



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 2018

To: 2019

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's Chief Executive or equivalent.

24th September 2019

Dear Stakeholders,

The Africa Leadership Forum (ALF) is pleased to carry on with our partnership with the UN Global Compact. In view of the principles and initiatives of the Un Global Compact, we have made concerted efforts to pursue the following principles through our entrepreneurship development programs, leadership and good governance, gender equality and sustainable development goals. ALF has persisted for 30 years in developing programs that create parliamentary leaders and confident, successful entrepreneurs. Over 50,000 clients have participated in our core training programs, over 700 businesses have been created while job creation runs into hundreds.

Yours Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Olumide Ajayi", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Olumide Ajayi, PHD
Executive Director

Part II. Description of Actions

Enterprise and Youth Development (SDG1)

In 2008, the ALF developed and commenced entrepreneurship training for youth and business owners. This is in tandem with UNSC Resolution 2250 and seeks to advocate for youth inclusion in decision making affairs at all levels and to productively engage them in socio-economic activities that limits their susceptibility to violence and other social vices, but engaging them to become net-contributor to the national economy. Following the withdrawal of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) from providing financial and technical support to the program after nine years the ALF has successfully advocated for special SME financial support platform to facilitate loans for startup and expansion of enterprises in the country thereby increasing the youths contribution to the GDP and economic growth of the country and in the process advocated for the creation of a special fund for the youth enterprise. The Agric-Business/Small and Medium Enterprises Investment Scheme (AGSMEIS) platform was set up by the Central Bank of Nigeria and bankers committee to provide a funding window of up to \$28,000 for each enterprise at 5% interest rate with no collateral required.

In line with the first goal of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), The Africa Leadership Forum has taken on the battle against poverty and unemployment in Nigeria by building the entrepreneurial capacity of over 2500 entrepreneurs between 2018 and 2019 and providing business development services for registered enterprises across southwest Nigeria.

Agropreneurship (SDG2)

In our continued effort to also combat food shortages and create more employment, we partnered with Agro Nigeria Ventured Limited to train Agric Service Providers. These ASPs use power tillers to provide land clearing, land preparation, transportation and extension services to local farmers. In addition to the 328 young people trained to provide these services in Nigeria another set of farmers and young entrepreneurs have been selected within the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria to build their capacity, link them up with the AGSMEIS scheme and create a link between the Agropreneurship program and the AGSMEIS initiative for the benefit of the farmers and facilitate the purchase of the power tillers.

Africa Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) (SDG8)

Towards assisting the small holder farmers that Africa Leadership Forum came across in the numerous visits to communities across Southwest Nigeria, ALF believed that platforms such as AGOA will transform these farmers once they are equipped with agri-business skills that is able to creatively assist these farmers in their approach to the business angle to agriculture and promote export of agri products which will invariably result in economic growth.

ALF thus launched out its sensitization programme to small holder farmers on the benefits of AGOA when it inaugurated the first ever AGOA CSO-Stakeholders to assist in information dissemination about AGOA.

Gender Equality (SDG5)

ALF's Commitment to Gender Equity and Equality: According to the UN women's stance on gender equality, the ALF also believe in the elimination of discrimination against *women* and *girls*;

empowerment of *women*; and. achievement of *equality* between *women* and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security.

ALF continued to be a strong member of the women advocacy network; Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC). ALF actively participates, supports and provides technical assistance as GIMAC holds series of dialogues and conventions with key actors on policy development and promotion of gender agenda throughout Africa.

Also, the ALF has gone ahead to develop a comprehensive analysis of AU's decision on gender equality and women empowerment since 1963 till date, taking notes of areas that have been neglected and need more focus. This document has since being used to advocate, promote and plan gender related programs within the AU Gender Directorate.

Working in conjunction with Planned Parenthood International, the ALF is at the verge of analyzing and producing a comprehensive monitoring Index and Score card on **MAPUTO PROTOCOL** just as the 2018 Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) report, which was the outcome of in-depth research, measuring States performance, adherence and compliance to gender agenda in Africa was developed by ALF and presented during the 27th AU summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa

It is important to mention that the ALF is deeply committed to **gender equity and equality** as this is reflected in our employment and recruitment policy.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

- In line with the first goal of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), The Africa Leadership Forum has taken on the battle against poverty and unemployment in Nigeria by building the entrepreneurial capacity of over 2500 entrepreneurs and about 70% have been linked have been linked to funds between 2018 and 2019 and providing business development services for registered enterprises across southwest Nigeria
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