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**DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE ASSEMBLY**  
**15-16 FEBRUARY 2025**  
**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**  
*As at 14 Feb 2025*



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

**DAY1: 15 FEBRUARY 2024**

**II. 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 GHAZOUANI, PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA
- 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.**

**III. 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. The 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**
  - **H.E. Mahamat Déby, President of the Republic of Chad**
- 7) ADOPTION THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEMS CONTAINED THEREIN**

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- 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 REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA **18.00 – 20.00 hrs.**  
*Venue: TBD*

## **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 38<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION** **18.00 – 18.15 hrs.**

**IV. CLOSING CEREMONY** **18.15 – 18.30 hrs.**