



**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS DURING  
THE PERIOD OF THE JANUARY 2012  
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION  
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

***As at 7 December 2011***

**AU STATUTORY MEETINGS AND PARALLEL EVENTS**

- A.** LAUNCH OF THE THREE FIRST INSTITUTES OF THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY : **13-14 December 2011**
- B.** SIXTH (6<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP) : **16-20 January 2012**
- C.** TWENTY THIRD (23<sup>RD</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (PRC) : **23-24 January 2012**
- D.** 43<sup>RD</sup> NEPAD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING : **24-25 January 2012**
- E.** 9<sup>TH</sup> COORDINATION MEETING OF THE AUC AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (RECs) : **25 January 2012  
10.00 – 13.00 hrs**
- F.** MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM) : **25-28 January 2012**  
**(APRM Summit on 28 January 2012 from 14.00 to 16.00 hrs)**
- G.** MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATURES : **26 January 2012  
14.00 – 15.00 hrs**
- H.** TWENTIETH (20<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : **26-27 January 2012**
- I.** MEETINGS OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE : **26-27 January 2012**
- J.** MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES AGAINST HIV/AIDS (OAFLA) : **26-30 January 2012**



- K.** 26<sup>th</sup> SUMMIT OF THE NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC) : **28 January 2012**  
**10.00 – 12.00 hrs**
- L.** INAUGURATION OF THE NEW AUC CONFERENCE AND OFFICE COMPLEX : **28 January 2012**  
**16.00 – 18.00 hrs**
- M.** COMMITTEE OF TEN HEADS OF STATE ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORMS : **28 January 2012**  
**18.00 – 19.00 hrs**
- N.** EIGHTEENTH (18<sup>th</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION : **29-30 January 2012**
- O.** LUNCHEON HOSTED BY H.E. MR. MWAI KIBAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) : **29 January 2012**  
**13.00 – 14.30 hrs**
- P.** BANQUET OFFERED BY H.E. ATO MELES ZENAWI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA : **29 January 2012**  
**19.30 hrs**



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**(A)**

**LAUNCH OF THE THREE FIRST INSTITUTES OF THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY  
13 – 14 December 2011**

**Venue : Plenary, AU Headquarters**

**13 - 14 December 2011**

Launch of the Three First Institutes of the Pan African University

N.B. programme to be communicated later



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**(B)**

**SIXTH (6<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP)  
16-20 January 2012**

**Venue : UNCC-ECA, CR2**

**16 January 2012**

- 09.00 – 12.30 hrs : Official Opening  
14.30 – 18.00 hrs : Meetings of the Regional Caucuses

**17 January 2012**

- 09.00 – 12.30 hrs : Presentation and Debate on the State of the African Union  
14.30 – 18.00 hrs : Advocacy Missions

**18 January 2012**

- 09.00 – 12.30 hrs : Presentation and Debate on Peace and Security  
14.30 – 18.00 hrs : Advocacy Missions

**19 January 2012**

- 09.00 – 12.30 hrs : Presentation and Debate on the State of Ratification of the African Charter on Democracy, Governance and Election  
14.30 – 18.00 hrs : Advocacy Missions

**20 January 2012**

- 09.00 – 12.30 hrs : Presentation and adoption of the recommendations and resolutions of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the PAP  
: Official Closing



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**(C)**

**TWENTY THIRD (23<sup>RD</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (PRC)  
23-24 January 2012**

**Venue : Committee Room, AU New Conference Complex**

**23 January 2011**

- |                   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| 11:00 – 11:30 hrs | : | <b>Opening Ceremony</b><br>- Opening remarks by the H.E. Dr. Ruben Maye Nsue Mangué, Chairperson of the Permanent representatives Committee (PRC)<br>- Welcome remarks by H.E. Dr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the Commission |
| 11:30 – 13:30 hrs | : | <b>Closed Session</b>   |
| 13:30 – 15:00 hrs | : | <b>Lunch break</b>  |
| 15:00 – 19:00 hrs | : | <b>Closed Session</b>   |

**24 January 2011**

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|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 09:00 – 13:00 hrs | : | <b>Closed Session</b> |
| 13:00 – 15:00 hrs | : | <b>Break</b>          |
| 15:00 – 19:00 hrs | : | <b>Closed Session</b> |

**25 January 2011**

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|-------------------|---|--|
| 17:30 -18:00 hrs  | : | Consideration of the Draft Agenda of the Executive Council |
| 18:00 – 19:30 hrs | : | Adoption of the Report of the PRC                          |
| 19:30 – 19:45 hrs | : | <b>Closing</b>   |



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**(D)**

**43<sup>RD</sup> NEPAD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**24-25 January 2012**

**Venue: Plenary, AU Headquarters**

**24-25 January 2012** : 43<sup>rd</sup> NEPAD Steering Committee Meeting



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**(E)**

**9<sup>TH</sup> COORDINATION MEETING OF THE AUC AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE  
REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (RECs)**  
**25 January 2012**

**Venue: CR1, AU Headquarters**

**25 January 2012**

10:00 – 13:00 hrs : 9<sup>th</sup> Coordination meeting of the AUC and the Chief Executives  
of the RECs



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**(F)**

**MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM)  
25-26 January 2012**

**Venue : AU Headquarters**

• **25 – 26 January 2012**

09:00 – 17:00 hrs : 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the APR Panel of Eminent Persons

• **27 January 2012**

09:00 – 13:00 hrs : Meeting with Strategic Partners  
14:00 – 16:00 hrs : Pre-Summit Meeting of the APRM Focal Points and  
Technical Advisors

• **28 January 2012**

14:00 – 16:00 hrs : 16<sup>th</sup> Summit of the APR Forum of Heads of State and  
Government

The Member States of the APRM are:

- |                                    |                       |                            |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Algeria                         | 11. Ethiopia          | 23. Rwanda                 |
| 2. Angola                          | 12. Equatorial Guinea | 24. Sao Tome &<br>Principe |
| 3. Benin                           | 13. Gabon             | 25. Senegal                |
| 4. Burkina Faso                    | 14. Ghana             | 26. Sierra Leone           |
| 5. Cameroon                        | 15. Kenya             | 27. South Africa           |
| 6. Cape Verde                      | 16. Lesotho           | 28. Sudan                  |
| 7. Democratic<br>Republic of Congo | 17. Malawi            | 29. Tanzania               |
| 8. Republic of Congo               | 18. Mali              | 30. Togo                   |
| 9. Djibouti                        | 19. Mauritius         | 31. Uganda                 |
| 10. Egypt                          | 20. Mauritania        | 32. Zambia                 |
|                                    | 21. Mozambique        |                            |
|                                    | 22. Nigeria           |                            |



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**(G)**

**MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATURES  
26 January 2012**

**Venue : Plenary, AU Headquarters**

**26 January 2012**

14.00- 15.00 hrs : Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures

The members of the Committee for 2011-2013 are:

1. Democratic Republic of Congo, Chairperson
2. Tanzania, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson
3. South Africa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson
4. Sierra Leone, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson
5. Egypt, Rapporteur
6. Cameroon
7. Chad
8. Rwanda
9. Uganda
10. Tunisia
11. Angola
12. Malawi
13. Benin
14. The Gambia
15. Senegal



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**(H)**

**TWENTIETH (20<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**26-27 January 2012**

**Venue: Committee Room, AU New Conference Complex**

• **26 January 2012**

- 09.00- 09.45 hrs : Opening Ceremony
- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson of the Executive Council
  - Statement by the Chairperson of the AU Commission
  - Statement by the UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UNECA
  - Statement by the Chairperson of the Executive Council
- 09.45- 10.00 hrs : Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work
- 10.00- 11.00 hrs : Working Session
- 11.00- 11.15 hrs : Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.15- 13.00 hrs : Working Session
- 13.00- 15.00 hrs : Lunch Break
- 15.00- 16.45 hrs : Working Session
- 16.45- 17.00 hrs : Tea/Coffee Break
- 17.00- 19.00 hrs : Working Session
- 19.30 hrs : Reception by H.E. Ato Hailemariam Dessalegn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

• **27 June 2011**

- 09.00- 11.00 hrs : Working Session
- 11.00- 11.15 hrs : Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.15- 13.00 hrs : Working Session
- 13.00- 15.00 hrs : Lunch Break
- 15.00- 16.45 hrs : Working Session
- 16.45- 17.00 hrs : Tea/Coffee Break
- 17.00- 19.00 hrs : Working Session and end of agenda discussions



• **28 June 2011**

09.00- 11.00 hrs : Working Session  
11.00- 11.15 hrs : Tea/Coffee Break  
11.15- 13.00 hrs : Working Session

18.00- 20.00 hrs Adoption of the Decisions and Declarations of the Executive Council and consideration of the Draft Decisions and Declarations of the Assembly



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**(I)**

**MEETINGS OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE  
26-27 January 2012**

**Venue : Committee Room, AU New Conference Complex**

**26 January 2012**

17.00 - 19.00 hrs : Consideration of Draft Decisions and Declarations

**27 January 2012**

09.00 - 13.00 hrs : Consideration of Draft Decisions and Declarations

13.00 - 15.00 hrs : Lunch Break

15.00 - 19.00 hrs : Consideration of Draft Decisions and Declarations

**28 January 2012**

09.00 - 13.00 hrs : Consideration of Draft Decisions and Declarations (end)

The Members of the Drafting Committee are:

West: Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone

East: Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan

North: Algeria, Libya

Central: Cameroon, Chad, Gabon

South: South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe



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**(J)**

**MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES  
AGAINST HIV/AIDS (OAFLA)  
26 - 30 January 2012**

**Venue : AU Headquarters**

**26 – 27 January 2012**

09.00 - 17.00 hrs : Technical Advisers Meeting

**28 January 2012**

09.00 - 17.00 hrs : Steering Committee Meeting

**30 January 2012**

09.00 - 17.00 hrs : General Assembly (**Plenary**)



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**(K)**

**26<sup>th</sup> SUMMIT OF THE NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT  
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC)  
28 January 2012**

**Venue: Plenary, AU Headquarters**

**28 January 2012**

10:00 – 12:00 hrs : 26<sup>th</sup> Summit of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC).

***N.B. Programme to be circulated by the NPCA, in collaboration with the AUC NEPAD Coordinating Unit.***

The Members of NEPAD HSGOC are:

- |                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Algeria                      |                                     |
| 2. Benin                        | 13. Mali                            |
| 3. Cameroon                     | 14. Namibia                         |
| 4. Democratic Republic of Congo | 15. Nigeria                         |
| 5. Republic of Congo            | 16. Rwanda                          |
| 6. Egypt                        | 17. Senegal                         |
| 7. Ethiopia                     | 18. South Africa                    |
| 8. Gabon                        | 19. Sudan                           |
| 9. Lesotho                      | 20. Tunisia                         |
| 10. Libya                       | 21. Equatorial Guinea (Chair of AU) |
| 11. Madagascar                  | 22. AU Commission (Chairperson)     |
| 12. Malawi                      |                                     |



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**(L)**

**INAUGURATION OF THE NEW AUC CONFERENCE AND OFFICE COMPLEX  
28 January 2012**

**Venue : New AU Conference and Office Complex**

**28 January 2012**

- 16:00 – 18:00 hrs : • Opening  
• AU Anthem  
• Welcome Remarks by H.E. Dr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the AU Commission  
• Statement by H.E. Mr. Hu Jintao, President of the Peoples' Republic of China, Guest of Honour  
• Statement by H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and Chairperson of the African Union  
• Inauguration of the New AU Conference and Office Complex  
• Inauguration of the Statue of Kwame Nkrumah  
• Laying of foundation stone for the construction of an African Union Human Rights Memorial (AUHRM)  
• Cultural Show (groups from Member States)  
• Award of gifts  
• End of ceremony



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**(M)**

**COMMITTEE OF TEN HEADS OF STATE ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORMS**  
**28 January 2012**

**Venue: Plenary, AU Headquarters**

**28 January 2012**

18:00 – 19:00 hrs : Committee of Ten Heads of State on the United Nations Reforms

The Members of Committee of Ten (C10) are:

1. Central Region: Congo, Equatorial Guinea
2. Eastern Region: Kenya, Uganda
3. Northern Region: Algeria and Libya
4. Southern Region: Namibia and Zambia
5. Western Region: Senegal, Sierra Leone (Coordinator of the Committee)



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**(N)**

**EIGHTEENTH (18<sup>th</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION  
29 – 30 January 2012**

**Venue : New AUC Conference and Office Complex**

**DAY ONE: Sunday 29 January 2012**

- 08.30 – 09.30 hrs** Planting of trees by the Heads of State and Government and Heads of Delegations of Member States, the Guest of Honour, the Chairperson of the AU Commission, the UN Secretary General and another personality (to plant a tree in memory of late Prof. Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and First Presiding Officer of the ECOSOCC of the African Union)
- 09.30 – 10.00 hrs** **CLOSED SESSION** for Heads of State and Government and Heads of Delegations plus one (1) member of their respective delegations proceed to a Committee Room at the New AUC Conference Centre for consultations on the composition of the Bureau and Drafting Committee
- 10.00 - 11.30 hrs** **I. OPENING CEREMONY**
- H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and Chairman of the African Union, requests the Assembly to stand for the AU Anthem
  - AU Anthem
  - 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
  - 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



- Welcome remark by the Chairperson of the Union
  - Statement by H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union
  - Statement by H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations
  - Statement by the Guest of Honour, H.E. Mr. Hu Jintao, President of the Peoples' Republic of China, Guest of Honour
  - Statement by H.E. Dr. Nabil Al-Arabi, Secretary General of the League of Arab States;
  - Statement by the H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of Palestine National Authority (PNA) and Chairman of Palestine Liberation Organisation Executive Committee (PLO)
  - Opening Statement by H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and Chairman of the African Union
  - Election of the members of the Bureau and the Drafting Committee
  - Acceptance Statement by the Incoming Chairperson of the Union
  - Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards Ceremony for two (2) successful African Scientists
  - End of the official Opening Ceremony
- 11.30 – 11.45 hrs**
- H.E. the incoming Chairperson of the Union requests the Heads of State and Government to proceed to the Lobby for a Group Photo
- 11.45-12.15 hrs**      **II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND THE WORK-PROGRAMME (CLOSED SESSION)**
- 12.15-15.00 hrs**      **LUNCH BREAK**
- 15.00-15.10 hrs**      **III. THEME OF THE SUMMIT: “Boosting Intra-African Trade” (PUBLIC SESSION)**
- a) The Incoming Chairperson of the African Union declares the Debate on the theme open
- 15.10 – 16.30 hrs**
- b) Presentation and Discussion of the Theme of the Summit
    - ❖ 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):

16.30 – 18.30 hrs

- c) Debate on the Theme (1 hr and 30 min)
- d) Adoption of the Declaration of the Assembly on the theme of the Summit (30 min)

#### END OF THE DEBATE ON THE THEME

19.30 hrs

**BANQUET OFFERED BY H.E. ATO MELES ZENAWI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**

### DAY TWO: Monday 30 January 2012 (CLOSED SESSION)

09.00 – 13.00 hrs

#### IV. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON 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
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
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)

13.00 - 15.00 hrs

#### LUNCH BREAK



15.00 – 16.30 hrs

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
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
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
7. Consideration of the Report of H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, on the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan, South Korea, 29 November – 1st December 2011
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))
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))

#### 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*)
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*)
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*)



4. The Diaspora as Africa's Sixth Region (*Item proposed by the Republic of Senegal*)
  5. Reopening of the African Centre for Phytosanitary Research and Training (*Item proposed by the Republic of Cameroon✓*)
  6. Integration as Factor of African Renaissance (*Item proposed by the Republic of Togo*)
  7. The Establishment of an African Institute of International Law (*Item proposed by the United Republic of Tanzania*)
  8. Establishment of Prof. Wangari Maathai Prize and Support for Prof Wangari Maathai Peace Institute (*Item proposed by the Republic of Kenya*)
  9. Progress report on the African SKA (Square Kilometre Array) project (*Item proposed by the Republic of South Africa*)
- 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**



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**LUNCHEON HOSTED BY H.E. MR. MWAI KIBAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
KENYA, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)  
29 January 2012**

**Venue: to be announced**

**29 January 2012**

13:00 – 14:30 hrs : Luncheon

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**  
**29 January 2012**

**Venue: to be announced**

**29 January 2012**

19:30 hrs : Banquet