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**The African Union Election Observation Mission to the Tripartite
Local Government, National Assembly and Presidential Elections in
Zambia**

The African Union Election Observation Mission led by H.E. Vijay Makhan, Former OAU Assistant Secretary General, today 19th September, 2011 deployed 12 teams of observers to the 9 provinces of Zambia. The observers will be in the provinces until the 21st of September, 2011.

During the period of deployment, observers will meet electoral officials, candidates, political parties and civil society representatives in preparation for the tripartite elections of 20th September 2011.

In line with the Terms of Reference for the AU Observer Mission, the teams of observers will observe the tripartite Local Government, National Assembly and Presidential elections on the 20th of September, 2011 in the 9 provinces where they are deployed

The teams will return to Lusaka on the 21st of September, 2011 for debriefing and thereafter, the AU Election Observer Mission will make a preliminary statement of its observations and findings at a press conference in Lusaka on the 22nd of September 2011. A final report of the Mission will be submitted to the AU Commission.

**Lusaka, Zambia 19
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