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Enhancing synergy in Africa's integration agenda and financing mechanisms will dominate African Union meeting in Nairobi

On 16th July, the African Union will hold its 5th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting, MYCM, that will focus on enhancing synergy in its efforts towards Africa's integration. The meeting brings together Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Mechanism (RMs) and member states to review the progress of the continental integration agenda. The meeting will address the obstacles of continental integration by exploring avenues to enhance integration including the promotion of free movement and the African passport, connecting infrastructure, connecting African financial markets, and a common African market to accelerate trade, agriculture, establishment of businesses and transfer of skills in Africa.

To accelerate these efforts, the meeting will discuss the progress on the division of labour between the AU, RECs, RMs and member states, anchored on the principles of subsidiarity, complementary and competitive advantage. The division of labour is centred around six pillars namely, policy planning and formulation; policy adoption; policy implementation; monitoring, evaluation & reporting; resource mobilization; and partnerships. Efforts on resource mobilization to finance Agenda 2063 will focus on Africa's economic recovery and implementing initiatives to address challenges in agriculture, infrastructure, debt, climate change, security, energy, and health.

The 5th MYCM will be preceded by the meeting of the Executive Council on the 13-14th July 2023. The ministerial meeting will discuss various issues on the progress on the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area as the AU theme of the year 2023. It will consider the AU theme of the year 2024 on education; budget matters; African candidatures within the international system; the progress of

ratification and implementation of OAU/AU treaties; and update on the AU institutional reforms and Agenda 2063, among others.

The Executive Council will also appoint some members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR); the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC); the African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC); African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL), and a member of the Board of External Auditors (BoEAs).

Upon the conclusion of the meetings, a Declaration will be adopted at the Mid-Year Coordination Meeting.

Africa and the world can follow proceedings of the opening sessions of the Executive Council and MYCM meetings as well as all press conference which will be livestreamed on live African Union digital platforms.

Follow the opening sessions live on:

1. 13th July 2023: 10AM EAT. 43rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.: <https://livestream.com/accounts/2466140/events/10892409>
2. 16th July 2023: 10AM EAT. 5th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of AU, RECs and Regional Mechanisms:
<https://livestream.com/accounts/2466140/events/10892402>
3. AU Press Conferences scheduled on various dates will be broadcast on: <https://livestream.com/accounts/2466140/events/10892410>

Learn more about the Mid-Year Coordination Meeting [here](#).

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