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## Egypt: A Leader in Africa

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Over the past year, Egypt has increased its trade ties with Sub-Saharan Africa, and will host on June 10, 2015 a tripartite summit in Sharm el Sheikh between the three major African economic blocs: COMESA, SADC and EAC. The summit is expected to result in establishing a free trade area among twenty-six African nations, which will further cement Egypt as a major trade hub for Africa.

Egypt is a founding member of the African Union (AU), as well as its predecessor, the Organization of African Unity (OAU). It continues to play a key role in coordinating the efforts of the African Union and the League of Arab States and the United Nations to realize peace and security in Africa.

During his first year in office, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi visited four African countries and received five African presidents and heads of governments to expand political ties and deepen strategic partnerships. Egypt is the current chair of the Committee of African Heads of States and Governments on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), and a member of the North Africa Response Capability since 2005 – a chapter of the Africa Standby Force (ASF). Most recently, the African Union unanimously endorsed Egypt's candidacy for a non-permanent seat at the United Nations Security Council for the period 2016-2017.

A traditional major peacekeeping contributor, Egypt currently participates in all nine United Nations peacekeeping operations in Africa with total personnel of 2,937 troops and police officers. Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA), established in 1994, is a key training hub for African diplomacy, military and police capacity.

As the host of the oldest Islamic institution Al-Azhar, Egypt's role remains crucial in the ideological war against extremism in the Sahel region and in East Africa.

In January 2015, President El Sisi announced the establishment of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development (EAPD), which supports major development projects in Africa, thereby contributing to achieving Africa's Agenda 2063, and continuing the 35-year legacy of The Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa (EFTCA).



SINCE 1960, EGYPT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN

**TWENTY TWO**

UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN AFRICA.

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EGYPT IS AFRICA'S TOP DESTINATION FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI) AT \$18 BILLION IN 2014, A

**42%**

INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

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**FORTY FIVE**  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES.