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An Invitation to Integral Human Development



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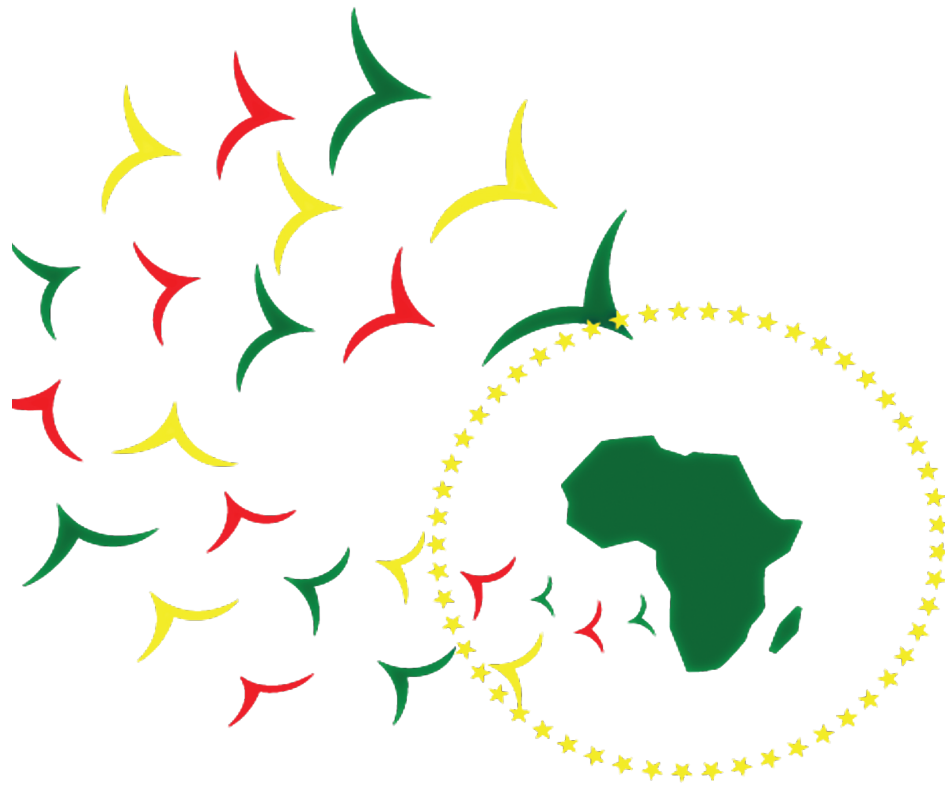
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**President Nana Addo-Dankwa  
Akkufo Addo**

Addressing the Jamaican Diaspora  
in June, 2019

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**Marcus Mosiah Garvey  
1887 - 1940**

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## THE DIASPORA & AFRICA



President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya visits Prime Minister Andrew Holness of Jamaica

The continued presence of foreign hegemony in Africa has forced continental leadership to build a unique relationship with the African Diaspora. The Diaspora consists of two very distinct groups:

- (i) recent migrants from Africa, and
- (ii) the historic Diaspora in Europe and the Americas from the era of European slavery and colonialism.

Recent migrants from Africa have been able to bolster the African economy through remittances sent directly back to their family on the continent. This group has since become the largest contributor to Africa's development, with their remittances being greater than the inflows of foreign aid and foreign direct investment to Africa.

African leadership has also been courting the historic Diaspora, particularly in the Caribbean and Latin America where there remains unlimited potential for new economic relations in South-South trade.

The African Union defines the Diaspora as “people of African origin living outside the continent, irrespective of their citizenship and nationality and who are willing to contribute to the development of the continent and the building of the African Union.” Its constitutive Act further declares that it “invite and encourage the full participation of the African diaspora as an important part of our continent, in the building of the African Union.”

*On August 1, 2019, the Economic Community of States, Territories, and Realms of the African Diaspora Sixth-Region (ECO-6) was launched by its inaugurating member states within the historic Diaspora. The mandate of ECO-6 is to establish the global Diaspora as the continents foremost trading partner.*

This consolidation between recent African migrants and the historic Diaspora reflects the African Union's designation of the Diaspora as its Sixth-Region.

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This new paradigm of cooperation between Africa and the Diaspora is a positive development for the global African family. It hints to the potential for long-term success in AGENDA 2063: A future in which Africa and the Diaspora are united: And a future of growth and prosperity written for Africans by Africans.

## THE DIASPORA, AFRICA AND EUROPE A New Beginning

The greatest threat to the aspirations of the global African family is climate change. For continental Africa, and also for the regions of the Caribbean and Latin America where the Diaspora populations are largest, climate change continues to impact our ecology at a rate that is quicker than our social systems can adapt.

Africans contribute the least towards global carbon emissions, yet Africans living on small-islands are the worst affected by rises in the sea level which occur as a result of climate change. For this reason, ECO-6 has designated climate change and the development of renewable energy infrastructure as its first order of business.

Climate change is not only a problem for Africa: it is the greatest threat to humanity in the 21st Century. It is a collective and global challenge that must be taken seriously and acted upon immediately.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns that we must ensure the limited increase of the planet's surface temperature to 1.5°C degrees within 10 years to avoid the destruction of the majority of tropical coral reefs, the rapid advancing of the Sahara desert, and the regression of the world's primary glaciers.



**ECO-6 Chairman for the House of Chiefs**  
His Majesty Chief Semako I (middle) visits  
**Ghana's Director for Diaspora Affairs**  
Mr. Akwasi Awua Ababi (left) and  
**Ghana's Minister for Business Development,**  
Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Awal (right)

Since the industrial revolution, man-made climate change has already resulted in global warming of 1°C which has been the cause of extreme meteorological events such as drought, flooding, rising sea levels, and hurricanes. The climate crisis has already reached drastic proportions that demand immediate and unprecedented action.

This Climate Peace Pact is put forth as the foundation of a new era of cooperation between Africa and the world in general, but Europe in particular.

At their closest geographical points, Africa and Europe are separated by a mere 14.5 kilometers. As neighbours, we are logical trade partners with an already established and complex past together. This new era of cooperation will be

defined as a partnership between equals that encompasses all spheres of economic, political, and cultural engagements. However, with the social and economic systems of both continents at risk from climate related impacts, we must also recognize that any new long-term commitments to each other are meaningless until we stabilize the associated risks of climate change.

Continental Africa contributes less than 4% to global green house gas emissions and the Caribbean less than 1%. In this context, it is necessary to make a clear distinction between the mandate of Europe to decrease her carbon emissions, and the mandate of African leaders not to create new emissions while pursuing necessary developmental policies.

By the year 2030, Europe must radically reduce her carbon emission footprint as well as continue to increase pressure on other industrialized nations to do the same.

It is in the necessity of sustainable development that ECO-6 recognizes the chance to adopt a completely clean and green energy strategy as the cornerstone for future economic development across continental Africa, and as the foundation for a new era of economic cooperation between Africa and Europe. This era shall start with the common pursuit of diverse, reliable, affordable, renewable and clean energy.

## 100GW RENEWABLE ENERGY COOPERATION

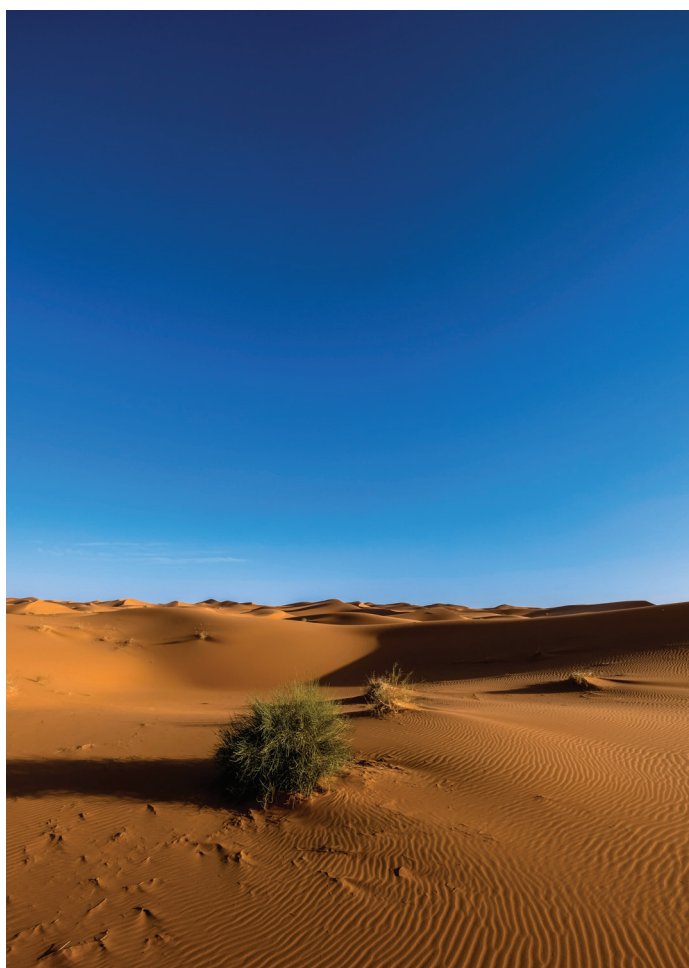
ECO-6 has established the LUMI African Diaspora Bond (LADB) to finance the development of 100GW of reliable and clean energy across continental Africa using both centralized and decentralized applications.



In support of this Climate Peace Pact, it is proposed that 33% of the generated capacity be exported to Europe to help reduce her carbon emissions.

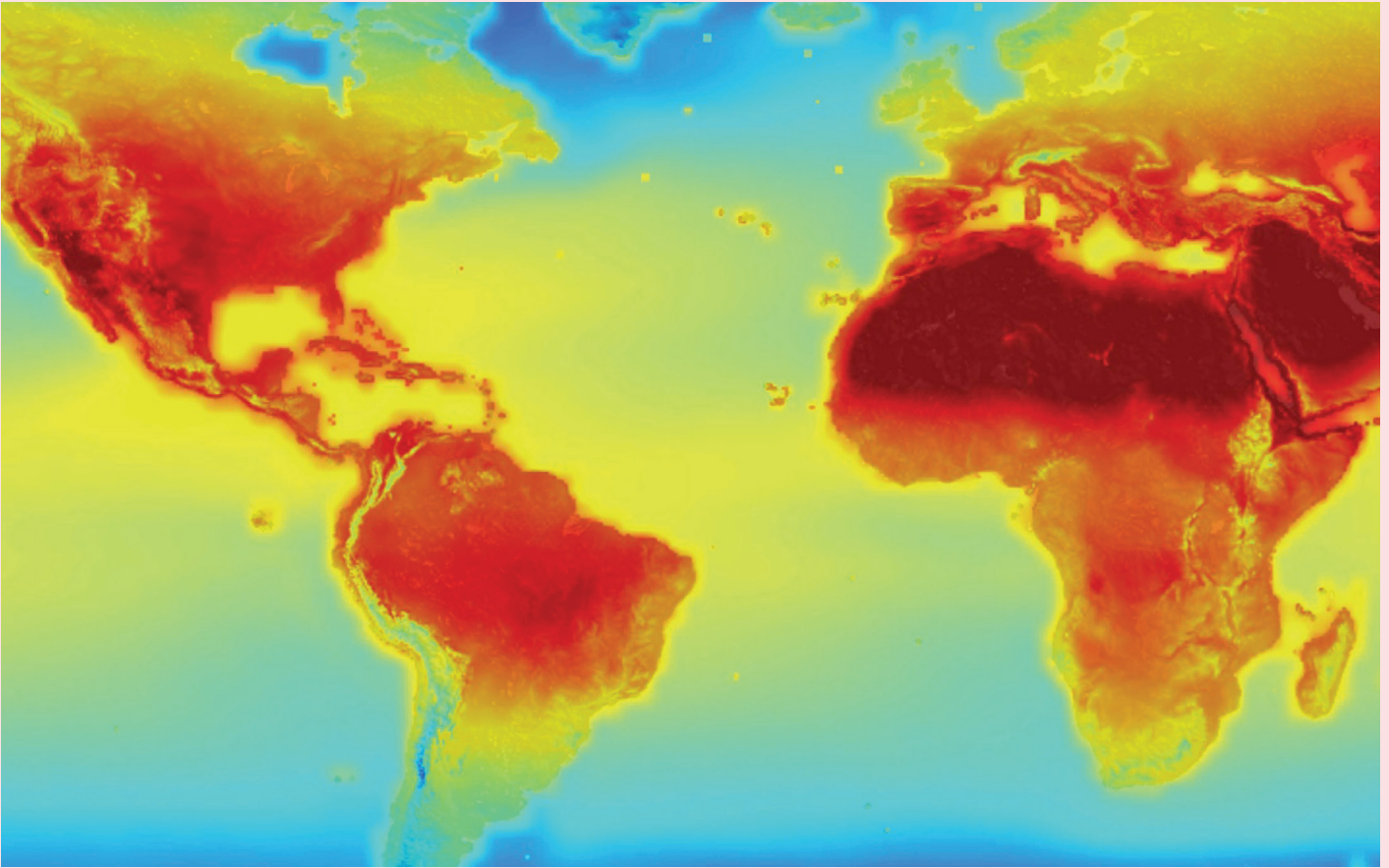
## AFRICAN DESERTS

The largest accessible form of energy on earth is solar energy as found in the deserts of Africa. The amount of African solar irradiation has already been thoroughly measured by scientists, and it is well-known that the entire annual energy consumption of the world can be produced in less than 1% of the desert. Consequently, any conceivable amount of energy demanded from



Africa and Europe could be easily produced from solar energy in the desert. The African desert is the least used source of energy in the world, even though it is both the largest and most accessible form of energy available. This is why the Diaspora has combined climate change and energy production as cornerstone to the new era of economic partnership with Europe.

ECO-6 understands that by establishing a common pursuit between Africa and Europe



in sustainable and carbon emission free energy systems, we not only tackle climate change but also open the window of opportunity for human social development and technological change, whereby many young Africans have the ability to benefit from an expansive commitment to knowledge based on alternative energy solutions.

## THE INVITATION

The African Diaspora invites the European Union and her

partners in business, civil society, church, and science, to join us in building a secure and common renewable energy regime as the starting point and foundation of a new era of cooperation between Europe and Africa.

This Climate Peace Pact is an invitation to partnership. It is an invitation to mutual benefit rather than exploitation. And it is an invitation towards a new approach in African-European business, communication, social interaction, and cross-cultural understanding.

This is a proposition by Africans for Africans, but more importantly it is a win-win scenario for Africa, Europe, and our planet.

Ultimately, this is an invitation to “human integral development” and collective social advance.

**JOIN US!**  
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