

#VisaFreeAfrica





## WHY VISA-FREE AFRICA?

For the past 30 years, Africa has attempted to address free movement. A continental strategy document was signed but the very little result can't be enjoyed. There are hundreds of untold stories of African students, entrepreneurs, professional and traders, who could not travel to a conference, internship, business meeting or even better career prospects because they could not meet the visa requirements.

The purpose of this campaign is a call to our leaders to fast-track this process with:

1. A clear plan with clear deadlines to when we will have a #VisaFreeAfrica
2. All African countries to grant to Africans at least a 30-day visa on arrival



## BACKGROUND

The #VisaFreeAfrica campaign, an initiative of the Kigali Global Shapers, was launched in Kigali, on the sidelines of the 2016 World Economic Forum for Africa. In 2017, National Aviation Services became a partner and exclusive sponsor to the initiative.

The #VisaFreeAfrica campaigns includes a global petition that calls for all 55 African countries to grant a 30-day visa upon arrival to all African citizens by 2022 and achieve free movement of people across all African countries by 2030.

The campaigns calls for citizens all across the african continent to engage their leaders and policy makers in dialogue about the need to ease mobility on the continent. Will you join us on this journey.



## ENDORSEMENTS – PERSONALITIES



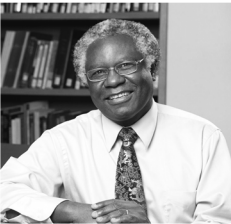
Hon. Louise Mushikiwabo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation - Rwanda

“We should promote experience sharing to remove the fear of opening our borders. In Rwanda we created a culture of openness, including on our borders. As Africans we have no reason whatsoever to not trade between ourselves. To open our borders, we have to look at both economic and cultural benefits. There are plenty of them.”



H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC),

“Africans should have the same mobility like everyone else. That should be out of choice not because of desperation.”



Professor Calestous Juma, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

“The independence of African Countries is diminished by the existence of visa restrictions on the movement of their people.”



Hassan El Houry, CEO, National Aviation Services

“It is an established fact that it is crucial for Africans to be able to move freely within their continent and a #VisaFreeAfrica needs to be achieved sooner rather than later.”



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