



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Towards more inclusive humanitarian action

- WHAT:** The African Union Commission (AUC) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) are organizing a Humanitarian Partnership Event on the margins of the 18th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly
- WHEN:** Monday 30 January 2012, 8:00 a.m- 8:40 a.m local time (GMT+3)
- WHERE:** Sheraton Hotel, Lalibela Salons I&II, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- WHY:** The event will highlight joint actions taken by AU Member-States and OCHA to respond to humanitarian crises in Africa in 2011 and to look ahead to upcoming challenges. It will be an opportunity to mobilize support and advocate for stronger partnership in times of crises, and promote a deeper knowledge of the humanitarian tools and services available to African Member-States and other continental partners. The event is in the framework of OCHA's collaboration with the African Union under the UN Ten Years Capacity Building Programme for the African Union. OCHA is the lead organization for the coordination of humanitarian response within the United Nations.

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