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## **High Level AU Summit Side-Events**

**The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is partnering with the African Union, on the historic occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the OAU/AU, to organize two high level side events.**

**A high level convening on African Renaissance in the Context of ‘The Rise of the South’** will be held at the African Union facility. The event draws on the theme of the AU Heads of State Summit ‘Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance’ and the 2013 Human Development Report theme ‘The Rise of the South: Human Progress in a Diverse World’ to inspire deeper reflection and discussion of Africa’s contemporary development challenges and prospects given the emerging global economic order.

**What: High Level convening on African Renaissance in the Context of ‘The Rise of the South’**

**Who: Former Presidents H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo (Nigeria), John Kofi Agyekum Kufuor (Ghana) and Thabo Mbeki (tbc) and UNDP Administrator Helen Clark**

**When: Sunday 26 May 2013, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Where: Medium Conference Room, AUC Conference Facility, Addis Ababa**

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**A new AU-UNDP Africa Regional Programme on “Building an Enabling Environment for Women’s Economic Empowerment & Political Participation in Africa”** will seek to respond to Africa’s development priorities and challenges in line with African Union’s African Women’s Decade (2010-2020) and UNDP’s Strategic Plan and Gender Equality Strategy. The new African Gender programme will address the need to enhance leadership; increasing Africa’s female farmers’ productivity as drivers of food security; advance the business environment; and transforming women’s micro-level enterprises into small and medium sized initiatives.

**What: Launch of the AU-UNDP Africa Regional Programme on Gender**

**Who: H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and UNDP Administrator Helen Clark**

**When: Tuesday 28 May 2013, 9:30am -11:00am**

**Where: AUC Conference Facility, Addis Ababa**

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