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Africa Day focuses on Youth and Development in 2011

Africa is the world's second largest and second most-populous continent; it is rich in diversity, abundant in ethnicity and bursting with languages. Africa Day (25 May), which marks the founding in 1963 of the Organisation of African Unity, now known as the African Union, provides an annual opportunity to reflect on the challenges and achievements of the governments and peoples of Africa.



This year Africa Day will be celebrated all over the continent and in the diaspora under the theme: "Accelerating youth empowerment for sustainable development". Africa Day is a day designated specifically to the celebration of African diversity and success. It is an

opportunity to acknowledge the progress that African countries have made, while reflecting on the challenges faced in a global environment.

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