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### AUC Secretary General and the Director of Information and Communication brief the press on the state of preparation of the 24<sup>TH</sup> AU Summit



**Addis Ababa, 26 January 2015-** Ambassador Jean Mfasoni, Secretary General of the AU Commission and Mrs. Habiba Mejri-Cheikh, Director of Information and Communication of the African Union on 26 January 2015 briefed the continental and international journalists on the agenda of event of the Summit so as to prepare them for the media coverage during the 24<sup>th</sup> Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union.

Mrs Habiba Mejri-Cheikh started with a brief on the modalities of coverage during the Summit. She



She highlighted the fact that the accreditation of media to cover the Summit is done in collaboration with the Ethiopian Government. "The AUC-DIC and the Ethiopian authorities are working hand in hand to ensure the good visibility of the

Summit", she said. She presented the modalities for media accreditation and the useful tips to enable the journalists do their work successfully. This included: measures to access the plenary hall for coverage, cooperation with the AU security officers to facilitate and ensure smooth access to information for their news reporting as well as

the media center facilities put at their disposal by the AUC to enable them file their stories timely. (Tips available on AU Web Site: [www.au.int](http://www.au.int))

The AUC Secretaries General on the other hand presented the program of the Summit to the journalists. He insisted on the item on Agenda 2063. He also provided to the journalists some explanations on the African Union efforts to eradicate the Ebola in countries affected by these epidemics. Ambassador Mfasoni stated that another burning issue that will be discussed during this Summit is the state of peace and security within the Continent. In that regard, he said that a report on the state on the fight against terrorism in Africa will be presented.

The press conference ended with a Questions and Answers session which provided the AUC Secretary General and the Director of Information and Communication to clarify the inquiries and preoccupation of the journalists with respect to some agenda items of the Summit to enable them get a good background of the different thematic areas while covering the Summit.

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