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ISAAAC: Intelligent Systematic Adaptable Accurate Approach Concept

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Executive Summary

The **Intelligent Systematic Adaptable Accurate Approach Concept (ISAAAC)** is a pioneering, multilateral initiative under the ODT Funding Program designed to foster peace, economic growth, and cultural unity in conflict-prone regions, with a focus on the Middle East and Horn of Africa. At its core, ISAAAC leverages the collective strengths of Asia, Africa, and the Arab world through robust South–South cooperation. By integrating smart city development, advanced technologies, equitable trade frameworks, and culturally driven collaboration, ISAAAC seeks to create resilient, future-proof urban centers that serve as engines for regional stability and growth.

Aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goal 16—which champions peace, justice, and the establishment of strong institutions—ISAAAC is set to catalyze transformative development through a triad of robust governance, innovative financing, and strategic global partnerships. This comprehensive approach not only targets the modernization of critical infrastructure and facilitation of technology transfer but also empowers local communities, driving inclusive economic advancement and cultural exchange. In doing so, ISAAAC lays the foundation for sustainable progress and long-term regional stability, offering a dynamic model for international collaboration in addressing today’s most challenging conflicts and development needs.

Global Context and Strategic Imperative

The world today is marked by interconnected crises that challenge stability and growth. In the Middle East, long-standing conflicts such as the Israel– Hamas crisis persist, while Sudan’s civil conflict continues to fuel instability across the region. Furthermore, Houthi attacks on vital Red Sea trade routes disrupt the smooth flow of commerce, posing significant threats to global supply chains (ACLED Conflict Watchlist 2025). These challenges, compounded by climate change, which intensifies resource disputes and exacerbates the scarcity of critical natural resources, particularly in water scarce regions like the Jordan River and drought-prone Horn of Africa (Carnegie Endowment), demand innovative and transformative approaches to development.



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The Global South—which includes Asia, Africa, and the Arab world—possesses immense potential to redefine progress in these turbulent times. With abundant natural resources, a burgeoning youthful population, and rapidly growing markets, these regions are poised to spearhead transformative change through robust South–South cooperation. ISAAAC is built on this premise, drawing upon established frameworks such as China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030 ([ISAAAC Program.pptx]) to confront immediate conflict-driven challenges while laying the groundwork for sustainable, long-term regional prosperity.

ISAAAC’s Core Attributes

ISAAAC is defined by a set of core attributes that guide its comprehensive and transformative approach to regional peacebuilding and sustainable development:

- **Intelligent:** Harnessing cutting-edge technologies—such as artificial intelligence, geospatial analytics, and predictive modeling—ISAAAC delivers targeted interventions that optimize resource allocation and enhance decision-making in complex environments.
- **Systematic:** With a structured governance model and phased implementation, ISAAAC ensures efficient, scalable, and sustainable outcomes. This systematic approach underpins every project, driving accountability and continuous improvement across its initiatives.



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- **Adaptable:** Designed to respond flexibly to evolving conflicts and regional dynamics, ISAAAC is committed to iterative innovation. By embracing local contexts and integrating technology transfer and collaborative research, it tailors’ solutions to the unique challenges of each community or situation.
- **Accurate:** Through precise, data-driven methodologies, ISAAAC targets the root causes of regional instability—including poverty, resource scarcity, and cultural divides—ensuring that interventions are both effective and impactful.
- **Unified Approach:** Combining smart city development, advanced technological integration, equitable trade practices, and culturally driven collaboration, ISAAAC creates interconnected urban centers that act as engines for regional stability and long-term prosperity.

Vision and Mission

Vision: ISAAAC envisions a world where conflict-prone regions—especially in the Middle East and Horn of Africa—are transformed into vibrant centers of sustainable development, cultural unity, and inclusive prosperity. We aspire to create interconnected urban hubs that harness advanced technologies and smart city frameworks to foster peace, drive economic opportunity, and stimulate integrated regional growth.

Mission: Our mission is to unite governments, financial institutions, corporations, and communities through a systematic and adaptable framework that leverages the collective strengths of Asia, Africa, and the Arab world. By prioritizing intelligent urban development, equitable trade, and culturally driven collaboration, ISAAAC addresses the root causes of instability and catalyzes resilient, long-term change with an approach that is anchored in robust governance, innovative financing, and strategic global partnerships.

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Core Principles:

- **Community-Led Solutions:** Empower local communities to take ownership of development initiatives, ensuring culturally relevant, sustainable, and locally driven outcomes.
- **Inclusivity:** Prioritize the active involvement of women, youth, and marginalized groups—fostering a diverse leadership that strengthens social cohesion and drives holistic development.
- **Technological Innovation:** Leverage cutting-edge technologies such as AI, blockchain, and 5G to revolutionize urban management, enhance public services, and promote sustainable growth.
- **Actionable Diplomacy:** Facilitate concrete diplomatic engagements that tie economic incentives to conflict resolution, fostering trust and creating a framework for enduring peace.
- **Climate Resilience:** Integrate green technologies and sustainable practices that mitigate environmental challenges, ensuring adaptive resource management in the face of climate change.

Strategic Pillars

ISAAAC’s framework rests on four interrelated strategic pillars that drive its transformative approach and leverage robust South–South cooperation to foster peace and prosperity:

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1. Smart City Development

Smart city development is at the heart of ISAAAC's vision for sustainable and inclusive urban progress. With 90% of the 2.5 billion new urban residents by 2050 expected to live in Asia, Africa, and the Arab world, it is critical to invest in innovative urban infrastructures that accommodate rapid city growth while enhancing quality of life. By creating interconnected hubs that blend state-of-the-art technology with vibrant cultural experiences, these projects are poised to drive economic activity, improve public services, foster enduring regional collaboration, and create a neutral space for dialogue.

Key Initiatives:

- **Wadi Salaam:** A \$500 billion smart city situated in the Horn of Africa region, bridging Africa and Arab world, featuring AI-driven governance, renewable energy solutions, and integrated cultural centres. The city will serve as a trade gateway and Islamic finance hub ([ISAAAC Program.pptx]).
- **Cultural Synergy Zones:** Establish dedicated spaces within smart cities—drawing inspiration from UNESCO's Creative Cities Network—to promote art, education, and innovation, thereby enhancing community engagement and fostering cross-cultural trust.
- **Smart Infrastructure:** Implement advanced digital systems—such as IoT-based utilities and intelligent traffic management—to streamline urban operations and improve overall liveability, drawing on China's proven expertise in developing smart city projects across Africa.

Impact: Each hub will generate 500,000 jobs, reduce resource conflicts, and host peace dialogues, enhancing regional stability.



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2. Advanced Technologies & Innovation Networks

Advanced technologies have strong transformative potential in addressing conflict and driving sustainable innovation across regions in need. Through the establishment of a Tri-Continent Innovation Network, this pillar focuses on harnessing data-driven tools, fostering research collaboration, and facilitating rapid technology transfer among Asia, Africa, and the Arab world to ensure a cohesive and dynamic approach to developing tailored and scalable solutions for local challenges.

Key Initiatives:

- **Peace Tech Incubator:** A Hong Kong-based funding platform to support startups and innovators developing innovative tools—such as AI for ceasefire monitoring and blockchain for transparent resource tracking.
- **Geospatial Intelligence Centre:** A real-time platform using satellite imagery and predictive AI to map conflict hotspots and resource disputes, piloted in Yemen and Sudan, in order to drive informed decision-making and enhance situational awareness across conflict-prone regions.
- **Secure Mediation Platform:** A robust digital framework, supported by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), designed to facilitate secure and transparent dialogue among stakeholders, leveraging advanced encryption and blockchain technologies to build trust and accountability.

Impact: These technologies are expected to prevent conflicts, empower local innovators, and drive \$50 billion in digital economy growth by 2030.



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3. Economic Integration and Trade Synergies

Economic integration is critical to converting conflict-prone regions into engines of growth. By leveraging AfCFTA and BRI to develop interconnected trade corridors and specialized economic zones, ISAAAC aims to stimulate market access, attract investment, and boost regional commerce, thereby promoting peace and prosperity.

Key Initiatives:

- **Red Sea Trade Corridor:** A \$200 million platform to secure and enhance vital maritime routes, involving Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Djibouti, with private sector partners like Maersk, to ensure the smooth flow of goods between regions and reducing trade disruptions.
- **Joint Economic Zones:** Drawing inspiration from the Abraham Accords ([Heritage Foundation](#)), create cross-border economic zones that promote collaboration and facilitate seamless integration such as tech hubs in Israel-Palestine that employ both communities
- **ISAAAC's Integrated Investment Platforms:** A \$1.5 billion investment fund that pools capital from Asia, Africa, and the Arab world, integrating Islamic and conventional finance mechanisms to support SME expansion and infrastructure development, thereby ensuring long-term economic benefits and enhanced financial inclusion([ISAAAC Program.pptx]).

Impact: These efforts will increase intra-regional trade by 10%, create 2 million jobs, and add \$150 billion to regional GDPs by 2035, aligning with AfCFTA's projections ([World Bank](#)).



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4. Cultural Collaboration and Community Engagement

Fostering cultural collaboration and engaging local communities are essential for building lasting trust and social cohesion. This pillar focuses on breaking down cultural barriers and promoting connectivity and inclusive dialogue that harnesses the creativity and resilience of local populations.

Key Initiatives:

- **ISAAAC Unity Festival:** Organize an annual cultural festival in smart cities that celebrates music, art, cuisine, and innovation, serving as a platform for interfaith dialogue and community building—modeled on the Global Peace Foundation’s interfaith programs (Global Peace Foundation)
- **Youth and Women’s Leadership Labs:** Drawing on the insights from EU-AU youth initiatives (EU-AU Summit), develop comprehensive training programs and mentorship platforms aimed at empowering over 10,000 young leaders and women annually as mediators and entrepreneurs in smart cities, thereby ensuring that development is both inclusive and transformative.
- **Digital Cultural Exchange Platforms:** An AI-powered virtual space that facilitates the sharing of stories, traditions, and collaborative projects among communities to reinforce intercultural bonds and amplify local voices.

Impact: These programs will engage 100 million people, reduce cultural tensions, and create a network of 1 million peace advocates by 2030.



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South-South Cooperation & Intercontinental Collaboration Framework

ISAAAC is founded on the principle that the combined strengths of Asia, Africa, and the Arab world are essential for transformative regional progress. This framework is designed to forge deep, mutually reinforcing partnerships by aligning policies, pooling financial resources, and establishing unified governance mechanisms.

Key Components of the Framework:

- **Unified Governance and Oversight:** Establish a trans-regional coordination council composed of key policymakers, sector experts, and stakeholders from Asia, Africa, and the Arab world. This body will set common policy standards, monitor implementation, and ensure alignment across all initiatives.
- **Integrated Policy and Regulatory Alignment:** Facilitate high-level dialogues and streamlined policy coordination that cut across national borders. By standardizing regulatory approaches and sharing best practices, the framework creates a conducive environment for seamless implementation of development initiatives while avoiding fragmentation.
- **Synergistic Financial Mobilization:** Develop mechanisms for pooling and strategically deploying financial resources across regions. This includes aligning investment channels and harmonizing financial instruments (both Islamic and conventional) to support critical infrastructure and enterprise development initiatives without duplicating efforts already outlined in the Strategic Pillars.



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- **Cross-Regional Knowledge and Best Practices Exchange:** Create platforms for continuous information sharing and joint learning among leaders and experts. These platforms will not only reinforce successful initiatives in smart cities, technology, and cultural programs but also drive innovations that are tailored to the unique challenges of each region.

Together, these components form a cohesive framework that operates as the strategic nexus for South-South cooperation. By aligning policies, coordinating investments, and fostering a shared knowledge base, the framework enhances the overall impact of ISAAAC's initiatives, ensuring that transformative regional change is both synchronized and sustainable.

Governance and Institutional Framework

ISAAAC's governance is engineered to promote intelligence, transparency, and inclusivity—principles that are fully operational under the ODT Funding Program. Drawing inspiration from the World Economic Forum's multi-stakeholder approach (WEF Multi-stakeholder Approach), this framework ensures diverse input, global credibility, and effective oversight while uniting public, private, and civil society sectors from Asia, Africa, and the Arab world.

Key Components of the Governance Model:

- **Global Steering Council:** A 20-member body with rotating leadership between Asia, Africa, and the Arab world, featuring UN envoys, youth representatives, and tech leaders. This council sets strategic direction, aligns policy across borders, and ensures that all major decisions reflect a broad spectrum of regional perspectives.
- **Executive Secretariat:** Headquartered in Hong Kong, with regional offices in Addis Ababa and Amman, the Executive Secretariat manages day-to-day operations, oversees partnerships, and facilitates the seamless execution of ISAAAC's initiatives. Its centralized coordination ensures that project goals are met efficiently across diverse regions.



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- **Thematic Working Groups:** Dedicated groups focus on key sectors—smart cities, technology, trade, and cultural collaboration. Each group utilizes AI analytics for strategic planning, ensuring that sector-specific initiatives remain innovative, data-driven, and tailored to address local challenges while complementing the broader framework.
- **Ethical Oversight Committee:** Guided by UN human rights standards, this committee guarantees neutrality and accountability in all operations, particularly in polarized conflict situations. Its role is to monitor ethical compliance and provide independent evaluations, thereby upholding the integrity of the program.
- **Transparent Financing:** Leveraging a blockchain-based public ledger, this mechanism tracks funds from the ODT Program, sovereign wealth funds, and private investors ([ISAAAC Program.pptx]). The ledger ensures robust financial accountability and transparency, thereby fostering trust and reinforcing stakeholder confidence throughout the lifecycle of each project.

Together, these governance components create an agile, robust, and accountable institutional framework. They ensure that ISAAAC's strategic initiatives are implemented effectively and ethically while remaining adaptable to the changing needs and complexities of the regions served.

Implementation Roadmap

ISAAAC's five-year roadmap is designed for rapid, scalable impact, blending strategic planning with adaptive execution. Using AI-driven analytics to monitor real-time conflict data and integrate stakeholder feedback, this roadmap ensures that each phase builds on success and continuously refines its approach.



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Year 1: Launch and Foundation (2025-2026)

- Global Launch: Initiate ISAAAC at the “Smart Cities for Global Prosperity” summit in Hong Kong, engaging participation from over 60 countries.
- Strategic Partnerships: Secure MOUs with key institutions, including the African Union, Arab League, and UN Peacebuilding Commission.
- Pilot Initiatives: Kick off the planning of Wadi Salaam and pilot the Geospatial Intelligence Center in Yemen.
- Key Deliverable: Publish the “ISAAAC Global Strategy” whitepaper.

Year 2: Research and Pilot Projects (2026-2027)

- Innovation Labs: Establish state-of-the-art labs in Nairobi, Dubai, and Hong Kong, focusing on developing climate-resilient trade solutions and peace tech innovations.
- Pilot Programs: Launch the “Peace Coffee” export pilot in Yemen and host the inaugural Unity Festival in Wadi Salaam.
- Key Deliverable: Release the “Technology for Stability” policy brief.



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Year 3: Regional Engagement and Diplomacy (2027-2028)

- Diplomatic Engagement: Host a Horn of Africa Peace Summit in Addis Ababa to broker a water-sharing agreement among regional stakeholders.
- Inter-Regional Collaboration: Facilitate talks between Israel and Palestine to establish a joint tech hub, with support from ALLMEP.
- Key Deliverable: Secure the signing of the Red Sea Trade Corridor agreement by five nations.

Year 4: Scaling Impact (2028-2029)

- Infrastructure Expansion: Expand the infrastructure of Wadi Salaam and replicate its smart city model in Somalia.
- Startup Ecosystem: Fund 30 startups through the Peace Tech Incubator to spur local innovation and economic growth.
- Key Deliverable: Finalize a Horn of Africa trade pact with commitments totaling \$50 billion.

Year 5: Global Institutionalization (2029-2030)

- Permanent Hubs: Establish enduring ISAAAC hubs in Addis Ababa and Amman to solidify regional integration.
- Measuring Impact: Publish the “ISAAAC Prosperity Index” to quantify achievement and progress.
- Global Legitimacy: Secure UN-affiliated status, boosting the initiative’s international credibility.
- Key Deliverable: Disseminate an impact report documenting the creation of over 2 million jobs and the mitigation of 15 conflicts.





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Collaboration Ecosystem

ISAAAC will forge a global coalition to maximize impact by uniting diverse stakeholders and leveraging cutting-edge digital tools for real-time coordination. This ecosystem is designed to drive rapid, sustainable change across conflict-prone regions by aligning the agendas, resources, and expertise of international institutions, regional organizations, development agencies, civil society, and the private sector.

Strategic Partnership Framework:

- **UN and Multilateral Bodies:** Partner with UNEP for climate-conflict solutions, UNCTAD for trade integration, and UNESCO for cultural programs to ensure that global standards and innovation meet regional needs (UNDP South-South Cooperation).
- **Regional Organizations:** Collaborate with influential groups such as IGAD, the GCC, and the African Union to secure diplomatic and security support (Crisis Group) to enable coordinated regional responses.
- **Development Agencies:** Work closely with the World Bank, African Development Bank, and initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to secure targeted infrastructure funding, thereby driving economic growth and resilience (World Bank MENA Report).
- **Civil Society:** Engage NGOs such as the Open Society Foundations and ALLMEP to ensure grassroots peacebuilding and local community involvement remain at the forefront of ISAAAC's initiatives (Open Society Foundations).



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- **Private Sector:** Partner with global technology leaders like IBM and Huawei to implement smart city solutions, and collaborate with logistics giants such as Maersk to enhance trade security and supply chain integrity ([ISAAAC Program.pptx]).

ISAAAC will deploy an AI-powered digital platform that ensures real-time communication, data sharing, and coordinated decision-making among all stakeholders, thereby strengthening the overall impact of the coalition; by integrating global expertise with local insights, this system forms a critical component of a robust collaboration ecosystem that bridges organizational and geographical boundaries and uniquely positions ISAAAC's network to drive transformative, sustainable development across Asia, Africa, and the Arab world.

Addressing Regional Priorities & Inclusive Development

Middle East:

- Facilitate neutral mediation between Israel and Palestine, emphasizing the creation of joint economic zones to build trust and shared prosperity.
- Secure vital Red Sea trade routes through a comprehensive regional pact that actively engages key partners—such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE—while ensuring that local communities and stakeholders are integral to the process (USIP Red Sea Program).



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Horn of Africa:

- Broker resource-sharing agreements in Sudan and Somalia by leveraging advanced geospatial data to enable equitable water and land distribution.
- Develop sustainable cross-border trade corridors that not only enhance economic resilience but also incorporate grassroots perspectives for truly inclusive development (Carnegie Endowment).

Global Economic Contributions

By 2030, ISAAAC aims to catalyze transformative economic growth and foster long-term stability across regions through its strategic initiatives:

- **Job Creation:** Create 2 million jobs by leveraging the development of smart cities and enhancing trade initiatives, thereby generating significant employment opportunities across multiple sectors.
- **Economic Growth:** Add \$200 billion to regional GDPs by capitalizing on the synergistic potential of AfCFTA and BRI, which will integrate markets and drive sustainable economic development.
- **Global Investment:** Attract \$750 billion in global investment towards sustainable infrastructure, channeling much-needed capital into projects that bolster economic resilience and future prosperity.



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- **Conflict Mitigation:** Reduce conflict-related economic losses by 25%, contributing to the stabilization of global trade and the creation of more secure, thriving markets.

Through these focused contributions, ISAAAC envisions a future where strategic investment and regional integration not only stimulate economic growth but also build a foundation for lasting peace and stability.

Conclusion

ISAAAC's comprehensive strategy leverages a powerful global coalition—uniting multilateral institutions, regional organizations, development agencies, civil society, and the private sector—to transform conflict-affected areas into hubs of sustainable and inclusive prosperity. Rooted in the spirit of South-South cooperation, this framework uniquely integrates the dynamic expertise of the Asian, African, and Arab regions with global best practices.

Every strategic pillar—from robust governance and adaptive policy frameworks to targeted regional initiatives and transformative economic contributions—is designed to generate immediate impact while laying the foundation for long-term resilience. As ISAAAC's five-year roadmap unfolds, tangible outcomes such as the creation of millions of jobs, substantial GDP growth, significant global investments, and reduced conflict-related losses will signal the transition from reactive measures to proactive, sustainable development.

By aligning global expertise with the rich insights and experiences of the Asian, African, and Arab regions, ISAAAC is poised to drive a future defined by enduring peace, prosperity, and innovation—a future where local communities and global partners work hand-in-hand to foster lasting, transformative change.