NAIROBI DECLARATION ON ETHICAL AI AND DIGITAL PEACEBUILDING

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Delegates, honoured guests, and partners committed to a peaceful and just Africa, gathered at the Humanitarian Peace Support School in Nairobi, recognise the consequence of this moment. The choices made about how artificial intelligence is designed, governed, and deployed will shape the prospects for peace, human dignity, and democratic governance across the continent for generations.

The Summit's deliberations brought difficult realities into focus. AI-generated disinformation is undermining confidence in electoral processes. Autonomous weapons are entering conflict environments without adequate oversight. A significant number of AI systems that shape African lives were conceived without meaningful African participation. We decline to treat these conditions as immutable.

By adopting this Declaration, we affirm our shared commitment to human-centred AI, to the epistemic sovereignty of African societies, to transparency in systems that affect public life, and to equitable access to the benefits of technology. These principles are meant to guide practice well beyond this gathering.

We call on the African Union, Member States, development partners, the technology sector, and civil society to translate these commitments into measurable action without delay. The normative frameworks exist, and political support is evident. What is now required is the resolve to act with urgency and to be held accountable for results.

We address the young people and women across the continent who are innovators, researchers, peacebuilders, and advocates. You are not only shaping the future of this agenda; you are already leading it, and your meaningful participation is indispensable.

This Declaration is our collective pledge to Africa and to the international community. We will report back in 2027 on what has been achieved and where we have fallen short. Let the record reflect that on 24 April 2026, we resolved to shape Africa's peace-technology future on our own terms.

Africa's peace is Africa's responsibility, and Africa stands ready.

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