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DRAFT PROGRAM OF AFRICAN UNION (AU)
STATUTORY MEETINGS AND SIDE EVENTS
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA



AU STATUTORY MEETINGS

No.	PROGRAMME	DATES/TIME/VENUE
I.	FORTY- NINTH (49TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE (PRC)	14 Jan. - 07 Feb. 2025 10.00 – 13.00 hrs. & 15.00 – 18.00 hrs. Physical & Virtual
II.	MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE JOINT-SITTING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AND THE EXPERTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN MINISTERS (F15) 	03 February 2025 11.00 - 15.00hrs. Virtual
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE JOINT-SITTING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE COMMITTEE OF F15 MINISTERS 	07 February 2025 11.00 – 15.00 hrs. Virtual
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MINISTERIAL FOLLOW UP COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063 	10 February 2025 15.00-17.00 hrs. Virtual
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM 	11 February 2025 14.00-17.30hrs. Venue: Small CH1, NCC
III.	MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE AU ASSEMBLY	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AUDA-NEPAD ORIENTATION COMMITTEE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT 	10 February 2025 Virtual
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. COMMITTEE OF AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM) HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT 	14 February 2025 10.00 – 14.00hrs.

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3. COMMITTEE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT MEETING ON AFRICA CDC
Date: TBD
Time: TBD
Venue: TBD

4. COMMITTEE OF TEN (C10) HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT ON THE REFORM OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL
15 February 2025
13.00-15.00hrs.
Venue: Small CH2, NCC

5. MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (CAHOSCC)
15 February 2025
16.30-18.30 hrs.
Venue: Small CH 1, NCC



IV. FORTY-SIXTH (46TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL **12-13 February 2025**
10.00 - 13.00 hrs. &
15.00 - 18.00 hrs.
Nelson Mandela Hall, NCC

DAY 1: 12 FEBRUARY 2025

A. OPENING CEREMONY

10.00 -10.45 hrs.

1. STATEMENTS

- H.E. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION
- H.E. GEDION TIMOTHEWOS (PhD), MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FDRE
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNECA (5MN)
- H.E. DR. MOHAMED SALEM OULD MERZOUG, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COOPERATION AND MAURITANIANS ABROAD OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

2. GROUP PHOTO FOLLOWED BY COFFEE BREAK

10.45 – 11.00 hrs.

B. CLOSED SESSION

11h00 – 14h00

3. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 46TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEMS CONTAINED THEREIN

4. LUNCH BREAK: HOSTED BY H.E. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION

14.00 – 15.00 hrs.
Multipurpose Hall, NCC

**CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION 15.00 – 18.00 hrs.**

5. **DINNER:** HOSTED BY H.E. GEDION TIMOTHEWOS (PhD), MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA **18.00 hrs.**
Venue: Addis-Africa International Convention and Exhibition Center

DAY 2: 13 FEBRUARY 2025**CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION 10.00 – 14.00 hrs.**

*CONTINUATION OF THE WORK OF THE AU
 46TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS PER THE
 AGENDA*

6. **LUNCH** HOSTED BY H.E. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION **14.00 – 15.00 hrs.**
Multipurpose Hall, NCC

CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION 15.00 – 18.00 hrs.

7. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE 46TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL **18.00 – 18.15 hrs.**

- C. CLOSING CEREMONY 18.15 – 18.30 hrs.**



V. THIRTY- EIGHTH (38TH) ORDINARY SESSION 15-16 February 2025
OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION Nelson Mandela Hall,
NCC

DAY1: 15 FEBRUARY 2024

VI. OPENING CEREMONY

10.00 – 11.30 hrs.

Nelson Mandela Hall, NCC

1) AU ANTHEM

2) STATEMENTS

- STATEMENTS BY: H.E. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION
- STATEMENT BY H.E. DR. ABIY AHMED, PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA
- STATEMENT BY H.E. ANTONIO GUTTERRES, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS **(5MN)**
- STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES **(5MN)**
- STATEMENT BY H.E. PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE **(5MN)**
- OPENING STATEMENT BY H.E. MOHAMED OULD CHEIKH EL GHAZOUANI, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION AND PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

3) ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION FOR THE YEAR 2025

- HANDING OVER STATEMENT BY THE OUTGOING AU CHAIRPERSON H.E. MOHAMED OULD CHEIKH EL



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GHAZOUANI, PRESIDENT OF THE
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- ACCEPTANCE STATEMENT BY H.E.
INCOMING AU CHAIRPERSON, H.E.
JOÃO MANUEL GONÇALVES
LOURENÇO, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

**4) LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN UNION THEME
OF THE YEAR 2025 (10MN)**

- 5) GROUP PHOTO FOLLOWED BY COFFEE BREAK** 11.30 – 12.00 hrs.

VII. CLOSED SESSION: 12.00 – 14.00 hrs.

**6) BRIEF REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT (3MN EACH)**

- H.E. Mr. Joseph Nyumah Boakai, President
of the Republic of Liberia
- H.E. Bassirou Diomaye Faye, President of
the Republic of Senegal
- H.E. Duma Gideon Boko, President of the
Republic of Botswana
- H.E. Dr. Honourable Navinchandra
RAMGOOLAM, G.C.S.K, F.R.C.P, Prime
Minister of the Republic of Mauritius
- H.E. John Mahama, President of the
Republic of Ghana
- H.E. Daniel Francisco Chapo, President of
the Republic of Mozambique

**7) ADOPTION THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 38TH
ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY AND
CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEMS CONTAINED
THEREIN**

- 8) LUNCH HOSTED BY H.E. MOUSSA FAKI
MAHAMAT, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU
COMMISSION** 14.00–15.00 hrs.
Multipurpose Hall, NCC

CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION 15.00 – 18.00 hrs.

- 9) DINNER: HOSTED BY H.E. DR. ABIY AHMED,
PRIME MINISTER OF FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC** 18.00 – 20.00 hrs.
Venue: TBD

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REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

DAY 2: 16 FEBRUARY 2024

CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION *10.00 14.00 hrs.*

10) LUNCH HOSTED BY H.E. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION *14.00 -15.00 hrs.*
Multipurpose Hall, NCC

CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION *15.00- 18.00 hrs.*

11) ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE 38TH ORDINARY SESSION OF ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION *18.00 – 18.15 hrs.*

VIII. CLOSING CEREMONY *18.15 – 18.30 hrs.*



LIST OF SIDE EVENTS

Title of event	Date & Venue
(1) Symposium on the 2025 African Union Theme of the Year on Reparations (ECOSOCC)	10 February 2025 09:00 – 16:00hrs. Venue: <i>Skylight Hotel</i>
(2) African Union CIEFFA 9th High-Level Dialogue on Gender Equality in Education under the theme: “Investing in girls education systems as a form of reparation, justice and sustainable development for African communities.” - CIEFFA (in collaboration with ESTI)	11 February 2025 09.00 -17.00hrs <i>Small CH3, NCC</i>
	12 February 2025 09.00-12.00hrs. Venue: <i>Best Western Premier Dynasty Hotel.</i>
(3) Breakfast reception - Angola	12 February 2025 Time: <i>TBD</i> Venue: <i>TBD</i> Waiting for details
(4) High Level Strategic Dialogue on Accelerating Visa Free Movement for Africa’s Transformation - HHS (in collaboration with AfDB)	12 February 2025 08.00 -10.00hrs Venue: <i>Marriot Hotel-</i>
(5) OAFSLAD Meetings: ➤ Technical Advisers (TA) meetings; 12-13 Feb. 2025, 08.30-17.30hrs. ➤ Steering Committee (SC) meeting; 14 Feb. 2025, 17.00-19.00hrs. (CR1, OCC) ➤ General Assembly (GA) – Closed Session; 15 Feb. 2025, 08.30-17.00hrs. (Old Plenary) ➤ General Assembly (GA) – Open Session; 16 Feb. 2025, 08.30-12.00hrs. (Old Plenary)	12-16 February 2025 08.30 – 17.00hrs. <i>Old Plenary, OCC</i>
(6) Africa CDC Ministerial Executive Leadership Programme –3rd Annual High-level Ministerial Forum - AfCDC	13 February 2025 07.00 -17.00hrs Venue: <i>Sheraton Addis Hotel</i>
(7) High-Level Presidential Breakfast Dialogue on the Establishment of the African Credit Rating Agency – APRM (in collaboration with ETTIM)	14 February 2025 07.30 -09.30hrs Venue: <i>Multipurpose</i>
(8) Launch of the African Virtual Investment Platform (AIP) (Cameron in collaboration with ETTIM)	14 February 2025 09.30-11.00hrs.

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	<i>Venue: Small CH 3</i>
(9) Meeting of the AU Adhoc High Level Committee for South Sudan (C5) at the level of Heads of State – South Africa	14 February 2025 <i>Time: 16.30 – 17.30hrs.</i> <i>Venue: CR 1</i>
(10) Pre-launch event on theme of the Year 2025 “Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations “- CIDO	14 February 2025 <i>10.00 - 12.00hrs.</i> <i>Venue: Small CH 1</i>
(11) Integration Gender Equality in Foreign Policies: Liberia’s Feminist Foreign Policy - Liberia	Date: 14 February <i>11.00-13.00</i> <i>Venue: Small CH 2, NCC</i>
(12) High-level Consultations between AU Member states, Africa CDC, AUDA-NEPAD and Partners on Health Financing during Emergency Situations - Rwanda	14 February 2025 <i>Time: 15.00 – 16.10hrs.</i> <i>Venue: Sheraton Addis Hotel</i>
(13) High-Level side event on Youth, Peace and Security - Pact for the Future: Africa Regional Consultation for the Second Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace, and Security by H.E. Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of Burundi and AU Champion for Youth, Peace, and Security – Burundi	Date: 14 February <i>15.00-17.00</i> <i>Venue: UNECA, Conference Room #5 (hybrid)</i>
(14) AU Heads of State EAWG Champions and AWLN Elders High-Level Leadership Advocacy Dinner for the adoption of the African Union Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (AU CEVAWG) - AUC Chairperson’s Special Envoy on Women, Peace & Security	14 February 2025 <i>18.00 – 20.00hrs.</i> <i>Venue: Medium CH</i>
(15) From Commitment to Action in addressing malnutrition in Africa: Theme Towards a Common Position at the Nutrition for Growth Summit - Lesotho (in collaboration with HHS)	14 February 2025 <i>18.00 – 21.00hrs.</i> <i>Venue: Hyatt Regency Hotel Addis</i>
(16) Pre-Summit Prayer meeting - OIO	15 February 2025 <i>06.00 – 08.30hrs.</i> <i>Venue: Small CH1, NCC</i>
(17) High-Level Briefing on South Africa’s G20 Presidency Priorities by the President of the Republic of South Africa, HE Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa to the AU HoSG / Leaders - South Africa (in collaboration with ETTIM)	15 February 2025 <i>08.30 – 09.30hrs.</i> <i>Venue: Multipurpose Hall</i>

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(18) SUSTAINABLE PEACE FINANCING FOR AFRICA: Innovative Partnerships for the AU Peace Fund – Peace Fund	15 February 2025 12.30 – 13.15hrs. Venue: Multipurpose hall
(19) Human Capital as a lever for the accelerated transformation and development of Africa - Mauritania	15 & 16 February 2025 Time: 15.00-16.00 hrs. Venue: Medium CH, NCC
(20) Press Conference by H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia to introduce Dr. Samuel Munzele Maimbo, who was endorsed by SADC and COMESA Heads of State and Government Summits for the African Development Bank (AfDB) Presidency - Zambia	15 February 2025 Time: 14.30-15.30 hrs. Venue: Small CH 3, NCC
(21) High-Level Political Dialogue on Sustainable Financing Mechanisms as lever for Quality Education and Skills Development in Africa in the 21 st Century – ESTI (in collaboration with Mauritania and UNICEF)	16 February 2025 11.00-13 hrs. Venue: Medium CH
(22) Public Presentation of the Reports on Africa Financing Stability Mechanism (AFSM) & Strategic Framework on Key Actions to Achieve Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa (IGS) - ETTIM (in collaboration with AfDB)	16 February 2025 Time-14.30-15.30hrs. Venue: Medium CH, NCC
(23) Round table event on Financing Education in Africa - Sierra Leone	16 February 2025 16.30 – 18.30hrs. Venue: Small CH 1, NCC
(24) High-Level Breakfast on Mobilizing Private Sector Investment for Agenda 2063 Implementation - ETTIM (in collaboration with Afreximbank)	16 February 2025 07.30-09.15hrs. Venue: Multipurpose Hall, NCC
(25) Ministerial-level side event: "Sustainable Access to Vaccines: Strengthening Regulatory Frameworks, Building Production Capacity, and the Importance of Partnerships in Achieving AU Priorities" - Rwanda (in collaboration with AU-AMA and the International Vaccine Institute)	16 February 2025 Time: 07.30-09.00 hrs. Venue: Sheraton Addis Hotel
(26) Press Conference – Changing the story on Malaria: A big push to deliver a Malaria-free Africa - Guinea-Bissau (in collaboration with HHS)	16 February 2025 Time :12.00-12.45 hrs. Venue: Medium CH, NCC

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(27) High-Level event on Immunization alongside the AU Summit 2025: Theme reaffirming Africa's Commitment to Immunization - Sierra Leone <i>(in collaboration with HHS and UNICEF)</i>	16 February 2025 18.00-20.00hrs. Venue: Sheraton Addis Hotel