



2nd AFRICA-INDIA FORUM SUMMIT
THEME: ENHANCING PARTNERSHIP: SHARED VISION

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SECOND AFRICA-INDIA FORUM SUMMIT OPENS TOMORROW IN ADDIS ABABA

Addis Ababa, 23 May 2011 – Holding under the theme: « *Enhancing Partnership Shared Vision* », the 2nd Africa-India Forum Summit will officially kick off tomorrow, Tuesday 24 May 2011, at the head quarters of the African Union Commission (AUC), in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The inaugural session will take place in the presence of the Chairperson of the African Union (AU), Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of Equatorial Guinea; the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Dr. Jean Ping; the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh; the Deputy Chairperson of the AUC, Mr. Erastus Mwencha, the African Union Commissioners, representatives of AU Member States and invited guests.

The 2nd Africa-India Forum Summit is aimed at strengthening the cooperation ties between the two partners in the areas of economics; politics; science, technology, research and development; social development and capacity building; tourism; infrastructure, energy and environment and media and communication.

For two days, participants at the Summit will brainstorm and adopt a harmonized and comprehensive framework to reinforce the regional cooperation in a wide range of fields as support to the already existing bilateral cooperation between African countries and India.

Meanwhile, a joint Press Conference will close the 2nd Africa-India Forum Summit on 25 May 2011, from 1215-1300 hrs in Committee Room 1 at the AU Conference Center. The press conference will be addressed by the following personalities:

1. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, Chairperson of the African Union (AU), President of Equatorial Guinea;
2. Dr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC); and
3. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India.

Worth recalling that, the Second Africa-Indian Summit Forum falls within the framework of Africa – India partnership. It is a follow-up to the first Africa-India Summit Forum which took place in New Delhi from 4 to 9 April 2008, during which the New Delhi Declaration and Framework for Co-operation were adopted.

Following the Banjul format, participants from the African side at this Summit, will include:

1. **The Chairperson of the AU (Equatorial Guinea);**
2. **The Chairperson of the AU in the preceding year (Malawi);**
3. **The Chairperson of the AU Commission**
4. **The five initiating countries of NEPAD, namely:**
 - *Algeria,*
 - *Egypt,*
 - *Nigeria,*
 - *Senegal and*
 - *South Africa.*
5. **The Chair of the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee HSGOC (Ethiopia); and**
6. **Chairs of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs)**
 - *Arab Maghreb Union* (UMA) - *Libya*
 - *Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa* (COMESA) - *Swaziland*

 - *Community of Sahel- Saharan States* (GEN-SAD) - *Chad*
 - *Economic Community of Central African States* (ECCAS) - *Chad*
 - *Economic Community of West African States* (ECOWAS) - *Nigeria*
 - *East African Community* (EAC) - *Burundi*
 - *Intergovernmental Authority on Development* (IGAD) - *Ethiopia*
 - *Southern African Development Community* (SADC) - *Namibia*

For additional information visit the AU website: www.au.int / www.africa-union.org

Journalists are invited to cover the event.

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INDIA-AFRICA FORUM SUMMIT (IAFS) – II

ADDIS ABABA MAY 2011

DRAFT LIMITED PROGRAMME OF IAFS-II (24-25 May)

TUESDAY 24 MAY			
1000-1230 hrs	Plenary I		
1000-1005 hrs	Photo Opportunity		5 min.
1007-1015 hrs	Address	H.E. Mr. Jean Ping African Union Commission Chairperson	7 min.
1015-1025 hrs	Address	H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasago, African Union Chairperson	10 min.
1025-1037 hrs	Address	H.E. Dr. Manmohan Singh Prime Minister of India	12 min.
1040-1110 hrs	Statements	Heads of 4 Delegations	7 min. each
1110-1130 hrs	Coffee Break		
1130-1230 hrs	Statements	Heads of 7 Delegations	7 min. each
1300 hrs	IAFS-II Retreat over Lunch hosted by India at Sheraton		
	Bilateral Meetings		
.... hrs	Banquet hosted by Ethiopia at National Palace		
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY			
1100-1200 hrs	Plenary II		
1100-1130 hrs	Statements	Heads of 4 Delegations	7 min. each
1130-1133 hrs	Presentation of Addis Ababa Declaration and Framework of Enhanced Cooperation by Foreign Minister of Equatorial Guinea		3 min.
1135-1140 hrs	Adoption of Addis Ababa Declaration and Framework of Enhanced Cooperation		5 min.
1145-1200 hrs	Concluding Address	H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, African Union Chairperson	10 min.
1215-1300 hrs	Joint Press Conference		
1215-1220 hrs	Remarks	H.E. Mr. Jean Ping African Union Commission Chairperson	5 min.
1220-1225 hrs	Remarks	H.E. Mr. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo	
1225-1232 hrs	Remarks	H.E. Dr. Manmohan Singh Prime Minister of India	7 min.
1235-1240	Release of Commemorative Stamp, Coffee Table Book and Special Issue of Africa Quarterly		5 min.
1240-1300 hrs	Q&A Session		20 min.

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