

Welcome Address By H.E President Omer Hassan
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Your Excellency President OBASANJO,

Welcome to Khartoum the confluence of the Blue Nile and White Nile. Please, feel at home as long as you are among your Sudanese brothers. You might wonder, brothers, that Sudan is no different from your home countries. Of course it is not. Because Sudan is in fact little Africa in many aspects. Its sons' mien and diversity of origins and its variety of cultures reflect that. Sudan resembles Africa in its scenery and landscape, climate, flora, and fauna. We don't exaggerate, if we go as far as to say that Sudan faces the same challenges that confront Africa in building a nation and demarcating borders and in particular, Sudan is similar to Africa in what it has faced from conflicts.

Dear brothers, we all suffer from complications of being disunited, experiencing ethnic conflicts, subdued by narrow-minded loyalties and partial belonging at the expense of comprehensive national loyalty. We are all concerned that matters may aggravate and reach a point of deterioration and chaos leading to an ultimate collapse of national entity.

We share with you brothers, your epics, sorrows, anguishes, and the crucial challenges that confront all our countries.

Sudan resembles the mother continent in its capability to face up to ordeals and its strong will to bring back peace and stability and to carry on firmly to build countries of unity, solidarity and justice.

This jubilation of NEPAD expresses our intent to form a new model from our history to present a new meaning for progress and to ensure political and economic reform, remove injustice and discrimination, conserve human dignity, combat poverty and humiliation. This model involves equitable sharing of power and wealth amongst all the sons of this country.

This occasion is founded on acceptance and choice and adoption of institutions and systems that lead to fulfilment of the obligations contained in the African Declaration concerning democracy and good governance and transformation of its principles to a live model in our political, economic and social real life.

This is an occasion for value principles and comprehensive African reform institutions to build a strong Africa on foundations of justice and equality.

There is no option other than to solicit our patriotic will, coherence to our unity driving, our belief in justice and equity and our own abilities in healing the anguishes and agonies without interference or dictation from others.

We need to recall the heritage of Africa in conflict resolution based on Restitutive Justice, disclosing the facts, self purification and wiping off grievances.

We again welcome you in your country, the Sudan.

Thank you.