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**ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION**  
**Eighteenth Ordinary Session**  
**29 – 30 January 2012**  
**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**Assembly/AU/1(XVIII)**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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**I. OFFICIAL OPENING**

- a) AU Anthem
- b) Minute of Silence in memory of late Prof. Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Former Presiding Officer of the ECOSOCC of the African Union and late Mrs. Elisabeth Tankeu, Commissioner for Trade and Industry of the African Union
- c) Tribute to late Prof. Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Former Presiding Officer of the ECOSOCC of the African Union and to late Mrs. Elisabeth Tankeu, Commissioner for Trade and Industry of the African Union
- d) Election of the Bureau and Members of the Drafting Committee
- e) Signing of AU Treaties<sup>1</sup>
- f) Award Ceremony for the Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards

- II.**
- a) Adoption of the Agenda
  - b) Organization of Work

**III. THEME OF THE SUMMIT: “Boosting Intra-African Trade”**

**Presentation and Discussion of the Theme of the Summit**

- a) The Chairperson of the African Union declares the Debate on the theme open
  - o Presentation and Discussion of the Theme of the Summit – **Doc. Assembly/AU/2(XVIII)**
    - Introduction of the Overall Thrust by H.E. Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson (**10 min**)
    - Presentation of the Theme by H.E. Mr. John Atta-Mills, President of the Republic of Ghana (**15 min**)
    - Respondents (Chairpersons of the 8 Regional Economic Communities (RECs)) – (**7 min each**):
- b) Debate on the Theme

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<sup>1</sup> Arrangements will be made by the Commission throughout the Session for the signing of the AU Treaties by Heads of State and Government

- c) Adoption of the Declaration of the Assembly on the theme of the Summit

**IV. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON – Doc. Assembly/AU/2(XVIII) - AND THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON - Doc. Assembly/AU/3(XVIII) - OF THE COMMISSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

**V. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

**VI. APPOINTMENT OF TEN (10) MEMBERS OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC)**

**VII. REPORTS**

1. Consideration of the Recommendations of the Executive Council on the Report of the Commission on the Implementation of Previous Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly **Assembly/AU/4(XVIII)**
2. Consideration of the Report of the Peace and Security Council on its activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa, including the activities of the Panel of the Wise **Assembly/AU/5(XVIII)**
3. Consideration of the Report of H.E. Mr. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) **Assembly/AU/6(XVIII)**
4. Consideration of the Report of H.E. Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Chairperson of the Committee of Ten on the UN Reforms **Assembly/AU/7(XVIII)**
5. Consideration of the Report of H.E. Mr. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) on Africa's Preparation for the 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 17), Durban, South Africa, 28 November – 9 December 2011 **Assembly/AU/8(XVIII)**
6. Consideration of the Report of H.E. Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo and Africa's Coordinator on Africa's preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) : Common Position and Strategies vis-à-vis the challenges posed by the global economy and the international governance of the environment **Assembly/AU/9(XVIII)**

7. Consideration of the Report of H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, on the 4<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan, South Korea, 29 November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 **Assembly/AU/10(XVIII)** )
8. Consideration of the Progress Report of the Commission on the implementation of Assembly Decisions on the Hissene Habre Case (on the implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.340(XIV)) **Assembly/AU/11(XVIII)** )
9. Consideration of the Progress Report of the Commission on the Transformation of the African Union Commission into the African Union Authority (on the Implementation of Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.341(XVI)) **Assembly/AU/12(XVIII)** )

### VIII. ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER STATES

1. Offer of the Republic of Chad to host the Assembly of the Union in June/July 2015 (***Item proposed by the Republic of Chad***) **Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)** Add.1
2. Offer of the Republic of Benin to host the Assembly of the Union in June/July 2015 (***Item proposed by the Republic of Benin***) **Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)** Add.2
3. Request by the United Republic of Tanzania to host the Secretariat of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption in Arusha, Tanzania (***Item proposed by the United Republic of Tanzania***) **Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)** Add.3
4. The Diaspora as Africa's Sixth Region (***Item proposed by the Republic of Senegal***) **Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)** Add.4
5. Reopening of the African Centre for Phytosanitary Research and Training (***Item proposed by the Republic of Cameroon***) **Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)** Add.5
6. Integration as Factor of African Renaissance (***Item proposed by the Republic of Togo***) **Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)** Add.6
7. The Establishment of an African Institute of International Law (***Item proposed by the United Republic of Tanzania***) **Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)** Add.7
8. Establishment of Prof. Wangari Maathai Prize and Support for Prof Wangari Maathai Peace Institute (***Item proposed by the Republic of Kenya***) **Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)** Add.8

9. Progress Report on the African SKA (Square Kilometer Array) Project (*Item proposed by the Republic of South Africa*) Assembly/AU/13(XVIII)  
Add.9

- IX. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
- X. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION
- XI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- XII. DATE AND VENUE OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION
- XIII. CLOSING CEREMONY