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Nairobi Declaration on Ethical AI and Digital Peacebuilding,

Adopted at AI for Peace Summit 2026

Read by Amb. Fred Ngoga

Distinguished delegates, honoured guests, and fellow advocates for a peaceful and just Africa.

We have gathered here today at the Humanitarian Peace Support School in Nairobi at a defining moment for our continent and for the world. The decisions we take on Artificial Intelligence — how it is built, governed, and deployed — will shape the prospects for peace, dignity, and democratic governance across Africa for generations to come.

Over the course of this Summit, we have confronted hard truths: that AI-generated disinformation is eroding electoral trust; that autonomous weapons are being deployed in our conflict zones without adequate oversight; and that too many AI systems governing African lives have been built without African voices. We leave Nairobi unwilling to accept these realities as inevitable.

In adopting the Nairobi Declaration on Ethical AI and Digital Peacebuilding, we have made a solemn and collective commitment to human-centred AI, to African epistemic sovereignty, to transparency, and to equity. These are not aspirations for another day. They are obligations we carry with us from this hall.

We call upon the African Union, Member States, development partners, the technology industry, and civil society to move swiftly from words to action. The frameworks exist. The political will is present. What remains is the courage to act with urgency and with accountability.

To the youth and women innovators, researchers, peacebuilders, and advocates in this room and across the continent: you are not the future of this work — you are its present. Your leadership is not optional; it is essential.

The Nairobi Declaration stands as our collective word to Africa and to the world. We will return in 2027 to account for what we have done — or failed to do. Let the record show that on this day, 24 April 2026, we chose to be architects of our own peace-technology future.

Africa's peace is Africa's responsibility. And Africa is ready.

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