



## DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBLEM OF THE AU

### Emblem:

- The palm leaves shooting up on either side of the outer circle stand for peace.
- The gold circle again symbolizes Africa's wealth and bright future.
- The green circle again stands for African hopes and aspirations.
- The plain map of Africa without boundaries in the inner circle signifies African unity.
- The small interlocking red rings at base of the Emblem stand for African solidarity and the blood shed for Liberation of Africa

## THE AU FLAG



*A statue of Dr Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's first President at the forecourt of the new African Union (AU) building in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.*

*Kwame Nkrumah, (21 September 1909 – 27 April 1972) was the leader of Ghana and its predecessor state, the Gold Coast, from 1951 to 1966. Overseeing the nation's independence from British colonisation in 1957, Nkrumah was the first President of Ghana and the first Prime Minister of Ghana. An influential 20th-century advocate of Pan-Africanism, he was a founding member of the Organisation of African Unity and was the winner of the Lenin Peace Prize in 1963. He saw himself as an African Lenin.*