

# **The African Century**



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‘We charge you with the responsibility to lead our peoples and continent into the new world of the next century, which must be an African Century, during which all our people will be freed of the bitterness born of the marginalisation and degradation of our proud continent of Africa.’

*Nelson Mandela, address at a summit meeting of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 8 June 1998.*

‘[Our aim] is, and will remain, to make profits for our shareholders, but to do so in such a way as to make a real and lasting contribution to the communities in which we operate.’

*Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, 1954.*

‘... Africans are ordinary men and women who find themselves face to face with problems which require quite exceptional qualities of courage, magnanimity and faith for the solution.’

*Harry Oppenheimer, 1984.*

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