



PRESS RELEASE OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE 9TH PAN-AFRICAN CONGRESS

The Scientific Committee of the 9th Pan-African Congress took note, without surprise or astonishment, on December 10, 2025, of the resignation of Mr. Lagoke Gervais Gnaka from the presidency of the Committee, which is responsible for the scientific coordination of this major gathering of the African community around the Pan-African ideal, the reform of multilateral institutions, and other related issues.

This decision to resign is not, in fact, a genuine one, as the individual concerned never truly fulfilled his role as President of the Scientific Committee and was not invited to participate in the work of the 9th Pan-African Congress, which opened on 8 December 2025 and continues until 12 December 2025.

The Scientific Committee takes note of this groundless decision, which comes after behavioural misconduct, a serious lack of leadership, and difficult working relations with several other members – factors that distanced Mr. Gnaka from his responsibilities within the Committee, from the strictly scientific objectives of the Congress, and from its ongoing work in Lomé.

The Scientific Committee firmly condemns his defamatory, false, unfounded, and disrespectful allegations against the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration, and Togolese Abroad. It denounces his attitude and his lack of consideration for other members, and regrets above all Mr. Gnaka's attempt – through his so-called resignation letter – to suggest that he was the principal author of the scientific content of the 9th Pan-African Congress, when he in fact worked within a team that collectively designed and validated all the Congress documents.

The Scientific Committee recalls that the selection and development of the themes for the various Congress sessions resulted from teamwork, and that each member of the Committee contributed to specific topics. It also notes that several of its weekly working meetings were held in his absence.

The frustrations expressed by Mr. Gnaka regarding his non-participation in certain national or international events reveal a clear confusion between the general agenda of Togolese diplomacy and the missions of the Scientific Committee.

Finally, the Scientific Committee invites Mr. Gnaka – who joined the team after the official launch of the Congress on 22 May 2023 in Lomé – to demonstrate greater modesty, intellectual honesty, and respect for the Pan-African values of Ubuntu, listening, and harmony. It urges him to place the cause of Pan-Africanism above frustrations and personal considerations linked to his disrespectful and confrontational behaviour.

Done in Lomé, 11 December 2025

The Scientific Committee