



EMBASSY OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT  
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## **Priorities of Egyptian Presidency of the African Union in 2019**

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### **1. Economic & Regional Integration:**

- Accelerating the entry into force of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement AFCTFA during the Egyptian presidency, and concluding the negotiations of its second phase that includes the issues of investment, Intellectual Property Rights and competition policy.
- Developing transportation and communication infrastructure in Africa.
- Presenting an initiative to establish an alliance to invest in leading infrastructure projects (African Infrastructure Alliance).

### **2. Economic & Social Development:**

- The provision of job opportunities and supporting the role of African youth.
- Enhancing industrialization in Africa and regional value added chains
- Boosting agricultural development in Africa and expanding fisheries projects to achieve food security.
- Increasing education and training scholarships granted to African citizens, and according special attention to the technical education and vocational training.
- Youth and women empowerment.
- Strengthening the efficiency and the preparedness of African States to combat diseases and epidemics, and the provision of necessary medicines.

### **3. Peace & Security:**

- Supporting African mechanisms of post-conflict reconstruction and development, and launching the African Union Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development Center in Egypt in 2019.
- Completing the African Peace and Security organism, and reforming the African Peace and Security Council.
- Boosting regional cooperation to combat terrorism and eradicate the root causes of extremism.
- Enhancing efforts related to conflict prevention and mediation.
- Launching a high-level regional dialogue forum "Aswan Forum for Peace and Sustainable Development", and holding its first session during the Egyptian Presidency.