

NEPAD@25 Strategic Reflection Paper Summary Template

Theme: Reimagining Africa's Development Future

- ☐ **Title of Submission:**
- Author(s) and Affiliation(s):**
- Selected Theme:**
- Country:**
- Email:**

1500 - 3000 words

Abstract / Executive Summary

Summary

- The central argument or proposition.
- Key findings or observations.
- Principal recommendations for AUDA-NEPAD and Africa's development future.

1. Introduction and Rationale

Identify the Issue or Opportunity

Briefly describe

- The development challenge, opportunity or strategic issue being addressed.
- Why it is important for Africa today.
- Its relevance to NEPAD, Agenda 2063 and Africa's long-term transformation.

- ☐ **Guiding Question:** Why does this issue matter for Africa's future and NEPAD's next chapter?

- ☐ **NEPAD: 25 Years Shaping Africa's Development Agenda**

2. Taking Stock: Where Are We Today?

Progress, Achievements and Remaining Gaps

- Major achievements over the past 25 years.
- Persistent challenges and implementation gaps.
- Emerging trends, risks and opportunities.

Contributors are encouraged to draw on evidence, examples, case studies or comparative experiences.

 **Guiding Question:** What has worked, what has not worked, and why?

Thematic Focus Areas

1. NEPAD@25: Africa's Development Journey – Achievements, Impact and the Road Ahead

Key Question: What tangible transformation has NEPAD contributed over the past 25 years, and what lessons should shape the next phase of Africa's development?

Focus Areas: Development outcomes and impact assessment · Lessons from implementation · NEPAD's evolving role in Agenda 2063 · Strategic priorities for the next 25 years · Sustainable financing

2. African Agency, State Capability and Development Sovereignty

Key Question: How has NEPAD strengthened African agency, state capability, and development sovereignty, and what institutional reforms are needed to accelerate Africa's transformation in a changing global context?

Focus Areas: Pan-Africanism and African agency · State effectiveness and public sector capability · Institutional resilience and accountability · Development sovereignty and strategic autonomy



3. Regional Integration, Economic Transformation, Industrialisation and Shared Prosperity

Key Question: To what extent has NEPAD advanced Africa's economic transformation, inclusive growth, and regional integration, and what strategic interventions are needed to accelerate progress under Agenda 2063?

Focus Areas: Infrastructure and connectivity · Industrialisation and value chains · AfCFTA implementation · Digital transformation · Job creation and productivity growth

4. Human Development, Innovation and Social Inclusion

Key Question: To what extent has NEPAD enabled Africa to harness its human capital, knowledge, and innovation systems for sustainable and inclusive development, and what measures are needed to consolidate and accelerate progress?

Focus Areas: Education and skills · Health and social protection · Youth and women empowerment · Science, technology and innovation · Institutional and leadership development · Knowledge, evidence and data systems · Citizen voice and participation

5. Climate Resilience, Agriculture, Food Systems and Sustainable Development Futures

Key Question: To what extent has NEPAD enabled Africa to leverage its natural resources, agriculture, food systems, and climate resilience for sustainable development, and what strategic priorities should shape the way forward?

Focus Areas: Agricultural transformation · Food systems resilience · Climate adaptation and mitigation · Natural resource governance · Green growth and sustainability



3. Strategic Insights and Lessons for Africa

Key Reflections

Identify

- Lessons from NEPAD's experience.
- Critical success factors.
- Institutional, policy or partnership challenges.
- Implications for Africa's future development trajectory.

Contributors should move beyond description and offer critical analysis.

- ☐ **Guiding Question:** What are the most important lessons that should shape Africa's next 25 years?

4. Future-Oriented Propositions and Recommendations

Reimagining Africa's Development Future

- ☐ **This is the core section of the paper:** Contributors should present bold, practical and implementable recommendations.

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5. The Africa We Want: NEPAD@50 (2051)

What should be AUDA-NEPAD's defining strategic role over the next 25 years? Provide a concise vision:

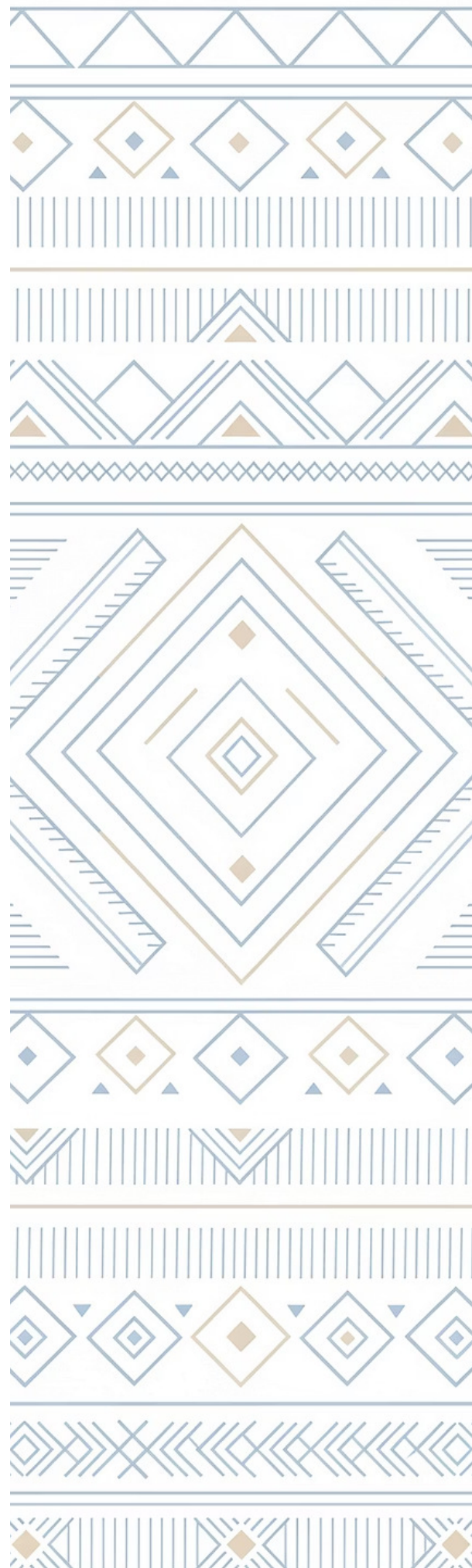
- What success would look like by 2051.
- The major transformations Africa should achieve.
- The role AUDA-NEPAD should play in helping realise that future.

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6. Cross-Cutting Considerations

Contributors should mainstream, where relevant:

- Citizen participation and ownership, Gender equality and inclusion
- Youth and demographic transformation
- Governance and accountability, Peace, security and resilience
- Climate resilience and sustainability
- Strategic partnerships and South-South cooperation



7. Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to NEPAD@25 objectives
- Originality and strategic insight
- Evidence and analytical rigour
- Practicality and actionability of recommendations
- Future orientation and innovation
- Contribution to Africa's transformation agenda

7. References

Provide key references, evidence sources and supporting literature.
Maximum: 10–15 references.

Submission Specifications

- Length: 1,500–3,000 Words
- Format: Word
- Language: English, French, Arabic or Portuguese
- Style: Strategic, evidence-based, solution-oriented and forward-looking

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