

Africa's Evolving Landscape: Space, Security, and Digital Frontiers in 2026

Africa · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In 2026, which African nation is highlighted for its plans to develop a Pan-African Space Station (PASS) aimed at driving the continent's space and research economy?

- A) Algeria
- B) South Africa
- C) Uganda**
- D) Egypt

2. The 39th African Union Summit in February 2026 addressed critical minerals as strategic assets. What was a key focus requested by the leaders regarding these minerals?

- A) Exporting raw minerals to global markets
- B) Establishing a Continental Critical Minerals Value Addition Framework**
- C) Investing solely in mining technology
- D) Limiting extraction to reduce environmental impact

3. Which East African countries collaborated on the 'ClimCam' payload, launched to the International Space Station in April 2026 for real-time climate data monitoring?

- A) Kenya, Egypt, and Uganda**
- B) Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Somalia
- C) Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan
- D) Djibouti, Eritrea, and Sudan

4. A significant archaeological discovery in Morocco in early 2026 involved 773,000-year-old fossils. What potential evolutionary significance do these fossils suggest?

- A) They represent the earliest evidence of Homo sapiens
- B) They may be remains of the last common ancestor of modern humans, Neanderthals, and Denisovans**
- C) They indicate the first migration of Homo erectus out of Africa
- D) They are the oldest known tools with blade technology

5. In February 2026, the 39th African Union Summit formally welcomed the President of which country as the Chairperson of the African Union for the 2026 term?

- A) Angola
- B) Burundi**
- C) Ghana
- D) Tanzania

6. As of early 2026, Africa leads the world in stablecoin adoption. What percentage of crypto-active users in Africa own stablecoins?

- A) 55%
- B) 79%**
- C) 62%
- D) 48%

7. In March 2026, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) decided to create a new force to fight jihadists. What is the initial target number of troops for this force?

- A) 1,000
- B) 2,000**
- C) 3,000
- D) 5,000

8. A joint China-Kenya archaeological team, in early 2026, unearthed stone tool products featuring blade technology at Kenya's Lake Bogoria site. What period do these tools date back to?

- A) Neolithic period
- B) Middle to late Paleolithic period**
- C) Bronze Age
- D) Iron Age

9. The 39th African Union Summit in February 2026 adopted a theme for the year. What was the theme for 2026?

- A) "Silencing the Guns: Creating Conditions for Sustainable Development"
- B) "Assuring sustainable water availability and safe sanitation systems to achieve the goals of Agenda 2063"**
- C) "The Africa We Want: Agenda 2063"
- D) "Industrializing Africa: A Transformative Agenda"

10. In early 2026, what significant development occurred in the African space economy, according to the 'Space in Africa' report, concerning its projected valuation?

- A) It fell short of its projected valuation by \$2.31 billion
- B) It exceeded its projected valuation by \$2.31 billion**
- C) It remained static compared to the previous year
- D) It decreased by 10% due to reduced investment

11. Which African country's National Treasury introduced a draft Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill in March 2025, which received presidential assent in October 2025, establishing a dual-regulator model for digital assets?

- A) Nigeria
- B) South Africa
- C) Kenya**
- D) Ghana

12. In February 2026, scientists announced a potential discovery in Ethiopia's Afar Rift concerning burned human bones. What is the estimated age of this find, potentially representing the oldest evidence of cremation?

- A) Approximately 50,000 years ago
- B) Approximately 100,000 years ago**
- C) Approximately 200,000 years ago
- D) Approximately 500,000 years ago

13. The African Union Summit in February 2026 emphasized the strategic importance of critical minerals. What framework did leaders request to be developed concerning these resources?

- A) A Continental Critical Minerals Value Addition Framework**
- B) A Global Minerals Trade Regulation Act
- C) A Framework for Export-Only Mineral Policies
- D) An International Mineral Resource Sharing Agreement

14. In March 2026, which two African countries held significant presidential and parliamentary elections, with one leader securing a seventh term?

- A) Benin and Uganda
- B) Republic of the Congo and Uganda**
- C) Ethiopia and Somalia
- D) Libya and Benin

15. The NewSpace Africa Conference in April 2026 highlighted various national space initiatives. Which country was noted for its plans to develop a Pan-African Space Station (PASS) to drive the African space and research economy?

- A) Algeria
- B) Egypt
- C) Uganda**
- D) South Africa