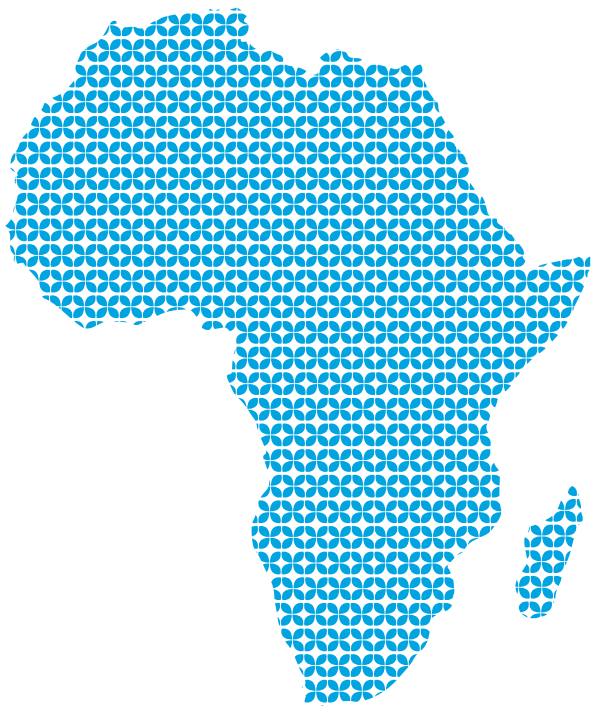


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## PEACE

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Germany is a reliable, credible and experienced partner for peace, security and stability. Conflict prevention, stabilisation and post-conflict peacebuilding are among the core pillars of our foreign policy. By providing highly trained civilian, military and police personnel, as well as technical resources, we support United Nations peacekeeping operations in Africa, Asia and Europe. A current focus is the mission in Mali. Germany contributes more than six percent of the funding for UN peacekeeping operations. It is important to note that our efforts extend far beyond the military domain. Establishing rule-of-law structures, increasing participation by women in conflict resolution and prevention, supporting the standby team of mediation experts, ensuring landmine and ordnance clearance and working to eliminate small arms and light weapons are some of Germany's priorities with a view to promoting peace.

Germany is a reliable advocate of the principle "African solutions for African challenges". In concrete terms, this involves working closely with African partners towards enhancing the effectiveness of African regional and multilateral organisations and institutions, as well as promoting activities in the fields of disarmament, security sector reform, crisis prevention, mediation and peaceful conflict resolution. The respective projects focus on promoting dialogue, capacity building for security forces and strengthening civil society. We support the establishment of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA), particularly the African Standby Force, as well as UN peacekeeping missions and APSA

maritime components. Projects are implemented in partnership with local and international NGOs, as well as with the African Union, the European Union and the United Nations. Moreover, Germany recently supported AU efforts to promote peace and stability by financing the construction of the recently opened Julius Nyerere Building, which houses the Department for Peace and Security of the African Union.





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## JUSTICE

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Germany is firmly committed to a rules-based international order, with the United Nations as its chief guarantor. Human rights are the foundation of our global coexistence. They are universal and indivisible. We firmly believe that there is a close correlation between protecting human rights and safeguarding peace and security. If the human rights dimension of a conflict is not identified early on, social and political discord will grow. Therefore we are committed to greater cooperation between the Security Council and the Human Rights Council. With the 2030 Agenda, the international community has agreed to promote peaceful and inclusive societies in line with the principle of sustainable development. With this in mind, we seek to advance economic, social and cultural rights, such as the right to water and sanitation.

Good governance and the rule of law are the cornerstones of effective state structures, open and inclusive societies and sustainable economic development. With more than 300 million euros spent in Sub-Saharan Africa alone, Germany is one of the largest donors in the field of good governance. With its promotion of rule of law initiatives, the German government supports peace processes and fragile states in Africa. It also seeks to generate local ownership while respecting the specific country context and international human rights standards, providing guidance and training for legal institutions as well as assistance in transitional justice efforts. Germany's support of the African Governance Architecture (AGA), the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR) and the Pan-African

Parliament underlines our commitment to good governance, democracy and human rights in Africa. Our approach seeks to strengthen institutional capacities on all levels as well as to support economic and social infrastructure. In all these projects, we focus on learning from one another, because cooperation is a two-way street.





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## INNOVATION

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The United Nations needs to keep pace with the rapidly developing global environment, as does each and every one of us. The globalisation of the world's economy, along with advances in digitalisation and environmentally friendly production, are creating unprecedented opportunities to boost growth in the world's least developed countries. This is why we support start-up entrepreneurs in Africa, why we are helping to establish self-sustaining renewable energy supplies, and why we are sponsoring the spread of new technologies, such as concentrating solar power. The 2030 Agenda as well as the Paris Climate Agreement point the way to how this can be achieved. Words must now be followed by deeds. As a founding member of the United Nations Environment Programme, we are ready to share our experiences in the field of renewable energy supplies. As one of the sustainable development objectives, equal and high-quality education is also a top German priority, because education drives innovation, development and peace.

Africa is a core partner of Germany in the field of education and research. A wide range of joint projects and programmes underlines this. German academics are currently co-operating with partners from more than 39 African countries and 500 institutions. In addition, there are as many as 550 university cooperation projects. We seek to expand and intensify these contacts, so as to create a sustainable and high-quality network. We can rely on the support of a large number of German education, research and intermediary organisations, such as the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD),

the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. Since 1992, the German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) has enabled more than 8,000 refugees, mostly in African states, to continue their post-secondary education, whereby they can provide fresh perspectives on, and foster self-help in, conflict-ridden regions. Recognising the enormous potential of African education and research, we also support education projects such as the DAAD African Centres of Excellence and binational universities.

Agriculture is the key to food security in Africa. We are helping to achieve food security in Africa by sharing our agronomic knowledge and our expertise. This also includes the efficient use of resources and the preservation of agricultural diversity and genetic resources. We intend to achieve the second Sustainable Development Goal of the Agenda 2030, zero hunger, by working together in a spirit of trust and with resourcefulness and economic engagement.





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## PARTNERSHIP

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In a shrinking world, concerted action by the international community is needed more than ever to address global challenges such as climate change. Germany has pledged to double its climate-related funding to at least 7.9 billion dollars per year by 2020. In response the largest movement of refugees and migrants in Europe since the Second World War, Germany is taking a just and humane approach. Moreover, Germany believes that development policy is an investment in our world's future, because it creates structures, promotes the exchange of knowledge and ideas, and helps people help themselves. By supporting numerous projects with funds totalling more than 13 billion dollars per year, Germany is the third- largest contributor to development cooperation with countries of the South.

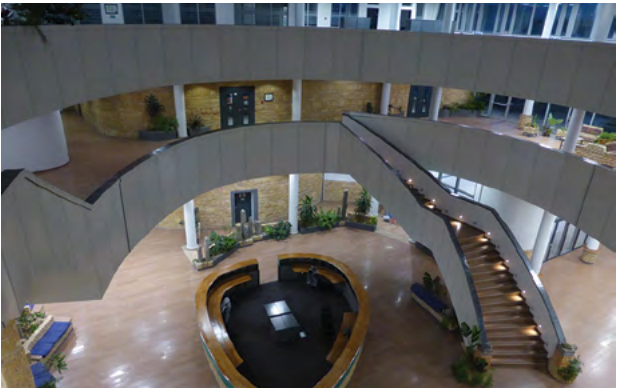
We view Africa as a continent of opportunity. German companies from the automotive, chemical and IT industries, and from many other sectors, invest in Africa. In our cooperation with African stakeholders, we focus on sustainable economic development and poverty reduction. Increased private investment and stronger business activity help raise employment levels and foster skill acquisition, adding value to African economies. Our cooperation takes many forms, from consultations on planning, implementing and steering economic reforms, to supporting regional economic integration and providing substantial loans and grants for infrastructure development. Examples include Germany's support of the African Ministers' Council on Water, which aims to improve transboundary water resources management and our energy partnerships with



Algeria, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia, which aim to tackle energy policy challenges and to develop a sustainable energy supply. The establishment of the Eastern African-German University of Applied Sciences will help create a model of vocational-oriented academic training in close cooperation with industry to boost employment among the young population. The University is intended to become part of the envisaged East African Community Common Higher Education Area. The German-African Business Summit in Nairobi in February 2017 is a perfect platform for future partnerships.

Health is our most important asset. It is a major focus of our work with African partners and features prominently on our agenda as the current holder of the G20 Presidency. Our cooperation is focused on strengthening national health systems, training the health care workforce and promoting sexual and reproductive rights. In addition to our bilateral engagement, we are tackling global challenges such as HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases through international organisations and funds including the WHO and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. German assistance for the health sector amounts to approximately 850 million euros per year.





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