



American Model United Nations

Economic Commission for Africa

ECA/II/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic Commission for Africa

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The Economic Commission for Africa

1 *Recognizing* the ongoing efforts and progress made within each African nation
2 towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the significant amount of work
3 that still must be done to successfully achieve the MDG's targets by 2015,

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5 *Bearing in mind* the effects of the global economic situation on growing African
6 economies,

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8 *Fully aware* that updated, reliable data plays an integral role in the MDG process,

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10 *Taking into consideration* that there is a lack of awareness and engagement among
11 the general populace of local African communities, the key actor in making the
12 achievement of the MDGs a reality,

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14 *Acknowledging* that the half-way point to the 2015 target has passed and that there
15 is a dire need to approach the MDGs through strong, integrated stratagems,

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17 *Observing* the capability of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to assist
18 African nations with developing effective and sustainable poverty reduction strategies,

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20 *Emphasizing* the need to develop more efficient information gathering and sharing
21 networks both within domestic states, and among the member states of Regional
22 Economic Communities` (RECs),

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24 1. *Encourages* all member states to integrate a holistic road map towards
25 achieving the MDGs within their national development strategies, including Poverty
26 Reduction Strategy Papers, to ensure governmental participation and commitment to the
27 Goals;

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29 2. *Reaffirms* that embedding such a road map within national development policy

30 frameworks will fashion out a systematic, collective, and sustainable approach in
31 reaching the Goals by 2015;

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33 3. *Recommends* that all Member States make considerable efforts towards
34 formulating national road maps by:

35 (a) Identifying and addressing issues related to poverty reduction, such as
36 increasing opportunities for new investment, employment, and wealth by
37 creating a stable economic environment;

38 (b) Highlighting national development priorities which will concurrently foster
39 progress that relate to the Goals, such as:

40 (i) A focus on modernizing agriculture;

41 (ii) Support of the private sector within each country to facilitate
42 innovation and access to capital;

43 (iii) Enhancing human development and improving access to basic
44 services;

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46 4. *Notes* that newly created and currently existing national statistical systems for
47 tracking progress of the MDGs must be adequately supported, financially and through
48 research institutions and development partnerships, in order to:

49 (a) Carry out statistical research and reliable, consistent data in a timely
50 manner;

51 (b) Help form national policies towards attaining the Goals;

52 (c) Improve and expand the statistical capacity of these statistical systems;

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54 5. *Endorses* that effective monitoring and evaluation of a nation's progress
55 through these statistical systems will lead to the development of new strategies and efforts
56 towards achieving the MDGs;

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58 6. *Emphasizes* that it is imperative that every party involved with data collection
59 participate in national processes by effectively monitoring and reviewing progress
60 towards the Goals actively;

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62 7. *Supports* efforts to enhance awareness of the MDGs on the local and
63 governmental level for the purpose of continuous involvement and enforcement of the
64 Goals;

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66 8. *Strongly endorses* the use of RECs to develop a broader information gathering
67 and sharing framework among ECA Member States, so as to better align development
68 initiatives between different nations.

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Passed, Yes: 18 / No: 1 / Abstain: 11