

LEGACY & LEADERSHIP

# BANQUET

**IN HONOUR OF  
H.E. DR. NKOSAZANA  
DLAMINI ZUMA**

**12 JULY 2024**

**ADWA VICTORY MEMORIAL  
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

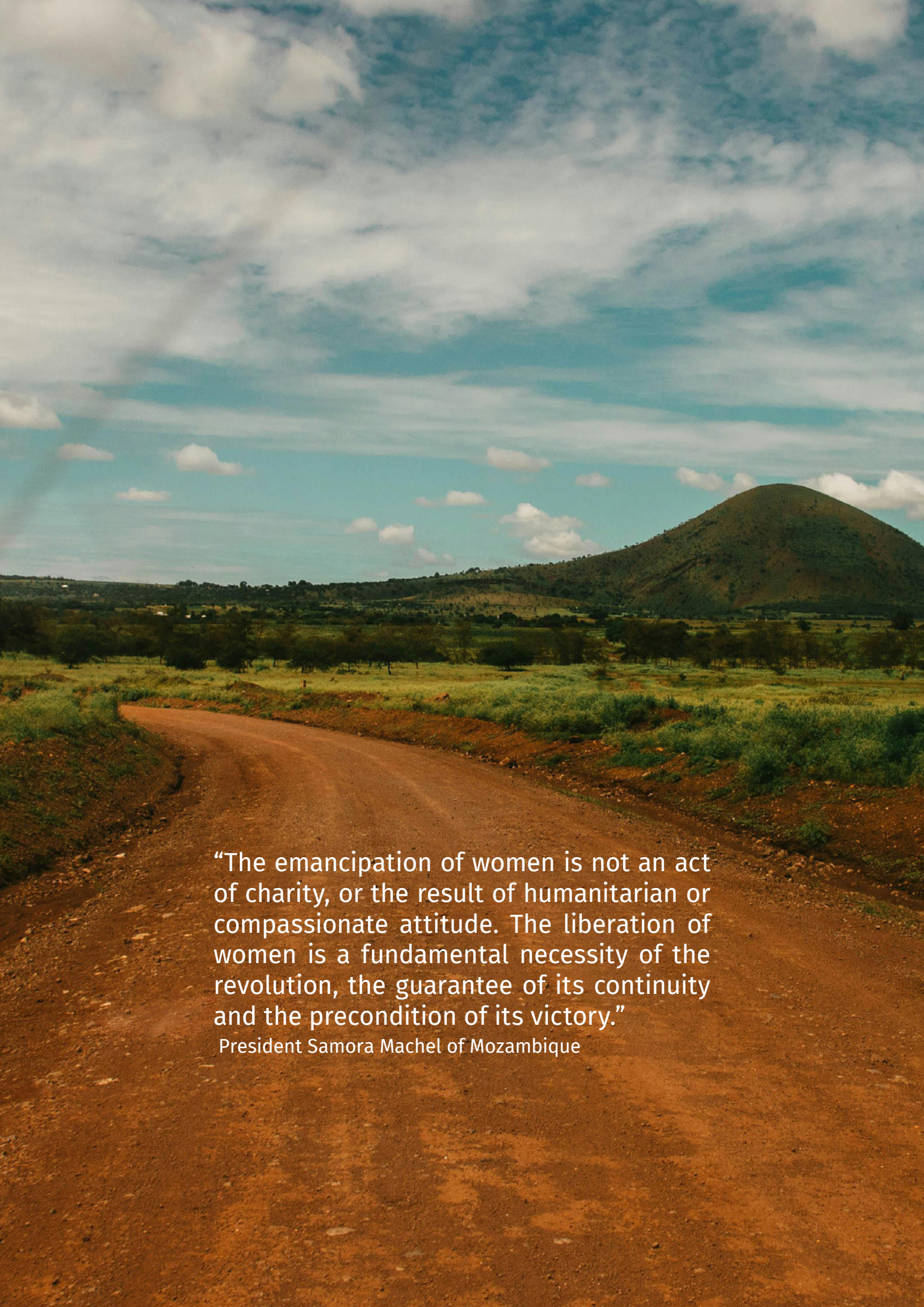
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A wide-angle photograph of a reddish-brown dirt road that curves gently through a savanna landscape. The road is flanked by low-lying green and yellow vegetation. In the background, a large, rounded, tree-covered hill rises against a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and expansive.

“The emancipation of women is not an act of charity, or the result of humanitarian or compassionate attitude. The liberation of women is a fundamental necessity of the revolution, the guarantee of its continuity and the precondition of its victory.”

President Samora Machel of Mozambique



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## CHAMPION OF PROGRESS

H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini Zuma is a towering figure in South African and global politics, renowned for her unwavering dedication to social justice, public health, and inclusive governance. Born on January 27, 1949, in Natal, South Africa, she emerged from a family deeply committed to education and activism. Her father, Willibrod Gweva, a teacher, instilled in her a sense of duty to her community, while her uncle Stephen Dlamini's activism in the African National Congress (ANC) inspired her to envision a future free from the shackles of apartheid.

The queen of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma's life, her mother, who not only nurtured her but also imparted invaluable lessons on resilience, unwavering commitment, and relentless dedication. From her earliest days, she absorbed the profound wisdom of her mother, internalizing the essence of perseverance in adversity and the significance of staying dedicated to noble causes. This maternal influence was a guiding force throughout her journey, shaping her leadership style and reinforcing the core values of integrity and service that define her impactful career in politics and public service.

As a young student, her journey into activism began during her time at Adams College, where she completed her high school education. Her involvement with the Black Consciousness Movement and the South African Students' Organisation reflected her burgeoning passion for equality and freedom. In 1971, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology and botany from the University of Zululand, later pursuing her medical studies at the University of Natal. The tumultuous political climate of the 1970s propelled her into exile, where she continued her medical studies in the United Kingdom. Graduating with an MBChB from the University of Bristol in 1978, she immersed herself in ANC activism, becoming the chairperson of the ANC Youth Section in Britain and advocating tirelessly for the anti-apartheid cause across Europe.

Her return to Africa saw her contribute significantly to healthcare and activism. She worked as a paediatric

officer in Swaziland and completed a diploma in tropical child health from Liverpool University's School of Tropical Medicine. Her commitment to public health and social justice remained unwavering, leading her to establish the Health Refugee Trust, a British non-governmental organization, and work for the ANC Health Department in Lusaka, Zambia. With the unbanning of the ANC in 1990 and South Africa's transition to democracy, her role expanded into governance and leadership. She played pivotal roles in the post-apartheid government, serving as Minister of Health under President Nelson Mandela, Minister of Foreign Affairs under H.E. Presidents Thabo Mbeki and Kgalema Motlanthe, and Minister of Home Affairs under H.E. President Jacob Zuma. Her tenure as Minister of Health was marked by groundbreaking initiatives to combat HIV/AIDS and improve healthcare access for all South Africans.

Internationally, her leadership was recognized as she chaired the African Union Commission from 2012 to 2017, becoming the first woman to hold this prestigious position. Her tenure focused on advancing continental integration, promoting gender equality, and addressing critical issues such as conflict resolution and economic development. Returning to South Africa, she continued her legacy of public service, holding key ministerial positions under H.E. President Cyril Ramaphosa's administration. As Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, she remains a champion of empowerment and inclusivity.



## The Leadership Legacy of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma

Throughout her career, she has exemplified resilience, integrity, and visionary leadership. Her tireless efforts to uplift communities, promote equality, and drive progressive change have left an indelible mark on South Africa's history and the global stage. She stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration, embodying the values of courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment to a better world.

As we come together to commemorate her achievements at the Legacy and Leadership Banquet, let us joyously celebrate the remarkable life and invaluable contributions of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma.

She stands as a true champion of progress, embodying resilience, vision, and dedication to creating a brighter tomorrow for all. Her legacy serves as a beacon of hope, inspiring generations to strive for excellence and envision a brighter tomorrow shaped by inclusivity, equality, and transformative leadership.

## BRICS 2024



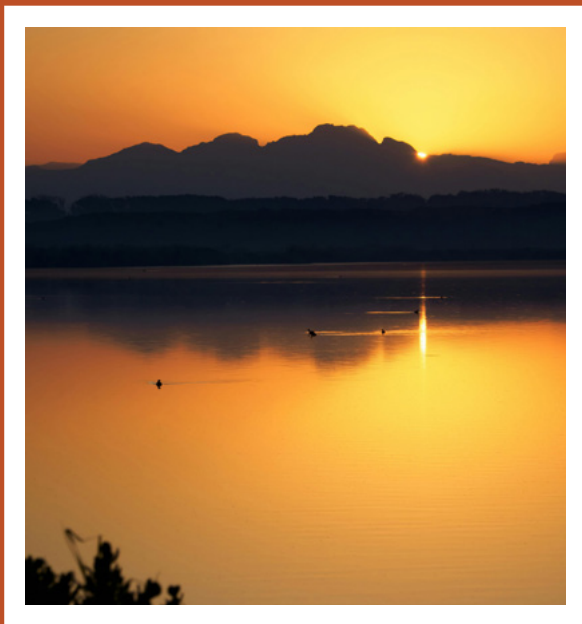
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On behalf of the BRICS and African Women's community, Siyabonga Mama weSizwe. Your remarkable journey will remain a beacon of hope and a driving force for all of us. As you transition into this new chapter of your life, may you find joy, fulfillment, and the assurance that your legacy of resilience, integrity, and service will continue to inspire generations to come.





## ABOUT LEGACY & LEADERSHIP BANQUET

In honor of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, the BRICS Africa Women Foundation proudly presents the Honorary Evening, a distinguished Banquet event dedicated to celebrating the remarkable legacy of a true visionary. H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, often hailed as the iconic Mother of the African nation, stands as a beacon of leadership, resilience, and progress, whose contributions have shaped the trajectory of Africa's future.

As the first female Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma's leadership was pivotal in spearheading the development of Agenda 2063, the visionary continental framework that charts Africa's developmental path for the next 50 years. Her unwavering commitment to fostering unity, development, and empowerment across the African continent has left an indelible mark on history and continues to inspire generations of leaders and changemakers.

The Legacy & Leadership Banquet brings together a distinguished gathering of current and former Heads of States of African nations, Prime Ministers, Ministers, Ambassadors, dignitaries, and entrepreneurs from the expanded BRICS countries. This illustrious assembly reflects the profound impact and far-reaching influence of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma's legacy, transcending borders and uniting leaders in a shared vision for a brighter future.

The Banquet serves as a tribute to H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma's exemplary leadership, highlighting her enduring legacy of empowerment, progress, and transformative change. Through captivating keynote addresses, insightful discussions, and inspiring testimonials, the evening will celebrate her contributions while galvanizing support for continued efforts in advancing Africa's development agenda.

Join us as we honor the legacy and leadership of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, a trailblazer whose legacy continues to illuminate the path towards a prosperous and united Africa.

Date: **12 July 2024 16h00 - 21H30**

Venue: **Adwa Victory Memorial, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Dress Code: **"Strictly black tie" or "Traditional"**

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We extend a heartfelt invitation to corporate institutions, philanthropists, and the business community to join us in celebrating H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma's legacy and supporting initiatives that empower women, foster economic growth, and advance sustainable development in Africa. Your partnership and contributions will play a crucial role in creating positive change and shaping a more inclusive and prosperous tomorrow

Together, let us celebrate a legacy that inspires generations and a leadership that paves the way for a brighter tomorrow.

# LEGACY & LEADERSHIP BANQUET PROGRAMME

Adwa Victory Memorial, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Mr. Grum Chala

12 JULY 2024

## Welcoming Remarks:

Dr. Jean Kaseya,  
Director of Africa CDC

## Official Opening Address:

H.E. Mamo Mihretu,  
BRICS Ethiopia Sherpa,  
Governor of the National  
Bank of Ethiopia

## Event Objectives Briefing:

Ms. Lebogang Zulu,  
President of BRICS Africa  
Women Foundation,  
National Chairperson of  
BRICS Women's Business  
Alliance South Africa

## Tribute to Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma:

H.E. Abiy Ahmed, Prime  
Minister of the Federal  
Democratic Republic of  
Ethiopia

## STARTERS SERVED

Personal Reflections and Tributes:

- H.E. Mme Bineta Diop, Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security
- H.E. Dr. Arikana Chihombori, Former Permanent Representative of the African Union to the United States
- H.E. Joyce Banda, Former President of the Republic of Malawi
- H.E. Percival Noel James Patterson, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Jamaica
- H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Former Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Director-General of the World Health Organization
- Ms. Zeianb Badawi, Sudanese-British television and radio journalist
- Prof. Amina Mama, Director of the Women and Gender Studies program at UC Davis
- H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- H.E. Amenah Gurib- Fakim, President of the Republic of Mauritius
- H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- Daphne Mashile-Nkosi Executive chairperson of. Kalagadi Manganese -
- Dr Ngozi Okonjo is global finance expert, an economist and international development professional

## DINNER SERVED

- **Live Performance:** Special piece (expressions of African Cultures)
- **Introduction of Keynote Speaker:** H.E Prof. Anil Sooklal, Ambassador at Large for BRICS and Asia
- **Keynote Address:** H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma
- **Message of Support for Africa CDC and H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma's Legacy:** Ms. Lidet Tilahun, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility of Samanu
- **Messages of Support:** Sponsors and Partners
- **Gifting Ceremony:** Presentation of gifts to H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma (coordinated by Ms. Shella Maela, CEO of Blended Mining, Group Chairman of Maela Holdings)
- **Vote of Thanks:** Ms. Thembisa Jimama, Director - Discover Mzansi Arts Festival

## DESSERT & NETWORKING





## ABOUT THE HOSTING CITY ADDIS ABABA

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital and Africa's Diplomatic capital, and home of the African Union Commission stands at the crossroads of diplomatic, political, economic, cultural, and tourism activities, serving as the vibrant heart of the nation. Nestled at the base of Mount Entoto, it commands an elevation of 2,355 meters, earning the distinction of being Africa's highest city. Encompassing an expansive area of 527 square kilometers, the city's dynamic urban landscape is home to around 4 million inhabitants, reflecting a cosmopolitan character and a population known for its diversity and dynamism.





## ECONOMIC PROFILE OF ADDIS ABABA

**Economy:** Addis Ababa functions as Ethiopia's economic powerhouse, hosting a substantial share of the nation's enterprises and industries. As a financial, insurance, telecommunication, and infrastructure hub, the city attracts a diverse range of businesses spanning building materials, textiles, food processing, and leather production. Notably, Merkato, Africa's largest outdoor market, pulsates with commercial activity, while the city's strategic role as a distribution center for commodities such as coffee, grain, and tobacco underscores its significance in regional trade and commerce.

The city's economy has undergone remarkable growth, emerging as a leading force among Ethiopian cities. Over the past two decades, a shift towards development-oriented programs and privatization has fueled this economic expansion. Initiatives like the Office for Revision of Addis Ababa's Master Plan (ORAAMP) and the National Urban Planning Institute (NUPI) have played vital roles in analyzing the city's economic status. As of 2022, Addis Ababa contributes a significant 29% to Ethiopia's urban GDP and 20% to national urban development, marking a substantial economic footprint.

However, this rapid growth has not been without challenges. Addis Ababa grapples with issues such as infrastructure gaps, transportation constraints, service delivery challenges, youth unemployment, and displacement problems. Despite these hurdles, the city's economic trajectory remains positive, supported by the continuous efforts of both the government and the private sector.

In 1994, trade and commerce, manufacturing, and public administration were leading employment sectors in Addis Ababa, reflecting the city's diverse economic activities. The city has actively sought collaboration with international

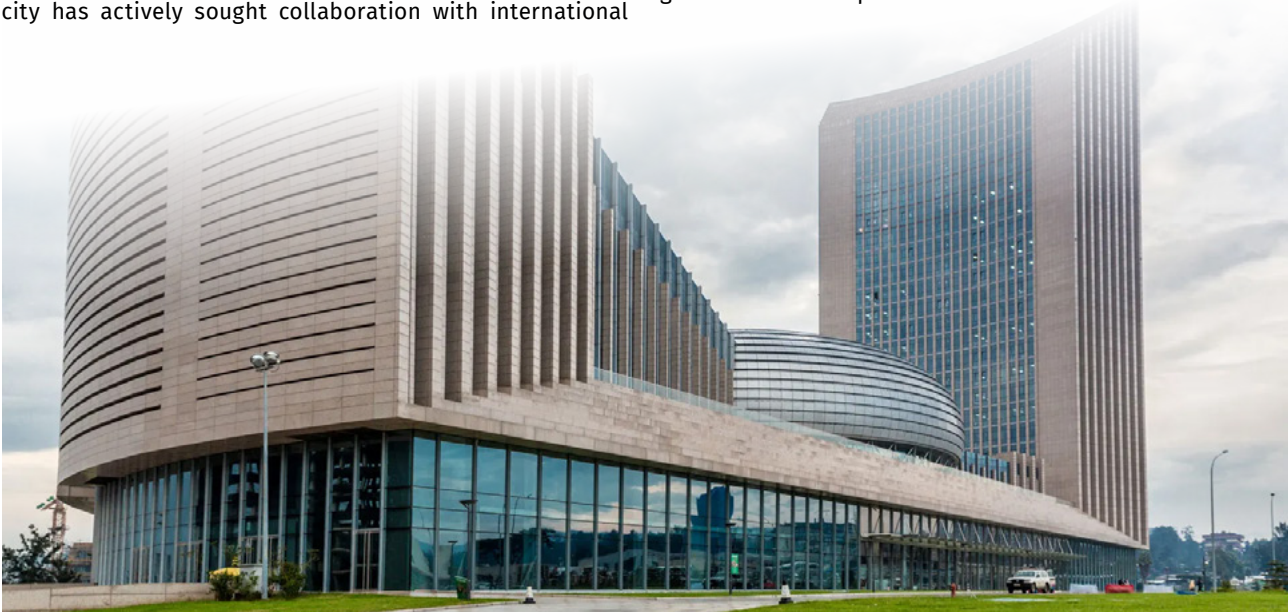
organizations like the World Bank Group to enhance its economic resilience and address urban development challenges.

Official statistics from the federal government showcase the city's employment landscape, with sectors like trade and commerce, manufacturing, homemaking, civil administration, transport, communication, education, health, social services, hotel, catering services, and agriculture contributing significantly to employment opportunities.

**Culture and Education:** Addis Ababa stands as Ethiopia's educational and cultural epicenter, boasting a rich tapestry of institutions and landmarks that celebrate the nation's heritage and intellectual vitality. Renowned universities like Addis Ababa University foster a culture of learning and innovation. Landmarks such as the National Museum of Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Development Research Institute, and the Ethnological Museum of Ethiopia offer profound insights into the country's rich history and cultural diversity.

Spiritual sanctuaries like the Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Church of St. George provide spiritual solace amidst the bustling city streets. Scenic attractions, including Mount Entoto and the Lower Valley of the Awash, beckon visitors to explore the natural wonders surrounding the city.

Addis Ababa's economic dynamism, combined with its cultural richness and educational excellence, symbolizes Ethiopia's aspirations for progress and prosperity in the 21st century. As a beacon of innovation and opportunity, the city continues to inspire and captivate all who traverse its vibrant streets, showcasing boundless possibilities for growth and development.





Adwa Victory Memorial stands as a timeless testament to Ethiopia's rich history and enduring spirit. As the hosting venue for the Legacy and Leadership Banquet, it serves as a beacon of inspiration and remembrance, honouring the past and celebrating the transformative leadership of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma.

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## ABOUT THE HOSTING VENUE

### ADWA VICTORY MEMORIAL

Adwa Victory Memorial, situated in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, stands as a symbol of national pride and historical significance. As a hosting venue for the Honorary Evening of Legacy and Leadership in honour of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, it provides a fitting backdrop to celebrate her remarkable contributions to public health, governance, and African unity.

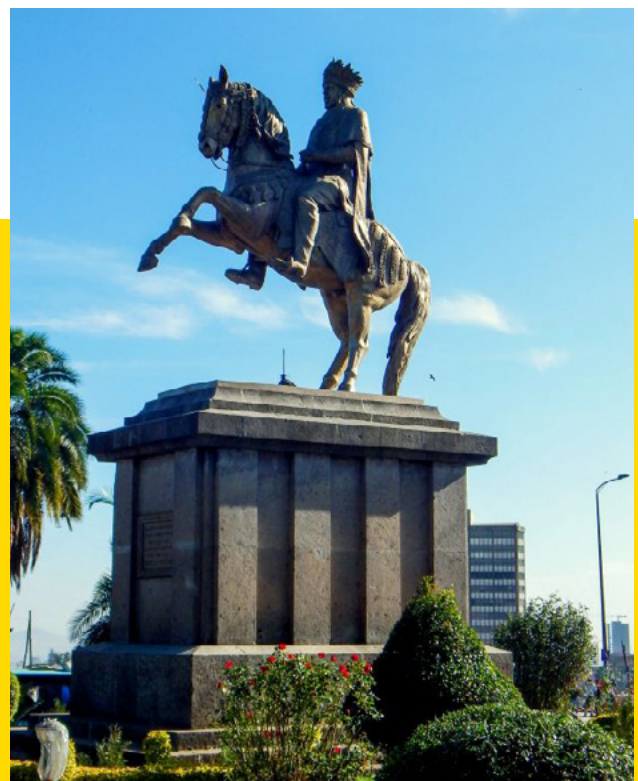
**Historical Significance:** The Adwa Victory Memorial commemorates the historic Battle of Adwa, a pivotal event in Ethiopian history. In 1896, Ethiopian forces led by Emperor Menelik II achieved a decisive victory over Italian colonial forces at the Battle of Adwa, marking Ethiopia's triumph against colonialism and the preservation of its independence. The memorial serves as a tribute to the courage, resilience, and unity of the Ethiopian people in defending their sovereignty.

**Architectural Splendour:** The Adwa Victory Memorial's architectural design reflects the grandeur and solemnity befitting its historical significance. The memorial's structure is characterized by majestic columns, intricate carvings, and symbolic motifs that pay homage to Ethiopia's rich heritage and the heroic deeds of its past leaders and warriors. Its serene surroundings and expansive grounds offer a dignified setting for reflection and commemoration.

**Symbolism and Legacy:** As a symbol of national pride and unity, the Adwa Victory Memorial embodies the enduring spirit of resistance, resilience, and triumph against adversity. It serves as a reminder of Ethiopia's unwavering commitment to freedom, sovereignty, and self-determination, inspiring present and future generations to uphold these principles in the pursuit of progress and justice.

**Hosting the Honorary Evening of Legacy and Leadership:** The Adwa Victory Memorial provides a poignant and reverential setting for the Honorary Evening of Legacy and Leadership in honour of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma. Against the backdrop of Ethiopia's historic triumph at Adwa, the event celebrates H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma's exemplary leadership, her dedication to public health, governance, and the advancement of African unity.

**Inspirational Setting:** Surrounded by the echoes of Ethiopia's past struggles and triumphs, the Adwa Victory Memorial inspires reflection, dialogue, and renewal of commitment to the ideals of leadership, unity, and service to humanity. Against the backdrop of this iconic monument, guests attending the Honorary Evening will be inspired to emulate H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma's vision, passion, and resilience in addressing contemporary challenges and shaping a brighter future for Africa and its people.



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