlinkages between development, peace, and security.

**BUILDING BRIDGES OF CULTURAL AND CIVILIZATION COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE AFRICAN PEOPLE**
- Supporting and expanding African cultural events.
- Supporting cultural exchange between African countries.