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Saturday 21 November 2026

07:30 – 08:30 Registration
Pyramisa Isis Island Aswan Hotel, Hathor Foyer

08:30 Ministerial Group Photo

08:30 - 09:45
Hathor Meeting Room

OPENING CEREMONY

Dr. Badr Abdelatty
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Abdel Fattah El-Sisi
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt **(Recorded Message)**

António Guterres
Secretary-General, United Nations **(Recorded Message)**

Khaled El-Enany
Director-General, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Amr Lashin
Governor of Aswan, Arab Republic of Egypt

10:00 - 11:15
Hathor Meeting Room

OPENING PANEL

Redefining the Global Commons in the Age of Disruption

Moderator
Comfort Ero
President and Chief Executive Officer, International Crisis Group (ICG)

Speakers
Dr. Badr Abdelatty
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Nabil Fahmy
Secretary-General, League of Arab States

Anna Bjerde
Managing Director of Operations, World Bank Group

Selma Malika Haddadi
Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, African Union

11:15 - 11:45
Inauguration of the "EAPD Immersive Experience"
Coffee Break

11:45 - 13:00
Hathor Meeting Room

The Human Cost of Conflict

Moderator

Mamadou Sow
Regional Director for Africa, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Speakers

Amre Moussa
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Former Secretary-General of the League of Arab States (LAS)

Husam Zomlot
Ambassador of the State of Palestine to the United Kingdom

Sigrid Kaag
Chair of the Board of Directors, United Nations Foundation & Member of the Board of Peace, Gaza Executive Board

Vanessa Frazier
Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, United Nations (UN)

Carl Skau
Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, World Food Programme (WFP)

13:15 - 14:15
Hathor Meeting Room

The Software of the Global Commons: Investing in a Culture of Peace

Moderator

Hesham Youssef
Senior Adviser, European Institute of Peace (EIP)

Speakers

Khaled El-Enany
Director-General, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Miguel Ángel Moratinos
Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and United Nations Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia

Dalal Iriqat
Associate Professor of Diplomacy, Conflict Resolution and Strategic Thinking, Arab American University, Palestine

Jeffrey Sachs
Director of the Center for Sustainable Development, President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Columbia University

14:15 – 15:00
Lunch

15:15 - 16:30
Hathor Meeting Room

When Shocks Collide: Addressing Food Insecurity for Zero Hunger in Africa and Beyond

Moderator

Tanuja Rastogi
Co-lead, Joint WFP-FAO Secretariat, Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC)

Speakers

Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Haneen Sayed
Minister of Social Affairs, Lebanese Republic

Carl Skau
Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, World Food Programme (WFP)

Khaled Eltaweel
Senior Regional Coordinator, Office of the Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

15:15 - 16:30
Nefertari Restaurant

Closed Roundtable (*By Invitation Only*)

Contested Corridors, Shared Risks: Rethinking Security and Cooperation in the Red Sea and the Horn of Africa

Moderator

Alan Boswell
Horn of Africa Project Director, International Crisis Group (ICG)

Speakers

Dr. Badr Abdelatty
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Mohi El-Din Salem
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of the Sudan

Amre Moussa
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Former Secretary-General of the League of Arab States (LAS)

Mohamed Ibn Chambas
High Representative for Silencing the Guns in Africa & High-Level Representative on Sudan, African Union Commission

Zeid Alsabban
Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sudan, Director of the Horn of Africa Department, League of Arab States (LAS)

Turki Al Faisal Al Saud
Chairman of the Board of Directors, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

Comfort Ero
President and Chief Executive Officer, International Crisis Group (ICG)

Pekka Haavisto
Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sudan, United Nations (UN)

Guang Cong
Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Horn of Africa, United Nations (UN)

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

16:45 - 18:15
Hathor Meeting Room

From Geography to Leverage: Choke Points, Supply Chains, and Africa's Role in the New Architecture of Global Trade

Moderator

Oge Onubogu
Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Speakers

Ousmane Dione
Regional Vice President, Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan Region, World Bank Group (WBG)

Nathalie Tocci
Professor of the Practice Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Europe

Jakkie Cilliers
Chairperson of the Board and Head of African Futures & Innovation, Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Pretoria

H. A. Hellyer
Professorial Research Associate, the Royal United Services Institute for Defence (RUSI) & SOAS Middle East Institute

16:45 - 18:15
Nefertari Restaurant

Closed Roundtable (*By Invitation Only*)

Building Sustainable Peace in the Great Lakes Region

Moderator

Hesham ElMekwad, Director General Designate, The Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA)

Speakers

Dr. Badr Abdelatty
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner
Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Francophonie and the Congolese Diaspora, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Floribert Anzuluni Isiloketshi
Minister of Regional Integration, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Vincent Biruta
Minister of Interior, Republic of Rwanda

Liberata Mulamula
Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union Commission

Jean-Pierre Lacroix
Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, United Nations (UN)

Huang Xia
Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, United Nations (UN)

James Swan
Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)

Johan Borgstam
European Union Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Martin Kobler
Member, Diplomats Without Borders

19:00
Official Dinner (Main Hotel Terrace)

Sunday 22 November 2026

08:00 – 08:50 International Advisory Board Breakfast

08:00 - 08:50
Nefertari Restaurant

Aswan Vision 2040 - Advancing African Resilience and Shared Prosperity Through Local Leadership and Regional Connectivity

Manal Awad
Minister of Local Development, Arab Republic of Egypt

Amr Lashin
Governor of Aswan, Arab Republic of Egypt

Angelina Eichhorst
Ambassador of the European Union to the Arab Republic of Egypt and the League of Arab States (LAS)

Chitose Noguchi
Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Egypt

09:00 - 10:15
Hathor Meeting Room

Beyond Borders and Responsibility Sharing: The Unresolved Challenge of Forced Displacement

UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency

Moderator

Namira Negm
Director of the African Migration Observatory and Honorary President of the African Society for International Law, African Union Commission

Speakers

Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Vincent Biruta
Minister of Interior, Republic of Rwanda

Neveen El-Husseiny
Assistant Foreign Minister for Migration Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Edem Wosornu
Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

Susanne Raab
Director General, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

Micheal Keating
Executive Director, European Institute of Peace (EIP)

09:00 - 10:15
Nefertari Restaurant

Aswan Youth Dialogue

Owning Tomorrow for All: Africa's Digital Future, Technology, and Youth Agency

KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG

Moderator

Yara Ouda
Member, African Youth Network on Conflict Prevention and Mediation (WiseYouth), African Union (AU)

Opening Remarks

Steffen Krüger
Head, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), Cairo Office

Sara Birgitte Gottfredsen
Chief Advisor, Danish-Egyptian Partnership Programme and Danish-Egyptian Dialogue Initiative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Denmark

Speakers

Javier Colomina
Special Representative for the Southern Neighbourhood and Deputy Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Security Policy, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Rania Sharshar
Director of Climate Action, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Julien Vikemba Vwaghusa
Community Engagement and Advocacy Officer, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security

Balkiss Ouedraogo
Project Leader and Executive Director, African Forum on Human Cybersecurity (FACH)

Sigurd Rothe
Lecturer in Political Science, Albert Ludwig University Freiburg, University of Bayreuth, Sciences Po Paris

Concluding Remarks

Hassnaa Tamam
African Union Youth Ambassador for Peace -Northern Africa

10:30 - 11:45
Hathor Meeting Room

Breaking the Cycle: Can Development Outpace Terrorism in the Sahel?

Moderator

Clionadh Raleigh
President and CEO, Armed Conflict Location & Event Data (ACLED)

Speakers

Dr. Badr Abdelatty
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Abdoulaye Diop
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Mali

Leonardo Santos Simão
Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)

Birgitte Nygaard Markussen
European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Sahel Region, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Abdou Abarry
Former Representative of Niger to the United Nations, Former Head of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA), Special Representative and Head of the African Union Office in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Haoliang Xu
Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

10:30 - 11:45
Nefertari Restaurant

Governing the Digital Commons: Africa's Agency in Shaping AI for Peace, Security and Development

Moderator

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

Speakers

Mohamed Abu Bakr
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Thandi Moraka
Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Republic of South Africa

Samson Itodo
Chairperson, African Union Advisory Group on Artificial Intelligence, Peace, Security and Governance (AI-PSG)

Maria Adebahr
Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor, Coordinator National Security Council, Global Issues, Sub-Saharan Africa, Development Policy

Mohamed Zahran
Clinical Professor of Computer Science, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University (NYU)

Neema Chusi

Head of African Union Peace and Security Council Secretariat, African Union Commission (AUC)

12:00 - 13:15
Hathor Meeting Room

70 Years Since Suez/UNEF: What Endures, What Must Change in Peacekeeping?

Moderator
Ihab Awad
Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations (UN)

Speakers:
Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner
Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Francophonie and the Congolese Diaspora, Democratic Republic of the Congo

David Angell
Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Global Affairs Canada

Jean-Pierre Lacroix
Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations, United Nations

Benoît Pylyser
Director, Challenges Forum International Secretariat

12:00 - 13:15
Nefertari Restaurant

When System Fails: Who Protects the Women Protecting Communities?

Moderator
Fauziya Abdi
President, Women in International Security (WIIS) Horn of Africa (HoA)

Speakers
Mona Al-Khalili
Minister of Women's Affairs, State of Palestine

Prosper Douglas Kweku Bani
National Security Advisor to the President and Former Chief of Staff and Minister of the Interior, Republic of Ghana

Liberata Mulamula
Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union Commission

Habib Tamasa Baba Jara
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare, Republic of the Gambia

Ayat Soliman
Director of Strategy and Operations for the Managing Director of Operations, World Bank Group (WBG)

Moez Doraid
Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for the Arab States

Gjermund Saether
Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Norway

Amina Obaid Al-Hajri
Director-General of Cultural, Social and Family Affairs, Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Hibaaq Osman

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Karama Foundation

13:30 - 14:30
Lunch

14:45 - 16:15
Hathor Meeting Room

Who Will Finance Africa's Future? Debt, Development, and Combatting Poverty

Moderator

Hodan Hassan
Executive Director, Kulan Consulting; Former Chief Policy Advisor to the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia

Speakers

Anna Bjerde
Managing Director of Operations, World Bank Group (WBG)

Mahmoud Mohieldin
Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations (UN)

Haoliang Xu
Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Jeffrey Sachs
Director of the Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University; President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Jakkie Cilliers
Chairperson of the Board and Head of African Futures & Innovation, Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Pretoria

14:45 – 15:30
Nefertari Restaurant

Africa Launch: Peacebuilding Overview Report

Moderator

Karim Ismail
Deputy Director General, The Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA)

Speakers

Ihab Awad
Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations

Elizabeth Spehar
Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding and Peace Support, United Nations Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO)

15:45 - 17:15
Nefertari Restaurant

Built to Deliver, Built to Last: Institution Building for Effective National Ownership in Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development Settings

Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the AU-PCRD Policy

Moderator

Mohamed Gad
Assistant Foreign Minister for Africa Multilateral Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Speakers

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Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

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Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Mali

Mohi El-Din Salem
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of the Sudan

Jeneba J. Bangura
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Sierra Leone

Elizabeth Spehar
Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding and Peace Support, United Nations Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO)

Hanna Serwaa Tetteh
Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)

Libakiso Matlho
Executive Secretary, African Union Centre for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD)

Masahiro Takasugi
Ambassador for the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, and Ambassador in charge of Peace Mediation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

14:45 - 16:15
Arabian Restaurant

Protection as Prevention: Strengthening Governance, Resilience, and Stability Through Route-Based Approaches

Moderator

Carlos Oliver Cruz
Chief of Mission in the Arab Republic of Egypt, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Speakers

Neveen El-Husseiny
Assistant Foreign Minister for Migration Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Namira Negm
Director of the African Migration Observatory and Honorary President of the African Society for International Law, African Union Commission

Hanna Serwaa Tetteh
Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)

Stijn Janssen
Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Angelina Eichhorst
Head of the European Union Delegation to the Arab Republic of Egypt and to the League of Arab States (LAS)

Gianluca Rampolla del Tindaro
United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Arab Republic of Egypt

Othman Belbeisi
Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa (ROMENA), International Organization for Migration (IOM)

18:00 Closing Session

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