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AU and UN Strengthen Strategic Partnership at the 10th High-Level Dialogue on Africa's Development and Global Governance

WHAT: The 10th African Union–United Nations High-Level Dialogue serves as an important platform for strengthening coordination, mutual accountability, and collaboration between the AU and the UN across key development, governance, humanitarian, and peacebuilding priorities.

The Dialogue is expected to address strategic issues, including:

- Strengthening coordination and mutual accountability between the AU and the UN;
- Advancing implementation of Agenda 2063 and the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan;
- Safeguarding Africa's centrality in global policy and governance processes;
- Financing for development under the theme “From Dependency to Sovereignty”
- The AU Theme of the Year 2026 on sustainable water availability and sanitation;
- Reform of the multilateral system and Africa's representation within the United Nations Security Council.

The meeting will also reaffirm the importance of African-led solutions, domestic resource mobilisation, youth and women's empowerment, and stronger alignment between continental and global development priorities.

WHEN: Wednesday, 13th May 2026

Time: 9H00-14H30

WHERE: African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa.

Expected Outcomes:

- Enhanced AU–UN strategic coordination and mutual accountability;
- Stronger alignment between AU priorities and UN support frameworks;
- Renewed commitment to African-led solutions on peace, security, and development;
- Increased advocacy for reforms toward a more equitable global financial architecture;
- Stronger coordination around the AU Theme of the Year 2026;

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- Reinforced calls for fairer African representation within the United Nations system.

Background:

The AU–UN partnership remains central to Africa’s transformation agenda, providing a framework for coordinated and results-oriented engagement across the continent. Since the signing of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union in 2006, the partnership has expanded through several strategic frameworks, including:

- **Joint UN-AU Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security (2017):** outlining how the UN Security Council and the AU Peace and Security Council coordinate on conflict prevention and peacekeeping operations.
- **Framework for the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda (2018),** which serves as a single development roadmap to prevent duplicative reporting for African states.
- **Joint AU-UN Human Rights Framework (2023):** to strengthen the collaboration between the AU and the UN in addressing human rights issues on the continent and emphasizes the importance of good governance, sustainable development, and the protection of human rights as integral components of peace and security in Africa.

Journalists are invited to cover the opening ceremony and the joint media briefing on, **Wednesday, 13th May 2026, at 10H00 and 14H30** respectively.

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