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**Statement
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**at the Plenary Meeting
of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly
on Agenda item 64: From the New Partnership for Africa's
Development to Agenda 2063: progress in the implementation of
sustainable development in Africa and international support**

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Mr. President,

1. Thailand thanks the Secretary-General for his insightful report on advancing sustainable development in Africa.
2. The report delivers an important message: **the greatest challenge to Africa's development is not a lack of resources.** The continent is rich in natural resources, human capital and technological potential.
3. The real challenge is how to manage these assets effectively and turn them into lasting benefits for its people. This requires national, regional and international efforts.
4. Thailand believes that Africa's transformation is consequential not only for the region itself, but also for the global community as a whole. This conviction underpins **Thailand's support for Agenda 2063 and Thailand-Africa Initiative** as our main framework for strengthening political, economic and development cooperation with Africa.

Mr. President,

5. **Allow me to highlight three priorities.**
6. First, we must help Africa mobilise more resources to finance its own development.
7. **Thailand supports reform of the international financial architecture, in line with the Sevilla Commitment**, to give developing countries a stronger voice and better access to predictable, affordable and sustainable financing. As we speak, I am glad to inform you that this very matter is being discussed in Bangkok at the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group.
8. At the same time, we must support Africa's efforts to generate greater value from its own resources. **Thailand welcomes the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area**, which promotes industrialisation and regional integration.
9. **Thailand also welcomes ongoing negotiations on a United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation** as an important step towards a fairer and more inclusive international tax system and stronger domestic resource mobilisation.
10. Second, development cooperation must build lasting capacity.
11. **Thailand's approach is people-centred and demand-driven.** In Africa, we have shared our experiences in areas such as food

security, Universal Health Coverage, climate resilience, and sustainable tourism. We have also supported scholarships, training, and capacity-building programmes benefiting more than 4,000 African officials and practitioners over the past three decades.

12. **The Thailand-Africa Development Forum is our main platform for translating shared priorities into concrete projects.** We have received proposals in key areas, including agriculture, public health, tourism, renewable energy, and environmental sustainability.
13. Agriculture and food security remain a key priority. **Thailand is committed to establishing flagship Agriculture Learning Centers** in Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique, and Kenya. We will continue to advance these efforts through our development cooperation programmes and South-South and triangular cooperation.
14. Third, we must strengthen cooperation across the Global South.
15. **Thailand has deepened its engagement with the African Union and regional economic communities**, including through the accreditation of our Ambassadors to the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States.
16. Looking ahead to **Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2028, we hope to bring ASEAN and Africa closer together.** Building on our strengths and giving us, the Global South, a greater voice in shaping our future.

Mr. President,

17. Africa has much of what it needs to drive its own transformation. Thailand will continue to stand with our African partners in advancing Agenda 2063 and building a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future for all.
18. Thank you.

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