



## DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

### Media Advisory/ 34<sup>th</sup> AU Summit

#### 34<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION

**What:** Official opening of the Thirty-Fourth (34<sup>th</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union (Video conference/Virtual).

**Speakers at the opening ceremony includes:**

- **H.E. Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa**, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of the African Union (AU);
- **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**; Chairperson of the African Union Commission, (AUC)
- **H.E. Felix Antoine Tshisekedi**, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Incoming Chairperson of the African Union.

**Theme:** *“Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want”.*

**When:** The opening ceremony of the virtual meeting of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the AU will be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 as from 12:00pm, EAT**

**Where:** Videoconference-Livestream link: <https://livestream.com/africanunion/events/9516111>

**Who:** Organized by the African Union Commission (AUC)

**Objective:** The Assembly is expected to deliberate and consider the following agenda items among others;

- Report on the Institutional Reform of the AU -
- Report on the progress on the African Union response on COVID-19 pandemic in Africa;
- Elections and appointments of the Leadership of the AU Commission.

Worth noting that, the hashtags for the theme of the year 2021 are:

**Hashtag:** **#ArtsCultureHeritage**  
**#AfricanHeritage**

***Journalists are invited to follow the livestream link provided above to cover***

***the official opening and closing ceremonies of the 34<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Union from 6-7 February 2021.***

**About the African Union:**

The African Union spearheads Africa's development and integration in close collaboration with African Union Member States, the Regional Economic Communities and African citizens.

The AU Vision is to accelerate progress towards an integrated, prosperous and inclusive Africa, at peace with itself, playing a dynamic role in the continental and global arena, effectively driven by an accountable, efficient and responsive Commission.

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