



HOW CAN THE DECADE BEST BENEFIT AFRICA







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of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development



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Most Critical Issues hinder SDGs???

-  There is a concern over the massive pollution of ocean waters; **Plastics & Microplastics, chemical and agricultural runoff, oil, sewage ,solid waste , ships are contributing to the polluting of much of the continent’s natural resources-warns (source:AMWN; Nairobi BE Conference final remarks)”.**
-  **climate changes, ocean acidification, which lead to overexploitation of water resources and their related biodiversity; and affected human health and food security**
-  **Unequal distribution of Capacity between countries**
-  **In addition, a weak legal, policy, regulatory and institutional framework and poorly planned and unregulated coastal development exacerbate existing challenges.**

Why do we need Ocean Decade and have similar initiatives?



The High 5 for transforming Africa
pour transformer l'Afrique



Agenda 2030

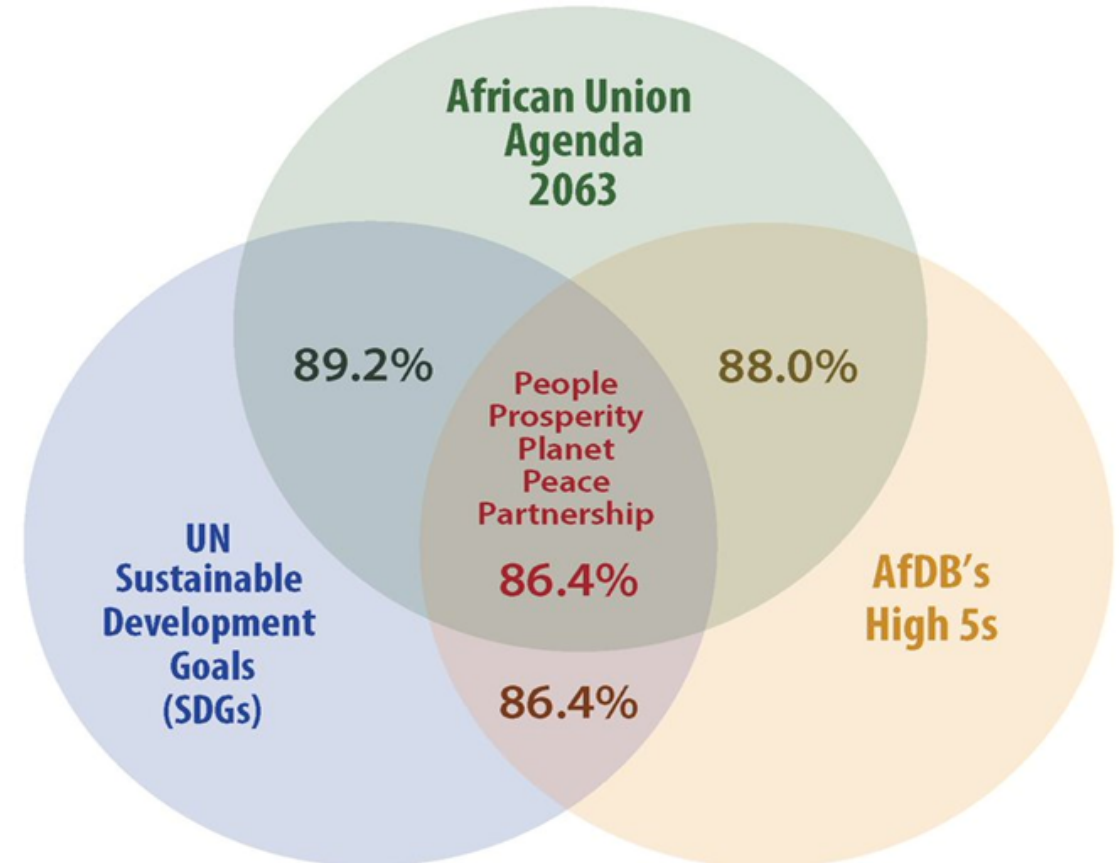


NOW It's the time for--- →

Africa we Want



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-  In Africa, 38 of 54 African are coastal states with over 47,000 km, coastline, this potentiality presents an enormous opportunity for the blue economy.
-  Over 90% of Africa's imports and exports transported by sea, making the continent a strategic gateway for international trade.
-  more than 12 million people are employed in fisheries sector and creating more than 200 million jobs of fisheries sector only, that generating value added estimated 1.26% of the GDP of all African countries..
-  the African blue economy sectors, providing food security and nutrition for over 200 million Africans .



AND: SO WHAT !!!!!!!

- ❁ Oceans contribute to sustainable development on all continents –While other countries and regions are harvesting the gains and returns from the blue economy--but, in most cases, Africa remains on the sidelines, looking on while others take action. (*Baffour Ankomah*).—*For example*; WA is estimated to be losing about \$2bn annually from illegal fishing (*Adejumobi lamented*).
- ❁ *Africa is still facing numerous challenges in developing the Blue Economy agenda, these range from financial barriers to limited access to technology which are preventing some states to fully implement their plans”.*

However, we are optimistic that most of these challenges can be met through UN Decade





How can Africa best benefit for the Decade?



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Our turning point is the UN Decade that can help to send the Africa along dynamic paths for Sustainable development focus on transition toward blue economy for advancing Africa's development.

Decade IP opens transformative possibilities of knowledge and of action to encapsulate “all the potentials of oceanic resources, to offer a platform for Africa’s transformation.



**How
can
Decade
take us
“from
Africa
to have
AFRICA
we
want”?**

- ➔ Expanding fisheries-aquaculture-tourism- and maritime which can help to **reduce African poverty** and enhance food and energy security, employment, economic growth and sustainable use of ocean resources.
- ➔ Harness the untapped potential of the oceans-seas, to improve the lives of all, particularly women, youth and indigenous peoples in Africa
- ➔ working closely on and support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 for Sustainable Development and the African Union’s Agenda 2063 are complementary and mutually supportive
- ➔ To leverage the latest innovations, scientific advances; capacity developed and best practices to build prosperity, while conserving ocean for future generations.

A final thought

*I am confident that
the prosperity for
Africa comes soon,
where I see winds of
hope is stronger than
ever*



***Speak with one voice in
global affairs***



*Thank you for your
attention*