

AFRICA FORWARD SUMMIT

AFRICA - FRANCE PARTNERSHIPS
FOR INNOVATION AND GROWTH



LIST OF POLITICAL DELIVERABLES

11 - 12 MAY, NAIROBI, KENYA



List of Africa Forward Summit political deliverables

GENERAL

- **Africa Forward Summit final declaration**
- **CEOs – Heads of State call to action**
- **A call to action from African countries to leading world economies**, recognizing the impact of excessive global imbalances on their economies and calling for them to be reduced. This call will be made by France and Kenya, co-presidencies of the Africa Forward Summit, at the G7 Summit in Évian in June 2026.
- **A joint declaration** reiterating the importance of building mutually beneficial partnerships, highlighting the private sector financing challenges in Africa and promoting all initiatives taken at the Summit to strengthen the African financial architecture, especially in terms of mobilizing private capital and guarantees.
- **Launch of the Africa-France Impact Coalition (AFIC)**, a permanent platform of over 40 leading African and French business leaders to scale up business partnerships and shared projects. These companies represent €100 billion in turnover and 600,000 jobs in Africa and are behind new announcements of €23 billion in investment in Africa. Regular dialogue with Heads of State and Government will fast track the implementation of cross investments.

AGRICULTURE

- Declaration of development donors' engagement in support of sustainable agriculture in Africa

Declaration of the engagement of African public banks and their development partners in support of sustainable agriculture in Africa. The declaration was drafted under the auspices of the African Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (AFRACA), with the support of the AFD and IFAD via the Finance in Common platform.

- Announcement of the extension of the FASA tool

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The FASA tool is a fund set up by a pan-African multi-donor initiative to raise finance for small and medium-sized agricultural businesses in Africa. France is joining this initiative with a first financial commitment. Eight private partners are also joining the initiative: Castel Group via its subsidiary Somdia, Roullier Group, Compagnie Fruitière, Passion Fruit and Serène Conseil, African merchant bank Financia Capital and Marc Debets, founder of APEXAGR I.

- Launch of the Proparco FARM+ initiative

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This programme to raise public and private capital by means of three pillars supported in particular by AFD subsidiary Proparco has three missions: (i) continue to support agricultural value chains, (ii) raise trade finance from African banks to secure agricultural flows, and (iii) scale up finance for fertilizers and support for the emergence of alternatives to synthetic fertilizers.

CULTURE

- Announcement of a permanent home and launch of a circle of sponsors for the Maison des Mondes Africains (MansA)

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Creation of a circle of sponsors for the Maison des Mondes Africains (MansA) and announcement of a prestigious, permanent venue on Avenue d'Iéna in the heart of Paris.

- Announcement by the CNC and other international partners of a partnership for African film production and training

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€1 million in support for African film production and training.

- Announcement of the enactment of the framework law on restitutions

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Promotion of the actions taken by France for the restitution of goods looted during the colonial period, in particular the framework act on the restitution of cultural goods unanimously passed by French Parliament on 7 May 2026.

BLUE ECONOMY

- Announcement of a major digital cable to be installed by 2030

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Orange Marine's Via Africa is a project to install a major submarine cable connecting France, Portugal and numerous African countries along the Atlantic coast. Orange Marine is the leading operator in the installation and repair of submarine cables on the continent. The system is scheduled to be put into service in 2030. A MoU has been signed by the first partners..

- Signature of partnerships on continuing education for merchant navy professions

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Signature of partnerships between the French Maritime Academy and Moroccan, Senegalese and Malagasy academies to offer exchange courses between students and continuing training departments in merchant navy and port infrastructure management professions.

- MoU between the Aga Khan Foundation and the AFD

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An MoU between the AFD and the Aga Khan Foundation in support of Tanzanian and Mayotte partners for actions in the blue economy, sustainable management of coastal ecosystems and resilience of their coastlines.

- Uchumi Bluu Project by the French Global Environment Facility

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In Zanzibar, Tanzania, the FGEF is funding a project conducted by a French NGO, Blue Alliance, to sustainably manage Marine Protected Areas (27,000 hectares of coral reefs) by developing blue economy social and inclusive enterprises. This project offers a guaranteed source of income to local populations (improving the livelihoods of 11,500 households and creating 225 new jobs). The project has a budget of €4.2 million, including €2.1 million from the *Global Fund for Coral Reefs* and a €1.5 million loan from BNP Paribas.

- The West African Development Bank's blue economy strategy

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The West African Development Bank (BOAD) has presented its investment strategy with €4 billion in concessional finance to leverage private finance for both port and maritime infrastructure and coastal protection projects. In this, it received Expertise France support from the West Africa Sustainable Ocean Programme (WASOP).

PEACE AND SECURITY

- Nairobi Declaration for Peace and Security in Africa

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Declaration by the co-chairs at the Africa Forward Summit's Peace and Security session.

AI AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

- Eutelsat's Konnect Africa Project

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This €76 million strategic investment with the support of the European Union will offer a sovereign broadband connection to 23 million people living in underserved rural areas.

- Digital Africa Seed Fund

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This seed fund has over €30 million earmarked to close the funding gap for African tech start-ups' early development phases and foster growth in local AI innovations.

- Africa Forward AI Clusters Network

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A world-class label uniting the leading African and French AI research and innovation clusters and their partners in seven African countries (Kenya, Ghana, Morocco, Egypt, South Africa, Benin and Cameroon), supported by a high-level cross-mobility scholarship scheme to train the next generation of leaders in AI.

- Orange Digital Centers

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Establishment of 50 new centres across the continent offering large-scale vocational and advanced training in AI, data and cybersecurity for young Africans.

- Africa-France-Taiwan modular data centres

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Development by Kenyan start-up Amini, Foxconn and Bull (former Eviden Supercalculators Division) of a new generation of modular data centres (1-5 MW) built for realities on the ground.

HEALTH

- Launch of the National Health Compacts for Ghana and Kenya

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National Health Compacts (NHCs) are country-led health platforms launched by the World Bank in December 2025 and showcased during the meeting on global health architecture, organized on the margins of the One Health Summit in Lyon by the French President. These platforms are the latest tool developed to give countries a national framework for specific reforms (for example, in primary care services or social protection). The NHCs for Ghana and Kenya will be launched at the Africa Forward Summit, where their respective governments will clarify their expectations so that all stakeholders can make the most of these coordination instruments. As part of efforts to reform the global health architecture and prevent fragmentation, these country-led platforms are a useful resource for addressing calls by the implementing countries to maintain their sovereignty and better align the actions of public donors, philanthropic actors and the private sector. NHCs are also highlighted within the development track under France's Presidency of the G7.

- Launch of the Africa Initiative for Medical Access and Manufacturing (AIM2030), a local production support initiative led by the World Bank.

AIM2030 is a flagship African initiative of the World Bank that seeks to improve access to medical products and double their local production in Africa by 2030, in support of the African Union's Agenda 2063. It will be rolled out on a pilot basis in nine African countries (Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Egypt and Morocco) and will promote resilience, equitable access to essential medicines, job creation and economic diversification. The initiative will generate hundreds of thousands of qualified jobs and contribute to training the next generation of African scientists and technicians. AIM2030, which is co-financed by the AFD, demonstrates a strong commitment to strengthening intra-African trade and the creation of a resilient, autonomous health system.

- Technical support for pharmaceutical companies in East Africa (Kenya and Uganda) via the AFD's Fund for Technical Expertise and Experience Transfers (FEXTE)

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This FEXTE programme, with €700,000 in financing, aims to develop a French partnership offer to support pharmaceutical industry development in East Africa and secure future investments. The programme will bring in experts from Expertise France (public-sector expertise) and Ginger INTERNATIONAL (private-sector expertise) with backgrounds in the pharmaceutical and biomedical industries and regulatory affairs to assist Kenyan and Ugandan manufacturers develop their production capacities and ensure compliance with international standards. In the medium term, this support will lead to formalized industrial partnerships with small and medium French companies as well as financial operations with Proparco (through an equity stake or loans). Support through the programme could be expanded to other countries, such as Rwanda and Tanzania. This FEXTE programme is a co-financing instrument under the World Bank's AIM2030 initiative.

- Technology transfer coordinated by Unitaid for local end-to-end production of Lenacapavir in South Africa for HIV prevention.

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South Africa, in partnership with Unitaid, has launched a process to identify South African manufacturers of Lenacapavir in injectable and oral pill forms which could benefit from technology transfer from the Indian generic drug manufacturer Dr. Reddy's Limited, with which Unitaid has an investment partnership agreement. The goal is to achieve end-to-end production of this next-generation HIV inhibitor in South Africa, from active ingredient supply (raw material) to the finished products. The partnership contract between Unitaid and the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) for Lenacapavir production in South Africa was signed at the Business Forum on 11 May..

- Reforms of Gavi's African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA)

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Two years on from the launch of the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA) in Paris, Gavi is undertaking a series of reforms totalling nearly US\$200 million, known as AVMA+. These investments seek to consolidate the AVMA mechanism by accounting for changes since its creation and guarantee that its large-scale commitments are upheld over the Gavi 6.0 cycle (2026–2030). These measures will include strong support for demand for vaccines produced in Africa and specific interventions aimed at the regional production ecosystem so African manufacturers can transition more quickly from the investment phase to production in sustainable markets.

- Launch of the innovation one-stop-shop for African health industries by the African Medicines Agency (AMA), modelled after the European Medicines Agency

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The AMA has established three key short-term priorities: (i) work towards the ratification of the AMA Treaty by all African countries, (ii) strengthen the regulatory capacities of national regulatory authorities across the continent, and (iii) support the local manufacturing of medical products. The AMA's SME & Innovation Office (innovation one-stop-shop) is currently being set up and will support SMEs that manufacture medical products in Africa by providing advice and early regulatory guidance, especially with regard to priority products for the AMA Treaty. This one-stop-shop will also encourage innovation and new product development in the industry by providing early and non-binding regulatory guidance, thereby reducing innovation-related risks and facilitating faster access to innovative products. Donors for this project include Unitaid (with initial seed funding of US\$200,000) and the European Commission.

SPORT

- Programmes for inclusion, education and youth empowerment through football

These programmes are implemented by civil society organizations financed by the AFD in informal settlements in Nairobi and the surrounding region to offer educational and inclusive activities for youth through football..

- Renovation of basketball courts through Basketball Experience, an educational programme co-financed by AFD and NBA Africa

This is a multi-country project (Morocco, Nigeria, Kenya and Senegal), financed by the AFD and NBA Africa and implemented by Expertise France, which provides educational activities through basketball in around 50 primary and secondary schools in each country.

- Announcement of the publication of a research report on sport in Africa by the AFD and the World Bank, with contributions from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)

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The AFD and the World Bank will publish a research report on sport in Africa on the margins of the Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games. This report, which draws on new data and analysis, will include contributions from the IOC, DBSA and IFC to share novel insights on the dynamics and opportunities in the world of sport in Africa.

- Announcement by FIFA of the number of football pitches created through the FIFA Arenas programmes

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During the Sport4SD Summit, FIFA announced the creation of 1,000 football pitches in schools around the world by 2030. The Africa Forward Summit will be an opportunity for FIFA to provide an update on its commitment and announce the official number of pitches that have been renovated to date.

- Announcement of continued decentralized cooperation between the city of Miramas, France, and Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Kenya

11 MAY – UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI SPORTS COMPLEX

The city of Miramas and Elgeyo-Marakwet County have been decentralized cooperation partners since 2024 with a view to strengthening training for track coaches and teachers by creating a Coaches' Association in the famous town of Iten, Kenya. Twelve coaches, including 8 women, were trained at sports clubs and associations in Miramas. They then shared their knowledge with 1,000 local Kenyan teachers. The city of Miramas is expected to announce the continuation of this partnership, which will be extended to new sports..