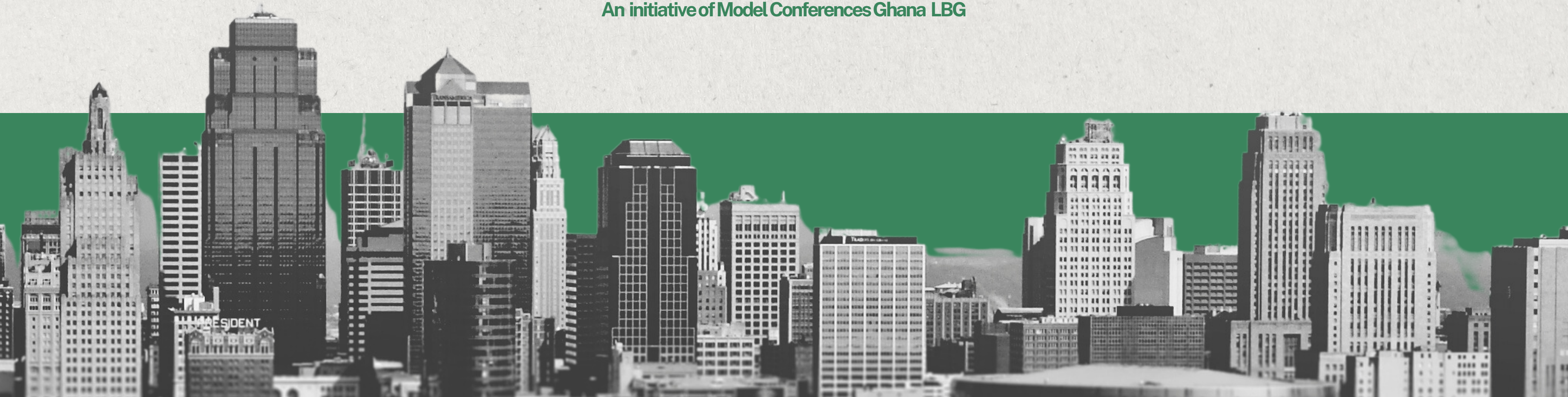


Fourth Ordinary Session | Oct 30 - Nov 02, 2024

Model African Union Summit

**Educate an African fit for the 21st Century -
Building resilient education systems for increased access to inclusive, lifelong, quality, and relevant learning in Africa.**

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Young people are not only the future of our country but also the driving force behind societal change and progress. Many influential leaders embark on their journey of "changing the world" in their youth, fueled by the belief that endless opportunities lie ahead, and their dreams are within reach.

However, true change requires wisdom, which comes from experience. Some lessons can only be learned through years of trial and error, ensuring that mistakes are not repeated.

At MoCoG, we understand this fundamental truth. As Ghana's premier junior high, senior, and tertiary student-led model simulation group, we are committed to nurturing young minds to think critically and collaborate effectively. Our mission is to cultivate practical and innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. Through lively discussions, idea sharing, and problem-solving, we empower our members to become informed and educated professionals poised to make a difference.

Comprising students and professionals from diverse backgrounds, MoCoG selects individuals based on their model and debate expertise, as well as their career accomplishments. With a dedicated team of staff and an environment that fosters progress and excellence in learning, MoCoG annually brings together hundreds of passionate youths united in their quest to catalyze global change.



Venue for the 4th ordinary session of MAUS; Accra International Conference Centre

Background

It is noteworthy to mention that education, has never been considered before as the AU theme of the year. In September 2022 however, the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres convened a global summit on transforming education. Amidst so many other serious global matters, this summit was deemed urgent and given priority, on grounds that, globally, education is in deep crisis, and progress towards the attainment of sustainable development goal 4 (SDG4), was badly off track. Africa weighed heavier than other continents in the gaps towards achievement of SDG4 objectives, which are also reflected in the AU continental education strategy CESA (16-25).

The AU against this backdrop proposed education as the theme of the year 2024 which was submitted for the consideration and adoption by the Assembly during its 36th ordinary session in February 2023.

This 4th ordinary session of the Model African Union Summit aims to empower the youth to engage with this theme, foster critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving to address Africa's key issues. Through sharing ideas, discussions, and resolution-making, participants will become more informed and educated citizens ready to drive positive change on the continent.



Working Together

important role to play



The Model African Union Summit's intention to empower youth to engage with the theme of education aligns with this urgency.

Through sharing ideas, discussions, and resolution-making, the summit aims to cultivate a cohort of informed and educated citizens who are ready to contribute positively to Africa's development

Therefore, our role in championing this theme lies in our response to the pressing need for education reform in Africa, as highlighted by global and continental initiatives, and our commitment to equipping youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to drive meaningful change in their communities and beyond.

About Model African Union Summit

The Model African Union Summit (MAUS) brings together youth from AU member countries, simulating diplomatic roles of representatives from different African states. Through realistic debates and negotiations, MAUS offers a unique platform for aspiring diplomats to engage in international relations and AU Summit decision-making.

Participants formulate policies, draft resolutions, and advocate for their represented countries' interests. This experiential learning environment enhances negotiation, consensus-building, research, and public speaking skills, providing insights into the challenges and opportunities of international diplomacy.

In these simulations, youth participants explore various topics relevant to Africa, covering political, economic, social, and environmental issues. This fosters cross-cultural understanding and collaboration among different African states.

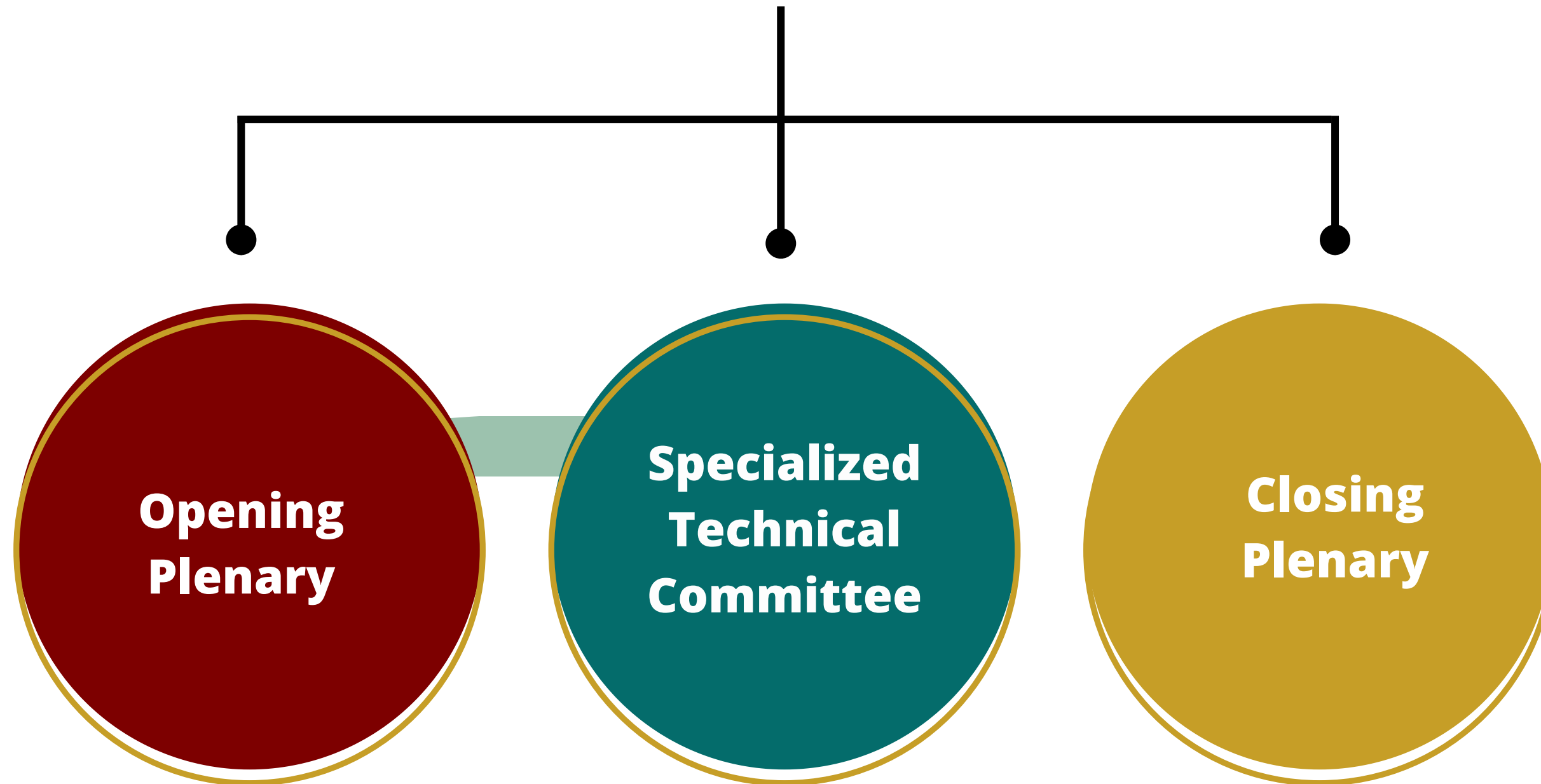
Additionally, MAUS serves as a networking hub, connecting participants with peers, mentors, and professionals in international affairs. This fosters a community of youth leaders dedicated to shaping Africa's future beyond the summit.

Objectives

- Provide participants with opportunities to enhance their negotiation, consensus-building, research, and public speaking abilities through realistic diplomatic simulations.
- Encourage participants to engage with diverse viewpoints, interests, and concerns of different African states, fostering cross-cultural understanding and collaboration.
- Task participants with formulating policies, drafting resolutions, and advocating for the interests and positions of the countries they represent, promoting awareness of key issues affecting the continent.
- Promote awareness of the AU's functions, goals, and initiatives among participants, inspiring a sense of responsibility and ownership over the continent's development.
- Encourage participants to take initiative in addressing regional and global challenges, fostering collaboration and action towards achieving sustainable development and prosperity in Africa



Structure of the Summit



Structure

MAUS consists of an opening plenary and a series of committee sessions.

The opening plenary brings together representatives of Member States, typically Heads of State and Government, to discuss urgent matters and reach agreements.

Following the opening plenary, committee sessions are held, providing participants with opportunities to exchange ideas, share experiences, and propose solutions.

The Authority of Heads of State and Government is chaired by a designated chairman or chairperson for the summit.

A delegation, representing an AU member state, is led by a head of the delegation.

During committee sessions, participants engage in informal consultations and negotiate among themselves, presenting both existing and new ideas to enhance youth participation in democratic debate and decision-making at all policy levels.

Committee sessions are chaired by designated chairpersons. Each committee's work culminates in an action-oriented document (resolution) on the thematic areas, which are then merged into the final summit outcome document (final communiqué).





Target

- Young adults aged 15-32 years, predominantly comprising students and young professionals.
- They are interested in diplomacy and international relations, valuing the summit not only for its role in developing diplomatic skills but also for its mentally stimulating and educational aspects.
- They are youthful individuals eager to engage in discussions and collaborate on finding solutions to challenges impacting both the sub-region and the African continent.

Institutional Structure of MAUS

Model African Union Summit Secretariat (Commission)

Assembly of Heads of State and
Government

Specialized Technical Committee
on Education, Science, and
Technology

Specialized Technical Committee
on Gender and Women's
Empowerment

Specialized Technical Committee
on Youth, Culture, and Sports

Structure of MAUS Secretariat (Commission)

President of the MAUS Commission





Assembly of Heads of State and Government

The Assembly of the Heads of State and Government at the Model African Union Summit (MAUS) consists of young people who will represent the 55 heads of state and government of African Union member countries. The Assembly will be chaired by a chairperson.

Head of State/Prime Minister/President
(Head of Delegation)

**Minister of
Foreign Affairs**

**Minister of
Education**

**Minister of
Gender and
Social
Protection**

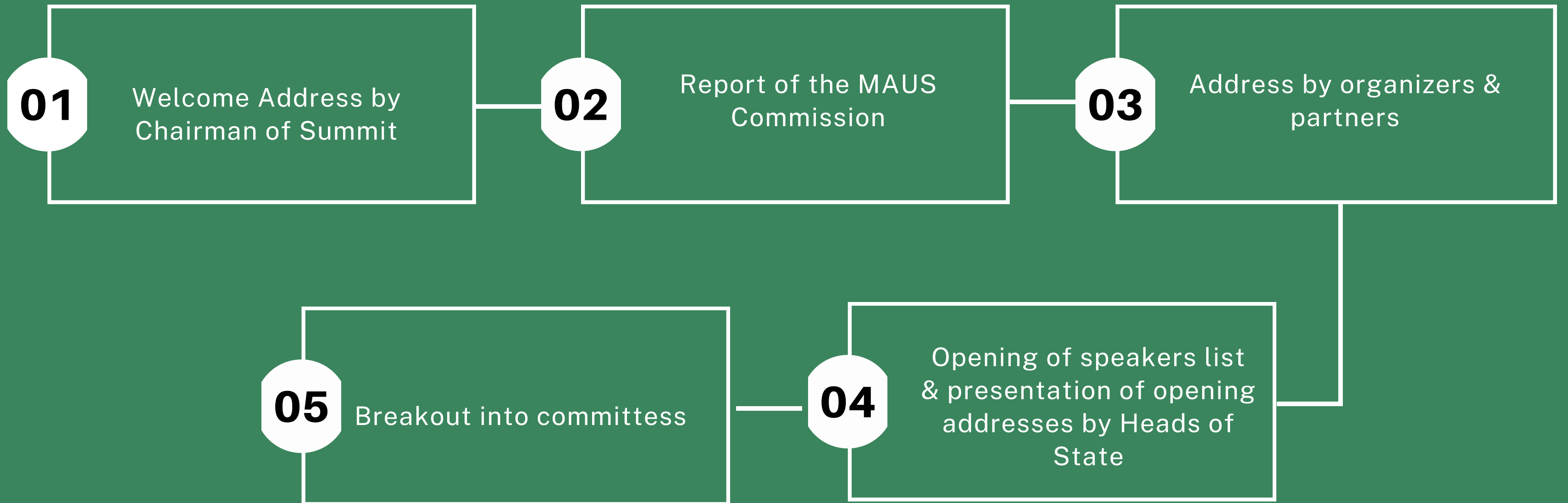
**Minister
Youth and
Sports**

**Minister for
Defense &
National
Security**

**Minister of
Employment and
Labour Relations**

- A group of participants representing an AU member state forms a delegation.
- Each delegation shall be led by a head of the delegation

Opening Plenary





Opening Plenary

During the opening plenary meetings, participants acting as Heads of State and Government make addresses following a speakers' list outlined in the modalities resolution.

These speeches express the country's general position on the issue. To address the general assembly, Heads of State must prepare a statement and request inclusion in the speakers' list, submitting their statement via email at least 24 hours before the plenary meeting.

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Specialized Technical Committee

01

Roll Call and opening of
speakers list

02

Presentation of position
Papers

03

Debating and Voting

04

Committee draft
resolution paper

05

Presentation to closing
plenary



Specialized Technical Committees

During Specialized Technical Committees, participants have the opportunity to engage in a number of informal consultations and negotiate among themselves.

These sessions also afford participants the opportunity to introduce already tested initiatives as well as new, untested ideas for enhancing youth participation in democratic debate and decision-making at all levels of policy formulation and implementation.

Member States have the opportunity to engage in a number of informal consultations to talk openly and negotiate without distraction.

The outcome of each committee's work is an action-oriented document on specific topics, which is then consolidated into the final summit outcome document.

Specialized Technical Committees

To be Stimulated

01

STC on Education, Science
and Technology

02

STC on Gender and
Women's Empowerment

03

STC on Youth, Culture and
Sports



Specialized Technical Committee on Education, Science, and Technology

1: Topic: Enhancing Digital Literacy for 21st Century Education

Background: In an increasingly digital world, digital literacy is essential for students to succeed in education and beyond. This topic explores strategies to integrate digital literacy into education systems, ensuring students are equipped with the skills to navigate technology and harness its potential for learning

2: Topic: Promoting STEM Education for Sustainable Development

Background: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education is crucial for addressing 21st-century challenges and driving sustainable development. This topic discusses ways to enhance STEM education initiatives, encourage student interest in STEM fields, and bridge the gender gap in STEM participation.

3: Topic: Fostering Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All

Background: Lifelong learning is fundamental for individuals to adapt to changing societal and economic landscapes. This topic examines strategies to promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, including adult education programs, vocational training, and skills development initiatives.

EMPOWERHER

Specialized Technical Committee on Gender and Women's Empowerment

1. Topic: Achieving Gender Equality in Education Access and Quality

Background: Despite progress, gender disparities persist in access to and quality of education. This topic explores barriers to gender equality in education and discusses policies and interventions to ensure equal access and quality education for all genders.

2. Topic: Empowering Women and Girls in STEM Fields

Background: Women and girls continue to be underrepresented in STEM fields, limiting their opportunities for economic empowerment and innovation. This topic examines challenges faced by women and girls in STEM and proposes strategies to promote their participation and success in these fields.

3. Topic: Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Educational Settings

Background: Gender-based violence in educational settings undermines the right to education and perpetuates inequalities. This topic discusses measures to prevent and address gender-based violence in schools and universities, creating safe and inclusive learning environments for all students.



Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture, and Sports

1. Topic: Harnessing the Power of Youth Entrepreneurship for Economic Growth

Background: Youth entrepreneurship is a catalyst for economic growth and job creation. This topic explores ways to support and empower young entrepreneurs, including access to finance, mentorship programs, and entrepreneurial education initiatives.

2. Topic: Promoting Cultural Diversity and Inclusion in Education

Background: Cultural diversity enriches educational experiences and promotes tolerance and understanding. This topic discusses strategies to integrate cultural diversity into education systems, celebrate cultural heritage, and promote intercultural dialogue among students.

3. Topic: Leveraging Sports for Youth Development and Social Cohesion

Background: Sports play a vital role in youth development, fostering leadership skills, teamwork, and resilience. This topic examines the potential of sports programs to promote youth development, social cohesion, and community engagement, highlighting best practices and success stories.

Closing Plenary



Pre-Summit Activities





African Cultural Night

Participants will showcase their cultural heritage through performances, music, dance, and traditional attire.

This will help foster cultural appreciation and intercultural understanding among participants.



Diplomatic Cocktail Reception

Ambassadors, high commissioners and corporate institutions and organizations will be welcomed to share their diplomatic insights and experiences with participants during this event.

This will help foster diplomatic engagement among participants.



Movie Night With Pop Corn

Screen relevant movies or documentaries related to Africa. This will provide both educational and entertaining contents for participants.

Additionally, there will be discussions or reflections following the screening to encourage dialogue and critical thinking among participants, further enhancing the experience.

Commemoration of Africa Youth Day

This day which is also Africa Youth Day will be set aside to promote the increased recognition of youth as key agents for social change, economic growth and sustainable development in all areas of the African Society.

This occasion will be marked by a flag-raising ceremony and a brief awards ceremony honoring young Africans who are actively contributing towards change in their communities.





TOURNAMENT ONE

Fun Games

As part of the Model African Union Summit, participants will engage in fun games designed to foster team spirit, collaboration, and relaxation. These games will provide a refreshing break from intense discussions and simulations, allowing delegates to bond and unwind while enjoying lighthearted competition.

List of games will include: flip the bottle challenge, football, scavenger hunt, African board games, tag of peace etc.

Schedule

Day One

- Arrival and registration
- Cultural night
- Opening ceremony

Day Two

- Committee deliberations
- Movie night

Day Three

- Flag Raising ceremony
- Diplomatic Cocktail, Closing ceremony, Dinner and Awards

Day Four

- Fun games
- Departure

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