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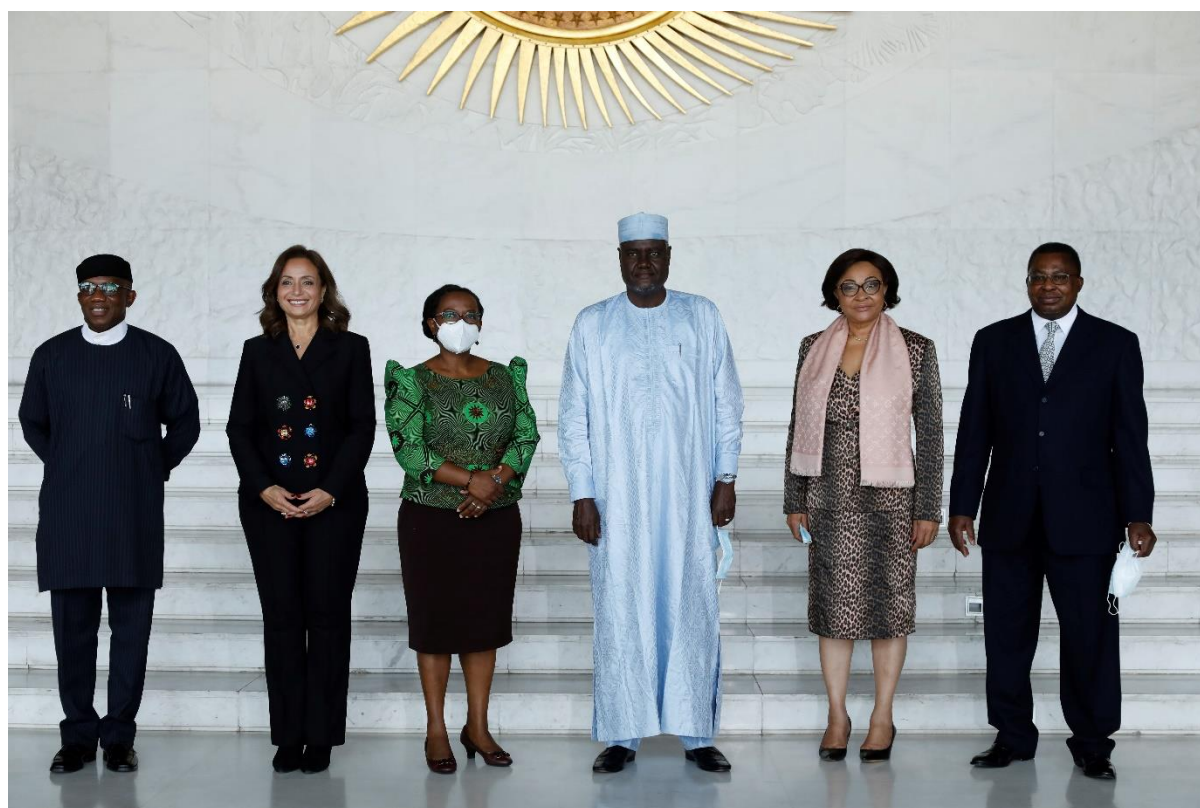
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Swearing-in of elected AUC Commissioners

Handing over ceremony of duties between the incoming and outgoing Commissioners of the African Union



The swearing-in ceremony took place under the auspices of the newly elected Chairperson, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat and Deputy Chairperson, H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa of the African Union Commission (AUC), in the presence of the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps, African Union member states Ambassadors, and senior officials.

The Chairperson thanked the outgoing Commissioners for having served Africa and Africans. “You have given the best of yourselves, under often difficult conditions I know, to advance the sectors for which you were responsible. I hope that your experience and knowledge of African issues on which you have worked will continue

to serve Africa wherever you are”, added Mr. Mahamat. He also congratulated the newly elected Commissioners on behalf of the entire Commission, and expressed his confidence in their qualities. “Your election and re-election are certainly the fruit of your qualities. You have enjoyed the confidence of the whole of Africa, which is a responsibility that you must measure”, said Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat.

The Chairperson further added that the qualities that led to their election will be more than ever before necessary to take up the colossal challenges that await us as Africans, namely: peace and security, integration, infrastructure, health and education, the issue of youth and women, governance, the place of Africa in the world, against the backdrop of the promotion of the theme of the year: Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for building the Africa we want. “We have the heavy responsibility of contributing to the change of this Continent, to make it the space of peace, exchanges and prosperity of which all Africans dream”, emphasized the Chairperson of the Commission. He concluded by encouraging the new Commissioners to work together in a spirit of openness and complementarity, to bring the Union closer to the African peoples through sustained communication and concrete actions on the ground.

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