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G7 in Canada Must Not Become a Summit of Missed Opportunities – Afrika-Verein Calls for Decisive Steps Toward a Global Economic Architecture with Africa

Berlin / Kananaskis – Ahead of the G7 Summit taking place from June 15 to 17, 2025, in Kananaskis, Canada, the German-African Business Association (Afrika-Verein) is calling for decisive action. Africa must finally be structurally integrated into the global economic framework. The association is urging a closer alignment of G7 and G20 agendas, as well as tangible progress in areas such as trade policy. Germany, as Europe's economic leader, bears a particular responsibility.

"Africa belongs at the negotiating table – not on the sidelines of global decision-making," says Christoph Kannengießer, CEO of AV. "While the invitation of South African President Cyril Ramaphosa to the G7 Summit – thanks to the G20 presidency – is a positive step, it is not enough. At the very least, the African Union President should also have been invited. The continent still receives too little attention despite its growing economic, political, and demographic importance."

Afrika-Verein is calling for a coherent and resolute Africa strategy from the G7 nations, one that is clearly aligned with the G20 agenda. "We especially need new momentum for trade liberalization, which would enable Africa to play a more significant role in global trade. Former U.S. President Trump's tariff policies have imposed significant burdens on Africa as well. Europe must stand with our neighboring continent – and must also dismantle its own remaining trade barriers," Kannengießer adds.

AV emphasizes Germany's responsibility as Europe's economic leader. "Chancellor Merz must send a strong signal in Kananaskis: for investment security, fair trade conditions, modern financial instruments – and above all, for the political will to drive a closer economic partnership with Africa. What Africa needs is not development aid rhetoric, but market-based partnerships that generate real value – for both sides," says Kannengießer.

Background:

The 51st G7 Summit will take place from June 15 to 17, 2025, under the Canadian presidency in Kananaskis, Alberta. In addition to the G7 countries, selected guest nations such as India, South Korea, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, and Ukraine will participate. From Africa, only South African President Cyril Ramaphosa is currently invited.

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