

**Directorate of Information and Communication****MEDIA ADVISORY****OPENING OF THE 26TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL****INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

**What:** Opening ceremony of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union at 10:00. According to the agenda of the Ministers, the opening ceremony will feature the following:

- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson of the Executive Council
- Statement by the Chairperson of the AU Commission
- Statement by the UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UNECA
- Opening statement by the Chairperson of the Executive Council
- Group Photo for Ministers, together with Members of the Commission

**Theme:** ***“Year of Women Empowerment and Development towards Africa’s Agenda 2063”***

**When:** 26-27 January 2015 at 10:00

**Where:** African Union (AU) Headquarters, Plenary (Mandela Hall) of the AU Conference Center

**Objectives:** The Ministers of External Affairs and other ministers or authorities designated by the governments of AU Member States will deliberate on issues on the agenda of the AU Summit in preparation of the 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Union.

***Media representatives are invited to cover the opening session of the meeting of the Executive Council at 10:00 on 26 January 2015 as well the photo session immediately after the opening ceremony.***

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