

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

Media Advisory
Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Date: 20 May 2025

COMMEMORATION OF AFRICA DAY, 25 MAY 2025



WHAT: The African Union will be celebrating its 62nd anniversary marking the establishment of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) now the African Union (AU) -1963 – 2025.

Theme: *“Revisiting Our History, Shaping Our Future”.*

WHEN: Saturday 24th May 2025 starting from 10:00am

WHERE: The commemoration will be celebrated in at the African Union headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

- Virtually through zoom and livestream:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pRHRyI0TRcyzsH3vJfyF-g
- <https://vimeo.com/event/5145670>

Media opportunities:

Statements by: the Chairperson of the African Union, the Chairperson of the AU Commission (AUC), Heads of State and Government, Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Ethiopia, the Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent the President of the African Union Staff Association among others. The day will also be marked with:

- **Exhibition, entertainment and cultural showcases**
- **Media interviews**

- **Group photo**

WHO: The Commemoration of the 62nd anniversary of OAU-AU is organized by the African Union Commission through its Directorate of Citizens and Diaspora (CIDO), in collaboration with AU Member States, AU Organs and Regional Economic Communities (RECs).

Objectives:

The Africa Day 2025 commemoration seeks to:

- Promote the AU 2025 Theme of the Year, positioning reparations and historical redress within AU frameworks for peacebuilding, development, and global advocacy.
- Facilitate high-level dialogue on innovative and implementable policy pathways for achieving reparatory justice for Africans and people of African descent.
- Celebrate Africa's diverse cultural heritage as both a repository of memory and a dynamic driver of healing, innovation, and sustainable development.
- Foster intergenerational and diaspora dialogues that bridge past struggles with future aspirations, allowing youth, artists, civil society, and thought leaders to co-create inclusive narratives of justice, identity, and transformation.
- Reaffirm Member States' commitment to Pan-African solidarity, resilience, and the cultural and intellectual revival of the continent.

Participants:

The commemorative event on the 25th of May 2023 will bring together, among others:

- Representatives from AU Member State, the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC); the African Union Commission, AU Organs and AU Specialized Agencies; Regional Economic Communities (RECs); Women and Youth representatives; Civil Society Organisations; Development Partners; UN Agencies; Diaspora community and media representatives.

Journalists are invited to be part of the commemoration and cover the event on Saturday 24th May 2025 starting from 10H00am at the AU Headquarters.

For further information

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