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2025 AFRICA DAY COMMEMORATION

Draft AGENDA

Saturday, 24 MAY 2025

09:45 – 10:00 Arrival and Anthems

- Arrival of dignitaries
- National Anthem of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and AU Anthem
 - Director of Protocol

10:00 – 11:15 Official Opening Ceremony

- Welcome remarks
 - Master of Ceremonies
- Special Tribute:
 - “The Journey to the African Union Theme of the Year” video montage
- Statement by African Union Staff Association
 - Mr. Nouhou Thiam
- Statement by the Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent
 - H.E Ambassador Martin Kimani,
- Statement by UNESCO
 - Dr. Rita Bissoonauth, Head of the UNESCO Liaison Office to the AUC and ECA and Rep. to Ethiopia (TBC)
- Statement by the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps in Ethiopia
 - H.E Youssouf Mondoha Assoumani, Ambassador of the Union of Comoros to Ethiopia & Permanent Representative to the AU.
- Statement by the African Union Champion on Advancing the Cause of Justice and Payment of Reparations to Africans
 - H.E John Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana
- Statement by the President of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia
 - H.E. Taye Atske Selassie.
- Statement by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission
 - H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf
- Statement by the Chairperson of the African Union
 - H.E. João Goncalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola.

11:15 - 11:20 Family Photo

11:20 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Bazaar

11:30 – 11:35 Welcoming Remarks and Opening of the Bazaar
Master of Ceremonies

11: 35 - 17:00

Living Heritage Exhibition and Cultural Showcase

- Country pavilions, traditional performances, art displays, experience
- Diaspora exhibits on restitution and healing by UNESCO

Cultural Parade & Exhibition Walkthrough

- Parade of nations
Each Member State showcases traditional attire, flag, and music.

Taste of Africa & Musical Finale

- Culinary journey through African heritage dishes
- Afro-fusion performances and Pan-African fashion pop-up show
- Music and dance performances from different Member States and AU regional representations
- Poetry and spoken word by African artists and diaspora groups.