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My Commitment to Africa's Economic Growth and Integration

Africa is on the path to economic transformation, and the African Union must accelerate efforts to strengthen trade, industrialization, infrastructure, and financial sovereignty. My candidacy for the position of Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry, and Mining at the African Union is anchored in my deep commitment to regional integration, economic resilience, and sustainable industrialization.



A Pan-African Vision for Economic Transformation

Key Pillars of My Vision



- Drive full implementation of AfCFTA to expand intra-African trade across all RECs.
- Ensure the seamless integration of regional trade blocs into the AfCFTA framework.
- Work with AfCFTA Secretary-General Wamkele Mene to fast-track the elimination of trade barriers.
- Promote Africa's manufacturing sector and develop competitive regional value chains.
- Strengthen industrial policies that align with regional economic strengths.
- Foster technology transfer and industrial clusters across all RECs.
- Promote responsible and sustainable mineral resource management across all RECs.
- Develop policies to enhance local beneficiation and mining value chains.
- Strengthen partnerships between governments, private sector actors, and regional bodies.
- Support the establishment of the Africa Credit Rating Agency for fairer assessments of African economies.
- Strengthen Africa's financial institutions, including the African Monetary Fund and the African Investment Bank.
- Develop financing mechanisms for industrialization, infrastructure, and MSMEs.



Tailored Strategies for Regional Economic Communities (RECs)



- Enhance trade integration by aligning ECOWAS trade policies with AfCFTA.
- Promote value addition in agriculture, energy, and mining sectors.
- Strengthen MSME support programs to drive entrepreneurship in the region.



- Deepen industrialization efforts by leveraging South Africa's manufacturing capacity.
- Strengthen mining cooperation to increase regional beneficiation of mineral resources.
- Facilitate digital transformation to boost e-commerce and regional value chains.



- Expand regional trade corridors for increased connectivity and logistics efficiency.
- Encourage investment in infrastructure to enhance industrial productivity.
- Strengthen financial institutions to support SME financing and regional integration.



- Support East Africa's leadership in innovation, trade, and digital transformation.
- Facilitate industrial linkages between agriculture and agro-processing industries.
- Promote integration of transport and logistics infrastructure for seamless trade.



- Strengthen economic governance and improve access to financing for businesses.
- Support industrial diversification beyond oil and extractive industries.
- Facilitate cross-border trade and supply chain integration within the region.



- Strengthen trade and investment frameworks for regional stability.
- Promote sustainable resource management to enhance food security.
- Develop cross-border infrastructure projects to improve economic resilience.



- Promote greater regional trade and investment across North Africa.
- Strengthen cooperation in renewable energy, particularly solar and wind power.
- Facilitate deeper integration of North African industries with continental markets.



Proven Leadership in Economic Development

With over 25 years of experience in economic development, trade, and industrial policy, I have successfully led initiatives such as:

- **PIDA (Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa):** Facilitated large-scale infrastructure projects to connect African markets.
- **PICI (Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative):** Mobilized investment for cross-border infrastructure.
- **AfCFTA Implementation:** Strengthened regional trade policies and institutional frameworks.
- **MSME Development:** Advocated for stronger financial support mechanisms for African entrepreneurs.

Strategic Priorities for the Next Five Years

- Strengthen trade and industrial policies to boost economic growth.
- Enhance regional integration by aligning REC priorities with AfCFTA goals.
- Develop sustainable financing mechanisms for industrialization and trade.
- Promote economic diversification and job creation across all regions.



Why This Candidacy Matters

Africa's economic transformation requires visionary leadership, strong partnerships, and dedicated execution. With my extensive experience, I am committed to ensuring that Africa's development agenda translates into concrete benefits for all AU Member States and Regional Economic Communities.

Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient Africa.

I seek your support to turn this vision into reality.

