



**FIRST CONFERENCE OF INTELLECTUALS OF AFRICA AND OF
THE DIASPORA CONVENED BY THE AU COMMISSION**

1. **Background:** Initiative of H.E. Maître Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, supported by the Summits of Lome 2000, Maputo 2003 and Addis Ababa 2004.
2. **Date and Venue:** 7 to 9 October 2004, Dakar, Senegal.
3. **Objective:** Mobilize the Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora about the African Union and NEPAD.
4. **General Theme: *Africa in the 21st Century: Integration and Renaissance.***

Theme 1: Panafricanism in the 21st Century

Theme 2: Contribution of the Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora to the strengthening of African Integration in the 21st Century

Theme 3: African Identity within a multicultural framework

Theme 4: The place of Africa in the World

Theme 5: The relations between Africa and its Diaspora

Theme 6: Africa, Science and Technology : Stakes and Prospects

5. **Participants:** 700 from Africa and the Diaspora
 - a) Heads of State and Government
 - b) 500 participants whose expenses will be borne by the Organizers (350 from Africa, 150 from the Diaspora)
 - c) About 100 personalities (Nobel Prize Laureates, Eminent Personalities, Patrons of the Conference, etc.) Expenses to be borne by the Organizers.
 - d) 100 participants, paying for themselves, (60 from Africa, 40 from the Diaspora).

6. **Other activities**

- a) Gala evening for the Nobel Prize Laureates on 6 October (Hotel MERIDIEN PRESIDENT)
- b) Conference from 7 to 9 October (Hotel MERIDIEN PRESIDENT)
- c) Dialogue of Generations: Wise men and Youths of Africa facing the Century, 7 October in the evening; (National Theatre Daniel Sorano)
- d) "Sound and Light" show in Gorée Island, Evening of 8 October;
- e) Cultural activities with book exhibition, thematic exhibitions, etc. (Hotel MERIDIEN PRESIDENT)

7. **Intellectual Preparation**

- a) Three (3) consultants (Intellectual contribution, assistance and website);
- b) Preparation of 12 documents and 24 comments all focusing on the 6 themes;
- c) Meeting of the International orientation committee of 50 members (May 2004, Dakar);
- d) Meeting of the restricted Consultative Committee of 10 members in June 2004 (Addis Ababa);
- e) Meeting of the Consultative Committee in August 2004;
- f) Intellectual contribution (papers) from Association of African Universities, CODESRIA, OSSREA, Association of Historians, Anthropologists, Editors, etc.
- g) All the Patrons of the conference are called upon to produce a document or a message whose contents and volume is left to their discretion. These contributions will be included among the documents of the Conference. They will participate in the Conference and the Dialogue of Generations.

8. **Follow-up**

- a) Publication of documents and audio-visual production of the outcome of the Conference and other activities;
- b) Convening of an International Conference and Launching of a Decade for Peace in Africa in 2005;

- c) Report to the AU Summit on Culture in 2005 in Khartoum, The Sudan;
- d) Establishment of a Secretariat for a follow-up of the Conference and preparation of future sessions every three years.

