

**THE THIRD AFRICAN-
AFRICAN AMERICAN
SUMMIT**

DAKAR, 2nd-5th MAY 1995

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DECLARATION**

We, the Heads of State and of Government and Heads of Delegations representing the participating African countries,

We, the Head of the Delegation of the Government of the United States of America,

We, the Representatives of the African-American Community of the United States of America headed by Reverend Leon M. SULLIVAN,

and

We, the friends of Africa ;

Meeting at the 3rd African-African American Summit in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 2 through 5 May 1995, reconfirm our solemn commitment to implement the Declaration of Principles and Actions adopted during the 1st Summit held in Abidjan in 1991, and during the second Summit held in Libreville in 1993, whose objective was to strengthen the relations of friendship and solidarity established between Africans and African-Americans by history, culture and common destiny and to find the ways and means likely to help accelerate the African development process in a co-operative and consultative framework and in the spirit of the contemporary evolution of the world towards the end of the 20th Century.

This Dakar Summit, sought to be of historic importance in form and content and by virtue of our contacts, our discussions, our reflection and resolutions, the Summit did assume an important dimension commensurate with our common goal.

Indeed, the 3rd African-African American Summit is being held in a significant era of hope, with regard to world progress and the intervention of events that will shape its future.

We have met here to reaffirm together, that our Summit is and will remain one of partnership, solidarity and co-operation. Indeed, one year after the signing of the General Agreement on the Uruguay Round in Marrakech, Morocco and after the creation, at the same time, of the World Trade Organization (WTO), likewise, only a few months after the Cairo Summit on Population and Development, which was followed by the Copenhagen (Denmark) Summit on Social Development, and soon after the adoption, by the OAU, of the Cairo Plan of Action on the economic recovery and social development of Africa, this sentiments is still alive.

It is therefore in keeping with this spirit that the international Forum on Business, Investments and Co-operation between Private Sectors is being held. This Forum and the consequent celebration of an American Day, have opened new perspectives for a new, more dynamic, more pragmatic and more balanced approach to the economic relations established between our peoples and our countries, for North-South and South-South commercial exchanges and for technology transfer in sectors pertaining to Health, Education, Environment, Population, Women and Children.

In this regard, we have clearly defined the conditions and mechanisms for the development of the private sector by African Governments and by their partners in development.

This orientation offers to thousands of American, European, Asian and African investors and entrepreneurs, an appropriate framework to broaden their exchanges, augment the volume of their investments, enhance and accelerate the transfer of technology to African countries.

We, the Heads of State and of Delegations participating in the 3rd African-African American Summit of Dakar, would like to stress the particular achievements of this Summit :

- a renewed and unequivocal will to establish and implement the condition allowing for African Economic recovery and growth in a democratic environment ;*

- the commitment to intensify African economic integration, region by region, in order to identify viable, stable and reliable markets for foreign investments and the industrialization of our countries and, if possible, within the framework of a MARSHALL Plan for Africa ;*

- these results should be reflected in the revalorization of prices of our countries' raw materials ;*

- the writing off or reduction of Africa's debt which should be a major concern of the international community ;*

- the strengthening of currencies of the South countries with massive and sustainable measures to accompany the structural adjustment Plans implemented in the African States ;*

- a rational and progressive policy on staff training and education suited to African realities ;

- the establishment of an investment Fund for Private Sector Development ;

- the establishment of an Investment Fund for Artistic and Cultural Creativity ;

- a productive partnership in building up resources to achieve food security, in promoting human resources for a more effective management of African enterprises and for the judicious utilization of our raw materials, mineral and energy resources ;

- the formulation and implementation of health and environmental policies protecting in a spirit of dynamic complementary man and family, nature and ecosystems.

The design and implementation of health and environment policies which protect in dynamic reciprocity, man and family, nature and ecosystems.

The urgent integration of Africa into the information superhighway networks and other new technologies.

This ambition can only be realized within a pacific environment exempt of crises such as those in Liberia, Rwanda ; Somalia and Burundi.

Africa, conscientiously, voluntarily is returning to its cultural roots. This culture is the bridge linking the

continents and which, in stages, enriches itself with new forms of openness and symbiosis.

The symbol which frames and consolidates the ideals we have shared together for centuries and which is manifested today by this emotional return of our sisters and brothers of America to the land of Africa, is the Gorée-Almadies Memorial.

History counsels neither rancor nor exclusion. It is to blend memory into human consciousness. In striding towards the future, it should not forget the past by undertaking constructive actions which create and multiply the bridges of comprehension and friendship between peoples.

It is within this spirit that Africa and Africans from the five continents of the globe today extend a hand of friendship, of reconciliation, of dialogue between cultures and civilizations. It is to mark that spirit that we have edified on the westernmost point of the African continent, facing the Americas, Europe and Asia, a memorial dedicated to Africa and the Diaspora, the cornerstone of which was laid in June 1992 in the presence of Reverend Jesse Jackson.

I am referring to the Gorée-Almadies Memorial which will be both a center for universal culture ; a place of excellence for exchanges and the promotion of dialogue between cultures and civilizations.

The perpetuation of our African memory will be placed at the center of this project.

The Third African-African American Summit is launching an urgent call for universal solidarity, to the world of Arts and Letters, the Universities, the Researchers' Associations and to all lovers of art around the world ; in order to turn the Gorée Almadies Memorial into a reality.

We wish to sincerely thank international organizations such as the OAU, FAO, UNDP and the ADB for their expertise used in the service of Africa.

As our deliberations draw to a close, we have developed a clear vision of our responsibilities, our commitment and the importance of our projects.

In light of this realization, we would like to energetically implement the recommendations issued from the summits of Abidjan and Libreville, whose ultimate goal remains to bring Africans and African Americans together and to promote a sustainable balance and mutually profitable development. The attainment of this objective is also to involve co-operation with other continents ,other peoples and other civilizations.

Our African American brothers will spare no effort in this joint undertaking In view of our concern to promote these noble ideals, we reaffirm our determination to pursue the democratic process to which our states have voluntarily committed themselves. A commitment based on awareness that issues of development, human rights and organized production are inextricably linked in an atmosphere of freedom and perseverance, of national unity and solidarity

To this end, Africa is convinced that the training of its citizens is the first obligation of its leaders.

The Dakar Summit invites them to give back to history its human dimensions based on transparency and generosity.

WE SALUTE DR. SULLIVAN WHOSE IDEALS, INSIGHT AND DYNAMISM HAVE DRAWN THE ADMIRATION NOT ONLY OF AFRICANS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS, BUT ALSO ALL HUMAN COMMUNITIES PROMOTING PEACE, LIBERTY AND PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A SECRETARIAT WHICH WILL ENSURE THE FOLLOW-UP OF THESE ISSUES.

WE SALUTE OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS FROM AMERICA AND EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES FOR THE LOSS OF NUMEROUS HUMAN LIVES IN THAT HORRENDOUS BOMBING IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

WE SEIZE THIS OCCASION TO STRONGLY CONDEMN ALL FORMS OF FANATICISM WHICH ENGENDER SUCH EXTREMISM.

BEARING THE ABOVE REASONS IN MIND, WE AT THIS THIRD SUMMIT HAIL THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL AMERICAN DELEGATION HEADED BY A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. RONALD BROWN, REPRESENTING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT WILLIAM CLINTON III.

We thank President William CLINTON and his Government for the increasing attention devoted to Africa in a

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We evoke the memory of the late President Felix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY who was a great African, a man of action and who, in his country Côte d'Ivoire, hosted the 1st African-African American Summit.

The Summit of Dakar commends the action of His Excellency El Hadji Omar BONGO, host of the 2nd Summit, who has given sustained attention to the implementation of the recommendation and conclusions of the Libreville meeting.

The Summit expresses gratitude to President Ketumile MASIRE, Chairman of the Presidential Committee for the decisions he has made and implemented since 1993 to ensure that Afro-American Co-operation responds to the established needs and objectives.

The 3rd African-African American Summit of Dakar makes its point to solemnly commend the determining action of President Abdou DIOUF, Chairman of this Summit, the Government and the people of Senegal for the warm and friendly welcome as well as the African hospitality extended to all delegations.

The Summit renders vibrant tribute to President Abdou DIOUF for all the efforts made and which were reflected in the results of the 3rd African-African American Summit.

Despite the myriad questions raised by a multifaceted and long-standing crisis which are currently destabilizing the world, Africa, more than ever is determined to meet the

movement of solidarity and friendship that marks an historic moment in relations between the two continents.

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challenges of development, be it the enhanced well-being of its people, the access to science and technology, the dangers of under development and solemnly renews its confidence in a future world of peace, friendship and solidarity between the people of the human community.

The Summit