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Extraordinary Session of the Pan-African Parliament to Elect New Bureau Leadership

The Pan-African Parliament (PAP), the legislative organ of the African Union (AU), will convene an Extraordinary Session of its Seventh Legislature from **28 to 30 April 2026** at its headquarters in Midrand, South Africa, to elect the five members of its Bureau, comprising one President and four Vice-Presidents.

This Extraordinary Session follows the conclusion of the mandate of the Sixth Bureau on 28 February 2026 and is convened in accordance with **Decisions 1288 (XLVI)** and **1663 (XLVII)** of the African Union Executive Council, as complemented by a subsequent decision adopted on 27 March 2026, and pursuant to Rule 29 of the PAP Rules of Procedure.

The election process will be overseen by the **H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf**, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, representing the Chairperson of the African Union, and supported by a High-Level Group mandated to supervise the process, ensuring transparency, credibility, and adherence to African Union legal and institutional frameworks.

The election of the Bureau will take place on **30 April 2026**. The newly elected Bureau will serve a three-year term and will reflect the African Union's principle of equitable, regular, and predictable regional rotation, with representation structured as follows: President (North Africa), First Vice-President (East Africa), Second Vice-President (West Africa), Third Vice-President (Central Africa), and Fourth Vice-President (Southern Africa).

The PAP Bureau composed of a President and four Vice-Presidents, representing the five regions of the African continent. As the principal leadership and administrative organ of the Parliament, the Bureau provides strategic direction and ensures the effective functioning of the institution and its organs. The Bureau is responsible for the overall management and administration of the affairs and facilities of the Parliament and its organs.

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