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The idea of an african solution to african problems is indeed nothing new. In search of solutions to numerous african conflicts by the so called International Community, this idea got to be known as „try OAU first” principle. It has done its way but without really convincing many. What is new in fact is the confidence that Africa on behalf of the newly established African Union will for the long term be securised and economically developed. Such confidence was very widespread in all african countries in the very early morning following the establishment of the AU. On one hand everyone seemed to have been convinced that the AU has to do better than the OAU did and on the other hand because its „pères fondateurs” underlined that the success of the AU will be assest by how the organisation will solve security and development challenges of Africa. The objective of this PhD project was to analyse why the OAU failed to achieve the goal of making Afrika a secure and developed place and why the AU quite on contrary should succeed. Furthermore it has been a fact that in the field of international law, a comprehensive analysis of the OAU and AU as significant regional arrangements is missing. That is why this project tried to put an end to the silence of the academic script in this field of law.