

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

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### **AU Extraordinary Summit: Summary of Events**

From the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, the African Union will host two extraordinary summits in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea: The Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference and the Extraordinary Summit on Unconstitutional Changes of Governments in Africa.

The Summits and all related events will take place in the Conference Centre of Sipopo. The opening and closing ceremonies will be held in the main Plenary Hall of the Centre and will be open to all delegates and accredited media.

The Summits will run for two consecutive days with the participation of ministers, and Heads of States and Governments, among others.

The order of the Summits and preparatory meetings is as follows:

1. Meeting of the Executive Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May;
2. The Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference on 27<sup>th</sup> May; and
3. The Extraordinary Summit on Terrorism and Unconstitutional Changes in Africa on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

The Executive Council meeting will consider the agenda of the Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference & the Extraordinary Summit on Terrorism and Unconstitutional Changes. The Executive Council is expected to consider the Assembly Declaration of the Extraordinary Summit and Pledging Conference as well as the Malabo Declaration on Terrorism and Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa.

During the session of the Executive Council, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, will present the Commission Reports on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and Violent Extremism and on Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa.

The session on Terrorism and UCG will assess these persistent threats, evaluate current response mechanisms, and decide on the specific actions and measures necessary to strengthen the collective security of Member States facing terrorism and violent extremism, Furthermore, the Summit will discuss actionable measures needed to stem their upsurge on the continent. Among other issues, the Assembly will also consider the recommendations in the [Accra Declaration on Unconstitutional Changes of Government in Africa](#) emanating from the AU Reflection Forum, held on 15-17 March 2022 in Accra, Ghana.

The Extraordinary AU Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference will deliberate efforts by African leaders to address the current humanitarian challenges that Africa is facing, and that are exacerbated by the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and disasters across the continent, identify durable solutions to address the current humanitarian challenges especially of humanitarian financing and those that contribute to post-conflict recovery, peace and development.

Expected outcomes for the two summits will be as follows:

- a) Pledges and commitments to the Continental Humanitarian situation;
- b) Assembly Declaration on the Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference; and
- c) Assembly Declaration on Terrorism and Change Unconstitutional Government.

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