



**Message by Ambassador Munir Akram, the Permanent
Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations on
“African Day 2023”**

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As the world celebrates “African Day 2023” today, I extend warm felicitations to the leadership and the friendly people of all African nations and join you in commemorating this landmark day.

The heroic struggle of the people of Africa against colonialism and historical injustices and their immense economic, cultural and civilization contributions is a strong testimony of their resolve resilience and determination.

Today, the African Union has demonstrated the unified will and capability to overcome the multiple challenges of climate change recovery from the pandemic and rising inflation across the globe.

Pakistan has had a long illustrious history of solidarity, friendship and cooperation with the nations of Africa. Historically, Pakistan has supported African freedom struggles, helped combat apartheid, extended humanitarian assistance and participated in the development of many African countries. Since 1960s, Pakistani blue helmets have played a constructive role in peacekeeping and peacebuilding across the Continent.

As Chair of the Group of 77 in 2022, Pakistan has drawn consistent attention to the special needs of African countries, the LDCs, LLDC and SIDS and also debt and liquidity challenges of Low- and Middle-Income Countries (MICs).

On the occasion of African Day 2023 we affirm our abiding commitment with Africa, through Pakistan’s “Engage Africa” initiative and pledge to advance our shared objectives of peace and prosperity through ever expanding cooperation and mutual support.