African Leadership Academy
Developing the next generation of African leaders

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Dear Delegates, Faculty Advisors, Parents, and Future African Leaders,

I am delighted to extend an invitation to the 14th iteration of the African Leadership Academy Model African Union (ALAMAU) conference, taking place from the 17th to 21st of March 2027. As the ALAMAU Secretariat prepares for what we hope will be an enriching experience, we remain committed to promoting diplomatic discourse among the next generation of leaders pioneering the African continent.

For the past 13 years, ALAMAU has stood as a flagship program, welcoming youth between the ages of 14 and 18, from over 50 nationalities annually. Our diversity represents our commitment for over a decade, with over 350 ALAMAU staff and a network of over 1,800 delegates to promote transformative leadership through our words and practice.

Over the course of five days, delegates will engage with 14 simulated organs of the African Union, promoting discussions rooted in diplomacy, enhancing their critical thinking skills, and refining their thinking of delicate political, social, economic, and military issues across the continent.

We are proud to present that the theme of this year's conference is 'Reclaiming the Africa We Want through '*Auto-Centric Development*' Against a New Scramble for Africa'. We believe that Auto-Centric Development—a development model that positions the needs of the continent at the forefront of policy in Africa- is the most effective means to uphold national and continental sovereignty against increasing foreign presence on the continent. We anticipate that delegates will be able to offer insight from diverse perspectives and formulate solutions that will architect the future of policy on the African continent.

ALAMAU is an invaluable experience: Beyond committee sessions, delegates will carry these skills to their homes, schools, and future experiences, leveraging the knowledge and like-minded relationships they acquire at ALAMAU. You will be challenged to think in ways that challenge the status quo, to drive the change necessary on the continent. This is no easy feat; ALAMAU Staff, Faculty Advisors, and Parents will guide you through this process as we await your arrival in Johannesburg.

Yours Diplomatically,

Nantai Kang'ethe,

Conference Chairperson of ALAMAU 2027