MORAL VISION FOR AFRICA’S DEVELOPMENT

The Moral Vision is a picture of what Africans want to become in the future. Development in the African context should not only address material advancement but also who Africans want to become.

**God-centeredness**
- God as foundation and center of life
- The nature and purpose of God as absolutes by which to
  - Evaluate quality of human life
  - Determine right from wrong

**Sacredness of Human Life**
- Every human life is important
- Not one life should be wasted

**Positive Self Identity**
- Being positive about African heritage
- Commitment to originality; being first-class Africans, not second-class citizens
- Positive self identity is translated into confidence and constructive creativity

**Personal and Public Integrity**
- Consistency of private and public life
- Wholesome living
- Integrity as qualification for leadership

**Ubuntu**\(^1\)
- Life that is guided by sound moral values
- Life that is a model for society

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\(^1\) *Ubuntu* describes wholesome personal development that maintains dynamic balance with God, community and the rest of creation. It is an African concept particularly found among the Nguni (Zulu, Xhosa, Ndebele, Baswati) and other people of southern Africa.
Sense of Community
• Individual identity defined within context of community
  “I am because God is and we are.”
• Collective responsibility

Empowering Love
• Empowering others
• Putting interests of others above one’s own

Dignity of Labor
• Commitment to being practitioners not only theoreticians
• Respect for practical hands on labor

Responsible Interdependence
• Departure from receiver complex
• Commitment to ‘give and take’ relationship

Freedom for All
• Freedom to choose leaders, life partners and career
• Freedom of religion

Justice for All
• Equality of all people
• Equal opportunities for all irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion or gender

Excellence
• Uncompromising commitment to the best at all times and in all situations
  “Only the best is good enough for Africa.”

2 This is a famous quote from Dr. Kwegir Aggrey, first African Vice Principal of Achimota College, Ghana.