

the universities and technical training institutions. It will allow the youth to showcase their inventions or innovations that are designed to solve a problem in industry, improve quality or productivity.

Alongside the November 20 date, the African Union also advances the Africa Industrialisation Week (AIW) whose main objective is to bring together various stakeholders involved in Industrialisation on the Continent. The goal is to raise awareness on the strides made to industrialise Africa, to highlight the various activities being implemented as well as the challenges faced in the efforts to advance structural transformation in Africa. The event will also provide an opportunity to share best practices from other parts of the globe that have made advancements in their Industrialisation drive including the development of start-ups.

The events specific goals are to reinforce the industry-trade nexus in the context of the business opportunities presented by the AfCFTA, reinforce the development of regional industrial value chains towards the creation of employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for MSMEs, Youth and Women.

It is also aimed at providing high-level political support to drive a globally competitive Africa-Industrialization program through public-private alliances, at the national, regional, continental level, and aligned global policy coherence, coordination and linkages, investment financing.

The observance of the day showcases the advancements made in Africa's industrialization and best practices from the continent, creating a platform for knowledge exchange and also promote the implementation of AU continental frameworks such as; the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA); the Africa Mining Vision (AMV), the SME Strategy; the Boosting Intra-African Trade strategy (BIAT); the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA); the Sustainable development Goals (SDGs) and the UN General Assembly's Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) in the context of Agenda 2063.