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**Directorate of Information and Communication**

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### OPENING OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

**What:** Opening of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States and Governments of the African Union. Highlights for the media include:

- A group photograph at 09:25,
- Inauguration of the Nelson Mandela Hall soon after  
The opening session starting at 09:45 will feature statements by, among others,
- Mr Mohammed Ould Abdelaziz, Outgoing Chairperson of the African Union;
- Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission;
- Mr Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations
- Dr Nabil Al Arabi, Secretary general of the League of Arab States
- Mr Sam Kutesa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda and President of the 69<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly
- Mr Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine and Chairperson of the Palestine Liberation Organisation
- A minute's silence will be observed in memory of the late Zambian President Mr Michael Sata
- Newly elected Heads of State and Government from Tunisia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi and Libya will make statements.
- An announcement will also be on the new Chairperson of the African Union who will make an acceptance statement.

**Theme:** *“Year of women empowerment and development towards Africa’s Agenda 2063 “*

**Who:** Heads of States and Governments of the African Union Member states

**When:** 30 January 2015 starting at 09:00

**Where:** African Union Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Plenary Conference Hall

**Objectives:** The Summit of the heads of States and Governments aims at discussing the theme of year and also review the 2014 reports of the African Union.

It also aims at electing the new president of the African Union, reviewing and adoption of Agenda 2063 and review of the AU Ebola response in Africa, among others.

***Media representatives are invited to cover the opening ceremony of the 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the African Union on 30 January at 09:00.***

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