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Sunday 19 October 2025

7:30 – 8:30 Registration	
Movenpick Aswan Resort Reception	
8:30 – 9:00 Ministerial Group Photo	
9:00 – 9:45 Aswan Forum Tent	OPENING CEREMONY
	<i>Keynote Opening Speech</i> Dr. Badr Abdelatty , Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt
	<i>Recorded Messages</i> Abdel Fattah El-Sisi , President, Arab Republic of Egypt António Guterres , Secretary-General, United Nations
9:45 – 11:00 Aswan Forum Tent	<i>Speech by</i> Tété António , Minister of External Relations, Republic of Angola and Chair of the African Union
	OPENING SESSION
	<i>Navigating the Crossroads: Restoring Trust in the Rules-Based International Order</i>
11:15 – 12:30 Aswan Forum Tent	<i>Speakers</i> Dr. Badr Abdelatty , Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt Tété António , Minister of External Relations, Republic of Angola, and Chair of the Executive Council, African Union Selma Malika Haddadi , Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission Parfait Onanga-Anyanga , Special Representative of United Nations Secretary-General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union
	<i>Moderator</i> Yasmine Farouk , Project Director of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula, International Crisis Group
	PANEL DISCUSSION
	<i>Restoring Hope: Aligning Efforts for Achieving Peace and Development in Sudan</i>
	<i>Speakers</i> Dr. Badr Abdelatty , Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt Mohieldin Salim Ibrahim , Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Sudan

	Annette Weber, Special Representative for the Horn of Africa, European Union Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Ramtane Lamamra, Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sudan, United Nations <i>Moderator</i> Yasmine Farouk, Project Director of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula, International Crisis Group
12:45 - 14:00 Aswan Forum Tent	THEMATIC SESSION <i>An Algorithm for Peace: The Dual Power of Artificial Intelligence in Africa's Security and Development</i> <i>Speakers</i> Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, African Union Commission Ghada Labib, Deputy Minister for Institutional Development, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Arab Republic of Egypt Omar Mekky, Regional Legal Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa, International Committee of the Red Cross Cedric De Coning, Research Professor, Research Group on Peace, Conflict and Development, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs <i>Moderator</i> Omar Mohsine, Open Source Coordinator, United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies
12:45 - 14:00 Botanical Meeting Room	CLOSED ROUNDTABLE (BY INVITATION ONLY) <i>Beyond the Sandstorms: A Cooperative Future for the Sahel</i>
14:00 - 15:00 Lunch Main Restaurant	
14:00 - 15:00 Closed Lunch (by invitation only)	

15:00 - 16:15

Aswan Forum Tent

THEMATIC SESSION

Bridging Continents, Shaping Futures: The Red Sea's Promise for Arab African Economic Integration

Speakers

Dr. Badr Abdelatty, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt

Abdisalam Abdi Ali, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Federal Republic of Somalia

Mohieldin Salim Ibrahim, Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Sudan

Annette Weber, Special Representative for the Horn of Africa, European Union

Moderator

Gary Milante, Lead Specialist, Fragility, Conflict and Violence, World Bank

15:00 - 16:15

Botanical Meeting Room

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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The Seeds of Hope: Africa's Roadmap to Climate-Resilient Food and Water Security

Speakers

Nardos Bekele-Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development

Issifi Boureima, Executive Secretary, Climate Commission for the Sahel Region

Julie Delehanty, President, International Development Research Centre

Mina Rizk, Independent Chair of the Executive Council, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Samer Abdeljaber, Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Europe, World Food Programme

Moderator

Mohamed Gad, Assistant Foreign Minister for African Organizations and Communities, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt

16:30 - 18:00

Aswan Forum Tent

THEMATIC SESSION

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Fragmented Tracks, Fragile Peace: Addressing Mediation Challenges in Africa

Speakers

Amre Moussa, Member, Panel of the Wise, African Union, Former Foreign Minister, Arab Republic of Egypt, and Former Secretary General, League of Arab States

Mohamed Ibn Chambas, High Representative for Silencing the Guns, and Chair of the High-Level Panel of the Resolution of the Conflict in Sudan, African Union

Ramtane Lamamra, Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sudan, United Nations

Fatima Akilu, Executive Director, Neem Foundation

Sibylle Obrist, Head of the Peace and Human Rights Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Swiss Confederation

Moderator

Marie-Joelle Zahar, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Montreal, and Member, the UN Roster of Senior Mediation Advisers

16:30 - 18:00

Botanical Meeting Room

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

(in partnership with UN Women)



From Insight to Impact: Twenty-Five Years of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda

Speakers

Mohammad Naciri, Chief of Staff, UN Women

Libakiso Matlho, Executive Secretary, the African Union Centre for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development

Eva Suarez, Head, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation

Chitose Noguchi, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme Egypt Country Office

Ottília Anna Maunganidze, Head of Special Projects, Office of the Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies

Fauziya Abdi, President, Women in International Security, Horn of Africa

Moderator

Gustavo De Carvalho, Senior Researcher, African Governance and Diplomacy Programme, South African Institute of International Affairs

19:00 Dinner (by invitation only)



Welcoming Remarks by the host: Dr. Badr Abdelatty, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt

Monday 20 October 2025

8:00 - 9:00	Botanical Meeting Room	SIDE EVENT <i>High-level Meeting on Egypt's Efforts to Provide Healthcare Services to Migrants and Refugees</i>
9:00 - 10:15	Aswan Forum Tent	THEMATIC SESSION <i>From Gridlock to Action: Revitalizing the Peace and Security Toolkit</i> <i>Speakers</i> Ezéchiél Nibigira , President, Economic Community of Central African States Selma Malika Haddadi , Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission Jean-Pierre Lacroix , Under-Secretary General for Peace Operations, United Nations Parfait Onanga-Anyanga , Special Representative of United Nations Secretary-General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union Ihab Awad , Assistant Foreign Minister for African Affairs, Ministry Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt <i>Moderator</i> Shamala Thompson , Executive Director, Security Council Report
9:30 - 10:00	Botanical Meeting Room	PROJECT LAUNCH (in partnership with the International Development Research Center) <i>The Climate, Food and Water Security Nexus: Pathways to Sustaining Peace in the MENA Region</i>
10:30 - 12:00	Aswan Forum Tent	THEMATIC SESSION  <i>African Integration Through Infrastructure and Connected Markets</i> <i>Speakers</i> Ibrahim Mehleb , Former Prime Minister, Former Assistant to the President for MEGA Projects, Arab Republic of Egypt Nardos Bekele-Thomas , Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency - New Partnerships for Africa's Development Ahunna Eziakonwa , Assistant-Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme Ibrahim Qamar , Managing Director-East Africa, ElSweedy Electric

Yusuf Daya, Director, AU/AfCFTA Relations and International Cooperation, Afreximbank

Moderator

Karim Sherif, Appointed Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt

10:30 - 12:00

Botanical Meeting Room

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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From Borders to Bridges: Towards Integrated Border Governance in Africa

Speakers

Abdoulaye Sabre Fadoul, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation, the Republic of Chad

Louise Auken Wagner, Director for Middle East and North Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Denmark

Mohammed Abdiker, Chief of Staff, International Organization for Migration

Othman Belbeisi, Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, International Organization for Migration

Carlos Oliver Cruz, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration, the Arab Republic of Egypt

Donato Colucci, Head, Border and Identity Solution Unit, Immigration and Border Governance Division, International Organization for Migration

Namira Negm, Director of the African Migration Observatory, African Union

Libakiso Mathlo, Executive Secretary, African Union Centre for Post-conflict Reconstruction and Development

Elena Panova, Resident Coordinator in Egypt, United Nations

Tobias Thiel, Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) African Union

Fatima Akilu, Executive Director, Neem Foundation

Moderator

Amr El-Sherbini, Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Arab Republic of Egypt

12:15 - 13:00

Aswan Forum Tent

SPOTLIGHT

(in partnership with Open Society Foundations)



Reparative Economies as a Pathway to Inclusive and Sustainable Peace

Speakers

Marie-Antoinette Rose Quatre, Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism

Aimée Akinyi Ongeso, Program Manager of Transformative Peace, Open Society Foundations

Moderator

Maya Ragab, Program Coordinator, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding

12:15 - 13:30

Botanical Meeting Room

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Innovative Partnerships: Africa's Opportunities in the Age of Shrinking Resources

Speakers

Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant-Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme

Nermine El Zawahry, Secretary-General, Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development (EAPD)

Amr Aljowaily, Director, Directorate of Citizens and Diaspora Organizations, African Union Commission

Semiha Abdulmelik Ali, Associate Director, Transformative Peace in Africa, Open Society Foundations

Julie Delahanty, President, International Development Research Center

Tobias Thiel, Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) African Union

Nadine El Hakim, Former Technical Advisor on Strategic Partnerships to the Chairperson, African Union Commission

Moderator

Gary Milante, Lead Specialist, Fragility, Conflict and Violence, World Bank

13:15 - 14:00

Aswan Forum Tent

SPOTLIGHT

Commemoration of the 65th Anniversary of the International Campaign to Save the Monuments of Nubia

Conversation with Dr. Khaled Al-Enany

Nominated Candidate for the Position of Director-General of UNESCO (2025-2029)

14:00 - 15:00 Lunch

Main Restaurant

15:15 - 16:30

Aswan Forum Tent

THEMATIC SESSION

Changing Lives Building Futures: Leveraging National Responses to Forced Displacement

Speakers

Abdoulaye Sabre Fadoul, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation, Republic of Chad

Vincent Biruta, Minister of Interior, Republic of Rwanda

Mohammed Abdiker, Chief of Staff, International Organization for Migration

Namira Negm, Director of the African Migration Observatory, African Union

Patrick Youssef, Regional Director - Africa, International Committee of the Red Cross

Nada Fadol, Refugee Leader and Founder of the Rouh Initiative in Alexandria

Moderator

Ingi Rashed, Program Manager, Transnational Threats Unit, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding

15:15 - 16:30

Botanical Meeting Room

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A Decade of the YPS Agenda: Driving African Solutions from Policy to Action

Recorded Message

Ashraf Sobhy, Minister of Youth and Sports, Arab Republic of Egypt

Keynote Speakers:

Felipe Paullier, Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs, United Nations

Closing Remarks and Reflections

Louise Auken Wagner, Director for Middle East and North Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Denmark

Steffen Krüger, Country Director in Egypt, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Léonie Guerlay, Senior Coordinator, Political Affairs and Governance, International Organisation of la Francophonie

Moderator

Achaleke Christian Leke, Executive Director, Local Youth Corner Cameroon

16:45 - 17:15

Aswan Forum Tent

SPOTLIGHT

Public Health: The Beating Heart of Africa's Future

Conversation with Sir Magdi Yacoub, Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery

17:30

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