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Windhoek Dialogue - Dialogue de Windhoek

UAPDD / UPADD
(Union of African Parties for Democracy and Development)
(Union des parties africains pour la démocratie et le développement)

Berlin Declaration

on

NEPAD and G8 Cooperation

We, the Members of the Windhoek Dialogue;
the Union of African Parties for Development and Democracy (UPADD), mandated by millions of Africans to represent them and their political opinions, and the members of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament,

believing in the values and principles of

respect for human dignity, human rights and freedom

separation of powers and the rule of law

multi-party democracy and good governance with regular free and fair elections

a political system based on principles such as subsidiarity, local and regional autonomy

solidarity and responsibility

a market-economy that takes into account social and environmental concerns

- Acknowledging that Africa has great potential and wealth, economically, ecologically, politically and culturally,
- Acknowledging that poverty on the continent results from the inability of African countries to sufficiently integrate their economies into global markets, coupled with bad governance, primarily in the form of corruption, which has affected the administration of many African countries since achieving independence
- Believing that political and economic reforms are necessary for the political, social and economic advancement of Africa in the globalized world
- Welcoming the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) as the fruit of a regional dynamic process that has been adopted by the African Union (AU) as its development programme and is being implemented in close cooperation with the African Regional Economic Communities (REC), which act as agents of integration and development
- Considering NEPAD and its instrument, the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), as a constructive vision and political and economic roadmap for Africa's future development
- Taking pleasure in supporting the NEPAD principle that peace, security, democracy and good governance are preconditions for sustainable development
- Realising that NEPAD remains largely unknown among African civil society and hence has not been widely embraced by the people of Africa
- Regretting that parliamentary institutions are inadequately linked to the actions of NEPAD
- Acknowledging the realisation that a lack of cohesion in the administrative structures of AU and NEPAD hampers the successful implementation of NEPAD programmes
- Acknowledging the poor ability to launch initiatives capable of generating a comprehensive political commitment in African countries and a mobilisation of the required financial resources from G8 countries

We recommend:

1. Relations between Africa and the international community, particularly the G8 countries should be characterised by

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ solidarity ○ partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ shared responsibility ○ mutual interests |
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2. Improving political, social and economic conditions in Africa by instituting good governance as well as regular, free and fair elections
3. NEPAD and APRM should be able to work in the most productive structural and administrative environment

4. Getting the word out about NEPAD and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and improving their acceptance among Africans
5. Accountability and transparency in the NEPAD process must be guaranteed not only through governments but also through the participation of political parties, parliaments and civil society.
6. As an important instrument for improving democracy and good governance and public accountability, and, at the same time, progressively bolstering the actual capacities of African institutions, APRM should be enhanced at regular intervals and given clear enforcement mechanisms.
7. The financial and political commitment of African and the G8 countries must increase to match the necessary reforms of the NEPAD process and pave the way to a real reform partnership between African and G8 countries.
8. A more conducive and social market economy should be promoted in Africa

- **to strengthen the private sector as the vital partner in developing sustainable growth**
- **to attract more domestic and foreign direct investment**
- **to promote social responsibility**
- **to guarantee environmental sustainability**
- **to facilitate intra-African trade**