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Invitation to the Africa Mindset Reset Forum 2026

Dear Prof Philip Cotton Cotton

I am honored to extend to you an invitation to the **Africa Mindset Reset Forum 2026**, scheduled to take place from **25 to 26 August 2026** at the Kigali Convention Centre, Kigali, commencing at **09:00AM.** The Forum is convened under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, and His Excellency Hailemariam Desalegn, former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia -the Co-Founders of ASG.

Held under the theme **"From Pan-Africanism to Meta-Africanism,"** the Forum will bring together a high-level and diverse group of stakeholders, including government leaders, policymakers, business leaders, academics, civil society actors, youth leaders, and members of the African diaspora. Discussions will focus on leadership mindsets for development, advancing practical solutions, strengthening institutions, and promoting a results-oriented approach to Africa's challenges.

The forum takes place at a pivotal moment marked by shifting global dynamics and tightening development financing, providing a platform to reflect on Africa's capacity to drive its own development through innovative, home-grown solutions. Critical Africa priorities will be championed, including sovereign development financing, regional integration, youth empowerment and employment, visa openness, state effectiveness, natural resource management, and the transition from policy dialogue to implementation.

Your participation will greatly enrich these deliberations, and we will be honored by your presence.

Yours faithfully,

Francis Gatare

President

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