TAF GOVERNANCE BREAKOUT DISCUSSION BRIEF

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Purpose: Review three possible initiatives and select ONE primary initiative to advance during 2027. This brief is both advance reading for participants and the live facilitator guide.

1. Background and rationale

TAF Governance's draft policy priorities address ten interconnected areas: conflict and peacebuilding; good governance and legitimacy; human rights and the rule of law; reform of regional and international institutions; leadership and civic space; transparency and accountability; historical injustices; African integration; migration and displacement; and citizens' voice and agency. These are a broad policy framework, not ten programmes that TAF must launch in 2027.

For Ubuntu in Action, the Focus Unit is invited to choose one achievable initiative that can draw on members' expertise and Country Chapters. TAF can begin through research, constructive dialogue, learning exchanges and partnerships, without assuming the resources or authority to deliver government reforms directly. The breakout is for selecting a practical first-year priority, not adopting the entire draft policy platform.

2. Three proposed initiatives for 2027

Option A - African Governance and Institutional Accountability Initiative

Purpose: Strengthen understanding of effective, transparent, inclusive and accountable governance, with attention to leadership, civic participation and the rule of law.

Possible first steps: convene a small cross-country learning group; document practical examples of accountable institutions and citizen participation; hold expert exchanges; produce a short, balanced learning brief or toolkit. The proposed leadership-training ambition could be explored later, subject to capacity and partners.

Potential 2027 result: a documented set of country case studies and a practical governance learning resource shared with participating Chapters.

Option B - African Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion Initiative

Purpose: Support knowledge exchange on conflict prevention, peaceful dispute resolution, social cohesion and the needs of conflict-affected or displaced communities.

Possible first steps: identify qualified peacebuilding practitioners; convene a dialogue on locally led approaches; document lessons from selected African experiences; connect Chapters to credible existing institutions rather than attempt direct mediation.

Potential 2027 result: a practitioner exchange and a concise, evidence-informed collection of peacebuilding approaches and partnership opportunities.

Option C - African Integration and Institutional Cooperation Initiative

Purpose: Examine practical opportunities for greater African cooperation, stronger regional institutions and meaningful African participation in international governance.

Possible first steps: choose one manageable question, such as cross-border mobility, regional institutional effectiveness or African representation, compare country experiences, host a policy roundtable and prepare constructive recommendations.

Potential 2027 result: one focused cross-country discussion paper and a dialogue with relevant researchers or institutions.

3. How to evaluate the options

Consider: (1) importance across participating countries; (2) a distinct contribution TAF can make; (3) available volunteer expertise and Chapter interest; (4) credible, nonpartisan partners; (5) one measurable deliverable by late 2027; and (6) safeguarding, legal and reputational considerations. Participants may propose a better alternative if they can define a realistic first step.

4. Live breakout discussion (45 minutes)

Time	Discussion	Facilitator instructions
0–5 min	Welcome and purpose	Introduce the three options, decision criteria and expected outputs (do not reread the brief).
5–15 min	Compare and select	Invite concise views on the three options. Identify one primary 2027 initiative by consensus where possible; record any unresolved concerns.
15–30 min	Shape the initiative	Define the problem, intended beneficiaries, participants, feasible activities, first deliverable and how progress could be measured.
30–40 min	Secure commitments	Identify a provisional lead, volunteers, participating TAF Chapters, potential partners and a follow-up date. Do not assign absent people.
40–45 min	Confirm and prepare	Read back decisions, identify the rapporteur and select the presenter for the three-minute plenary report-back.

5. Ubuntu in Action — 2027 commitment record

Selected initiative / working title:
Specific 2027 objective:

Provisional lead and volunteers:

Interested Chapters and prospective partners:

First deliverable and target date:

Next meeting / follow-up date:

How progress will be measured and reported at Ubuntu 2027:

6. Three-minute plenary report-back

Report: the selected initiative and why; one concrete 2027 deliverable; who will coordinate and contribute; the first action and follow-up date; and any support or partnerships needed. Other options remain available for future consideration.

Facilitator note: The broader TAF Governance priority policies are not being formally amended in this session. Maintain constructive, evidence-based and nonpartisan discussion.