

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

### MEDIA ADVISORY

Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Physical)

## Opening of the 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the AU Executive Council

### INVITATION FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

**What:** Official opening ceremony of the Forty (40<sup>th</sup>) Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union, to be held under the theme of the year 2022: “**Building Resilience in Nutrition on the African Continent: Accelerate the Human Capital, Social and Economic Development**’

Opening statements will be delivered by:

- The Chairperson of the AU Commission
- The Executive Secretary of the UNECA
- The incoming Chairperson of the Executive Council
- The Chairperson of the Executive Council

There will be a group photo for Ministers, together with Members of the Commission. Then the Ministers will proceed to the Closed Session.

**Who:** The 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council is organized by the African Union Commission (AUC).

**When:** The Executive Council Session will be held from 2 to 3 February 2022. The official opening ceremony will be held at 10:00 am (EAT) on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Where:** African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**How:** The Executive Council Session will be opened in the presence of the leadership and officials of the AU Commission, Ministers from the 55 AU Member States, officials of AU organs and offices and partners.

## Objectives:

The 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council will consider the draft agenda, draft decisions and declarations with appropriate recommendations for consideration by the Heads of State and Government during their 35<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly, scheduled to take place on 5 and 6 February 2022.

For two days, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs/External Relations and other ministers or authorities duly designated will deliberate on the different items on their agenda including; consideration of the Report of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives' Committee held on 20-21 Jan 2022.

The Session will also consider the Annual Report of the Union and its organs, Reports of Committees of the Executive Council and Ad Hoc Committees, Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Year Coordination Meeting, Progress Report on the Covid-19 pandemic and its socio-economic impact on African economies, Progress Report on the operationalization of Africa CDC, Progress Report on the Situation at the Pan African Parliament (PAP), and Progress Report on the Status of Implementation of Previous Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly as well as consideration of draft legal instruments.

Among the high moments during the Executive Council Session will be the election of a female Vice President of the Pan African University (PAU) Council, election of (15) Members of the Peace and Security Council, and election of a female member of the AUABC from the Northern Region.

***Journalists are invited to cover the opening and closing ceremonies of the 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 either live or through the live stream link, <https://livestream.com/africanunion/40th-ordinary-session-executive-council>***

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