

MEDIA ADVISORY NOTE

FOR THE

**4th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the African Union,
Regional Economic Communities and Regional
Mechanisms**

Lusaka, Zambia

THEME OF THE SUMMIT

***“Building Resilience in Nutrition on the African Continent: Accelerate the
Human Capital, Social and Economic Development”***

Important Dates:

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| 14-15 July 2022: | 41st Ordinary Session of the Executive Council |
| 17th July 2022: | 4th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the African Union, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms |

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2022 AU-RECS-RM COORDINATION MEETING PRESS/MEDIA ACCREDITATION

1. ONLINE ACCREDITATION FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL BASED OUTSIDE ZAMBIA

Accreditation is required for all media who wish to cover the 4th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the AU, RECS and RM. Media accreditation is strictly reserved for media professionals (print, photo, radio, television, film/documentary, news agencies and online media) who represent a bona fide media organization, and have a valid accreditation in their home countries.

All journalists should apply through Online Registration System on the AU website: <https://accreditation.au.int/en/media/2022/4th-mid-year-coordination-meeting>

Once journalists receive confirmation e-mail of their successful application from the Information and Communication Directorate (ICD), and/or from the relevant host country authorities they should print it, along with their application documents and **passport**, to present upon their arrival to facilitate the visa process.

Journalists should also fill in and send the visa on arrival form available on the AU website: <https://au.int/en/summit/coordination/4>

The documents will be duly processed by the AUC and the government of Zambia. All qualified journalists to participate at the AU-RECs Mid-Year Coordination Meeting will be issued visa on arrival.

All journalists will be issued with journalist visas. No journalist will be allowed to attend the meeting on a business or tourist visa.

Two methods of media registration for accreditation are available for journalists applying from outside Zambia.

1.1. **Online Registration System:**

The online accreditation link is available at:

<https://accreditation.au.int/en/media/2022/4th-mid-year-coordination-meeting>

1.2. **E-mail:**

After completing the accreditation form, the form and scanned copies of all the required documents should be sent via e-mail to the Information and Communication Directorate (ICD) through the e-mail: Media@africa-union.org

Required documents to accompany application form

- Passport size photograph not more than six months old;
- A letter of assignment on official letterhead of your media organization signed by the Editor-in-chief indicating name of representative and duration of stay
- Copy of a valid professional press card or equivalent identification

It is also advisable to carry hard copies of all the required documents in case of any necessary checks. **Applications should reach the Directorate before 5th July 2022.**

For further Inquiries regarding media accreditation contact:

Mr. Molalet Tsedeke, Media Center Coordinator, Information and Communication Directorate; AU Commission; Tel. +251-115 182014; WhatsApp +251-911-630631; E-mail: molalett@africa-union.org

2. ACCREDITATION FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL BASED IN ZAMBIA

All media personnel operating from within Zambia must apply for accreditation through the Zambia News and Information Services (ZANIS) Broadcasting Authority by providing the necessary details. The application must be provided before the deadline set by the authority. Please contact the following officials for details:

Zambia News and Information Services (ZANIS)

Ms. Loyce M. Saili,

Zambia News and Information Services (ZANIS)

Tel. +260 096 6 922425; E-mail: loyce.saili@zanis.gov.zm

3. WHAT TO DO IN ZAMBIA

Journalists will need to get two badges:

- 3.1. The **Government press badge** will be issued by the host authorities. This involves being photographed before the card is processed. The venue for badge collection will be communicated in due course. This badge will allow access into the conference compound.
- 3.2. **AU Conference badge:** After getting the government issued press badge, journalists will be issued a conference badge by the African Union. This badge will give them access into the conference and media rooms during the meeting.
- 3.3. Journalists are advised to make sure they arrive in Zambia in good time so as to have the documentation done before the meetings start.
- 3.4. Journalists are also advised to arrive at Summit venues early to ensure that they clear all entry procedures before the meetings start.

4. YELLOW FEVER CARDS AND COVID 19 PCR TEST

- 4.1. Yellow fever cards will be required at the ports of entry for everyone travelling from yellow fever designated countries.
- 4.2. **COVID-19 precaution:**
 - *A Rapid COVID-19 testing at airport/ AUC, at no cost, one day before the meeting or the day of the meeting is a requirement to access the meeting venue. Only delegates / participants with a negative Rapid Antigen test will be allowed in the plenary and press center. Journalists must show the Rapid Covid-19 test result when requested. Media conference badge will not be issued in the absence of rapid screening result for COVID-19.*

5. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR MEDIA EQUIPMENT

Accredited media personnel bringing technical equipment with them to Zambia will be subjected to full Customs Control. Journalists are requested to send their list of equipment together with their application for accreditation. *Media equipment form is also available on the summit accreditation page <https://au.int/en/summit/coordination/4>*

Journalists wishing to bring in live broadcasting equipment or to request live transmission facilities should contact:

Ms. Loyce M. Saili,
Zambia News and Information Services (ZANIS);
Tel:+260 096 6 922425 ; E-mail: loyce.saili@zanis.gov.zm

6. MEDIA FACILITIES

A media center with facilities for print, online and electronic media will be

available at the Summit venue. Access to media facilities will be available only to accredited media representatives.

7. INTERVIEWS WITH AUC LEADERSHIP

The Information and Communication Directorate will help media to arrange interviews with the leadership of the AU.

Journalists wishing to conduct interviews during the 4th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting should submit their requests to Mrs. Esther Azaa Tankou, Head of Information Division at the AUC; YambouE@africa. And/or Mr. Molalet Tsedeke; Media Coordinator; Information and Communication Directorate; Tel/WhatsApp +251-911 630 631; Molalett@africa-union.org.

8. PRESS CONFERENCES

Briefings by the AUC leadership and leaders of the various African Union organs and programmes will take place at the meeting venue. AUC will organize press conferences of the AUC and other AU Organs. The schedule of the press conference will be posted in advance and journalists will be notified by e-mail on the updated details. A text message will also be sent to their mobile phone, if a mobile number has been provided.

9. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MEETINGS

Opening and closing sessions of the meetings are usually open to journalists, depending on availability of space within the meeting rooms. Media practitioners will also be informed on other open sessions, and how to access the plenary halls.

A briefing session will be held for all accredited media during the Summit. A notice will be circulated regarding the time and date of the briefing.

10. LIVE STREAMING

Opening sessions and press conferences of the meeting will be streaming live.

These feeds will be made available through the media centre and on the AU social media platforms. Media will also be notified of all live streamed meetings via the AU website and e-mail.

11. TELEPHONE

Telephone SIM cards will be available at the summit venue on a commercial basis.

12. TELEVISION AND RADIO

Media will be notified if live links to their national broadcasters will be available. Inquiries in this regard should be sent to Mr. Gamal Karrar on: GamalK@africa-union.org, Direct Tel.: +251 11 5182573. Cell: +251904138354

13. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be on self-arrangement basis. Journalists are advised to make their booking early to avoid last minute inconveniences. A list of Lusaka hotels will soon be available on the African Union website.

14. **SUMMIT COMMUNICATIONS ENQUIRIES**

Enquiries on the arrangements made for the media for the Summit should be directed to Mrs. Wynne Musabayana, Head of Communication at the AUC, E-mail: MusabayanaW@africa-union.org

For further information:

Information and Communication Directorate | African Union Commission | E-mail: DIC@africa-union.org | Website: <http://www.au.int>

Face book: <https://www.facebook.com/AfricanUnionCommission>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/_AfricanUnion

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/AUCommission>

Hashtag : #AUMYCM

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