



BACKGROUND

The Institutional Reform of the African Union

Under the leadership of H.E. Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda

“We have everything needed to succeed. To fail Africa again would be unforgiveable.”
Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda

- Decision on the Institutional Reform of the African Union Assembly/AU/Dec.606 (XXVII) (2017)
- Realigned and re-energised African Union

- PREVIOUS**
- **2007** Adedeji Report
 - **2016** Mekelle Report

4 Action areas:

1 FOCUS
on key priorities

Recommendations

- Reduce priority areas to: political affairs, peace and security, economic integration, and Africa's global representation and voice
- Clear division of labour between AU, RECs, RMs, member states, etc.

2 REALIGN
AU institutions

Currently

8 Commission Directorates	21 Departments and officers
11 AU organs	31 Specialised technical agencies (STAs),
20 High-level committees	↑ Increase AU relevance to citizens

Recommendations

- Re-evaluate structure
- Lean senior leadership
- Audit of bureaucratic inefficiencies
- Quotas for youth, women and private sector
- Establish African Volunteer Corps
- Implement African passport
- Review **AU** organs: **NEPAD, APRM, Pan-African Parliament (PAP)**, etc.

3 MANAGE
the AU efficiently

Recommendations

- Reform working methods of Summit
- Strengthen and enforce sanctions mechanism
- Competitive recruitment
- Role of deputy Chairperson > Chief Operating Officer

4 FINANCE
the AU sustainably and by AU member states

AU budget **more than 50% funded by donors**

AU programmes **97% donor funding**

2014	2015	2016	2017
\$308 million	\$393 million	\$417 million	\$439 million

A high-level panel of Heads of State and Government should be put in place to supervise the implementation process

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