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## Invitation to the Africa Mindset Reset Forum 2026

Dear Mr Ahmad Baba-Abdullah

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.

**What ASG will cover**

Access to and participation in the Forum is free of charge. ASG will cover all conference-related costs, including access to Forum sessions and meals and refreshments provided during official programme hours. Rwanda also offers visa-free entry to African nationals, and visa on arrival for all other delegates.

**What delegates are requested to cover**

Delegates and their sponsoring organisations are kindly requested to cover return travel (air or road), accommodation, local ground transportation, and any meals outside the official programme hours. A list of recommended hotels in Kigali with pre-negotiated rates is available on the Forum website.

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

Yours faithfully,

**Francis Gatare**

President

**African School of Governance**