



MEDIA ADVISORY NOTE

**PLEDGING CONFERENCE ON THE SITUATION IN THE
HORN OF AFRICA**

“ONE AFRICA ONE VOICE AGAINST HUNGER”
25TH August 2011
Addis Ababa - Ethiopia

United Nations Conference Center (UNCC)

This advisory note, in Word format is also available on:

www.au.int

or

<http://au.int/pages/savinglives>

1 - ACCREDITATION

Access to media facilities will be available only to accredited media representatives. Accreditation is open to bona fide print and electronic journalists, photographers, film and television camera crews and technicians. Applications for accreditation should be made on the attached form or on photocopies made from it.

It is necessary for journalists to send their application forms (**available on <http://au.int/pages/savinglives/accreditation> or see attached accreditation form**), to the African Union Commission before 22 August 2011 to facilitate processing of conference badges.

Applications must be accompanied by two photographs, a letter on a letterhead from your organization indicating your function. They should be signed by a senior executive confirming that the applicant has been assigned to cover the AU Pledging Conference and should be supported by a copy of a National Press Card or equivalent identification.

The application form, the two photographs and the official nomination to cover the event can be shall be scanned and sent by e-mail to hornofafrica@africa-union.org

After arrival, journalists will need to get the official security badge issued by the Ethiopian Government of and an AU conference badge in that order.

Please note:

- It will not be possible for any member of the media to access the conference facilities without **both** badges.
- Journalists are also advised to send their application forms and all required documents well in advance of the deadline so that the necessary conference badges can be prepared before arrival.
- It is also advisable to carry with you hard copies of all the required documents.

Any further enquiries may be directed to:

Mr. Tesfaye Gebremeskel at loveethiopia2000@yahoo.com
Mobile: 251 913 43 37 80

Or

African Union Communication Cell on the Horn of Africa at
hornofafrica@africa-union.org

2 - CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

Accredited media personnel bringing technical equipment with them to Ethiopia will be subject to full Customs Control. Therefore, you are required to send your list of equipment (two copies) together with your application for accreditation. (Available at <http://au.int/pages/savinglives/accreditation>)

For further details regarding customs, contact:

Mr. Tesfaye Gebremeskel at loveethiopia2000@yahoo.com

Mobile: 251 913 43 37 80

An information office will be open at Bole International Airport at Room No F-33 inside the Custom Department. A billboard with the sign "PRESS" will indicate the direction to Room F-33.

3 - TELEVISION AND RADIO

Facilities for satellite feeds can be booked in advance by contacting:

- Mr. Habte Gemed
Co-coordinator; Satellite and Television Facilities
(+251-911 677952)
Ethiopian Television
Fax: +251-11 5512686
E-mail Gemedaetv@yahoo.com
or etv2@telecom.net.et

Those journalists who cannot make it to Addis Ababa or who would like to get TV footage can also contact Mr. Gemed

4 - PRESS COVERAGE AND PHOTO POOLS

All sessions of the AU Pledging Conference are open to all journalists

5 - ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be on self-arrangement basis. It is advisable to make your booking early to avoid last minute inconveniences.

6 - ARRIVAL

International flights to Ethiopia arrive at Bole International Airport.

Taxis are available from the Airport to Hotels at journalists' own cost.

7 - PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Members of the media from those countries exempted from visa requirements to Ethiopia do not need to apply for visas.

All other applicants **must comply with the Ethiopian visa requirements**. It is necessary to obtain a business visa before coming to Addis. However those journalists who fail to obtain visas prior to arrival must inform Mr Tesfgaye Gebremeskel to arrange for a visa upon arrival at loveethiopia2000@yahoo.com (See attached visa upon arrival request form at <http://au.int/pages/savinglives/accreditation>)

8 - HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Yellow Fever certificates are required by persons who travel from or through yellow fever areas as designated by the World Health Organization.

9 - SPECIAL NOTE FOR LOCAL AND LOCALLY BASED INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS

The accreditation process through the AU applies also to local Ethiopian journalists and locally based international correspondents.