

Scant progress in united Africa summit

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ACCRA, Ghana -- For the ninth time, African Union leaders made little progress at a three-day summit in Ghana to form a single continent-wide government.

African Union Chairman and Ghanaian leader John Kufuor hosted the summit in the capital, Accra, and tried to sound positive at its conclusion Wednesday.

"We met in the debates with a commonality of perspective, a common vision in principle for the realization of union government," Kufuor said.

However, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who began the summit with a call to immediately establish one Africa-wide government, left hours before the meetings ended, a BBC correspondent reported.

One of Africa's most stable democracies, Senegal, supported Gadhafi, but Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni told Uganda state-owned media that while he favored economic integration, Africa is too diverse for one government, the report said.

The concept was first raised in 1957 by Kwame Nkrumah, who led Ghana to independence.

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