



AFRICA CONTINENTAL SUMMIT DECLARATION

NIAMEY, NIGER 2019

Building a Peaceful and Prosperous Africa Centered on Universal Values

We, the participants in the **Africa Continental Summit – Niger 2019** sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, in partnership with the Government of Niger, and convened in Niamey, Niger on November 27-30, 2019, recognize the importance of Africa, and its great potential to rise as a unified continent that manifests values of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

With great appreciation we applaud the leadership of H.E. Issoufou Mahamadou, President of Niger, and President of ECOWAS, and his support for this **Africa Continental Summit – Niger 2019**. His leadership has brought great advances not only to the people of Niger, but also to the African Union member states, to the Sahel nations and to ECOWAS. He richly deserves the “Leadership and Good Governance” Award which he received on November 29, 2019 during the “Festival of Family Renewal for Peace.”

We acknowledge with great appreciation the work of the Founders of the Universal Peace Federation, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who have worked to promote peace throughout the world, establishing a wide range of organizations and initiatives to engage all sectors of society including government, religion, academia, media, arts, business and civil society. They have led a worldwide movement of spiritual and moral renewal, centering on the ideal of the God-centered family, and guided by the vision that all human beings are members of one family under one God: One Family Under God.

Through a series of recent Summits in Africa carried out in 2018 and 2019 in Senegal, South Africa, and Sao Tome, UPF’s founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, has invested intensively in efforts to contribute to peace and development in Africa. Dr. Moon has described Africa as “the shining continent of the future.” Through the Universal Peace Federation, she proposed the “Blessed Africa Initiative” which includes numerous initiatives aimed toward peace and development, and which has been recognized and affirmed during the opening plenary of our Summit.

We are living at a time of many challenges that exist on many levels, socially, politically, morally, spiritually, and economically. We recognize that the arc of history is also shifting, and that Africa is prominently emerging on the world stage as a continent of hope and opportunity. As this shift takes place we affirm the following:

All human beings are endowed by God with value and dignity and should be respected as members of one human family; we are one family under God.

The family is the foundation of society, serving as the school of love, of ethics, and of values, and should be respected, protected, and strengthened.

In order to build strong, stable, and productive institutions—governments, corporations, religious organizations, civil society associations—principles of good governance should be practices, guided especially by the principle of living for the sake of others.

Acknowledging that our oceans are precious resources that sustain life on this planet, the creation of one God, the oceans must be protected and preserved, along with the entire natural world around us. This is our home, our garden, given to us by God.

Endorse the Blessed Africa Initiative that is guided by universal values, and which contributes to interdependence and mutual prosperity for Africa, and we encourage its prompt implementation, for the sake of the people of Africa and in support of the Africa Continental Free Trade Zone ratified during the African Union Summit, convened in Niamey, Niger earlier this year.

We recognize that the world has too often been devastated by conflict among peoples and nations. The last century witnessed war on a colossal scale, bringing widespread death and destruction, a catastrophe that no one wants to see repeated. UPF's Founders, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, worked throughout their lives to establish a peace coalition or league among nations.

Recently at the 2nd Asia Pacific Summit, convened at the Peace Palace, the Office of the Prime Minister, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on November 19, 2019, with the support of H.E. Prime Minister Hun Sen and the government of Cambodia, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon introduced a proposal to develop an Asia Pacific Union. We applaud and endorse the call for an Asia Pacific Union centered on universal values and dedicated to peace and development, and we consider it consistent with the "Blessed Africa Initiative" which we also affirm.

We urge the peoples and nations of Africa, together with other nations of the world, to dedicate themselves to peace and development through the Blessed Africa Initiative, guided by universal values and dedicated to interdependence and mutual prosperity. The Blessed Africa Initiative will help assure harmony, peace, mutual prosperity, and sustainable development throughout the entire region and the world.

We participants, on this day of November 28, 2019, hereby endorse and affirm this Africa Continental Summit Declaration.