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On this momentous occasion of Africa Day 2025, we honour the visionaries of 1963 who dared to dream of a free, united, and dignified Africa. Today, more than ever we confront the unfinished work that lies before us. This year's theme, "Justice and Reparations for People of African Descent", compels us to reflect on scars left by centuries of exploitation, displacement, and colonial fragmentation, but also on the responsibility we carry to repair ourselves from within.

Africa's house is not yet in order. From the corridors of governance to the streets of our cities and villages, we face a sobering truth. Too many of our governments are still plagued by division, tribalism, and the failure to deliver justice, opportunity, and dignity to their citizens. Millions of our young people remain unemployed, not for lack of potential, but because of broken systems and policies that serve power over people. We cannot speak of unity or invite our brothers and sisters in the diaspora to return home if we have not yet built a home worthy of return, a home whose future is currently not certain for its own future generations.

We must ensure that Pan-Africanism is more than a slogan. It must become a living commitment reflected in how we treat one another across borders, tribes, and languages. For true justice and reparations to take root, Africa must stand strong, united not only in word but in structure, in vision, and in governance.

Let us not repeat the mistakes of the past, where noble gestures were used to mask internal dysfunction or to serve agendas disconnected from the higher aspirations of African people.

Let us use this Africa Day not merely to celebrate but to recommit to a future rooted in accountability, sovereignty, and truth. For we have no second home. Africa is ours to heal, to defend, to build, and to restore so that our descendants inherit a continent we were bold enough to fix.

Long live Africa.
Long live the African Union.

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