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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 (6TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN
   PARLIAMENT (PAP) : 16-20 January 2012

C. TWENTY THIRD (23RD) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
   PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (PRC) : 23-24 January 2012

D. 43RD NEPAD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING : 24-25 January 2012

E. 9TH 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 (20TH) 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. 26th 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 (18th) 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 40TH 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 (6th) 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 6th Ordinary Session of the PAP
: Official Closing
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(C)
TWENTY THIRD (23RD) 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 : Opening Ceremony
- Opening remarks by the H.E. Dr. Ruben Maye Nsue Mangue, Chairperson of the Permanent representatives Committee (PRC)
- Welcome remarks by H.E. Dr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the Commission

11:30 – 13:30 hrs : Closed Session
13:30 – 15:00 hrs : Lunch break
15:00 – 19:00 hrs : Closed Session

24 January 2011

09:00 – 13:00 hrs : Closed Session
13:00 – 15:00 hrs : Break
15:00 – 19:00 hrs : Closed Session

25 January 2011

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 : Closing
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(D)

43RD NEPAD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
24-25 January 2012

Venue: Plenary, AU Headquarters

24-25 January 2012 : 43rd NEPAD Steering Committee Meeting
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(E)

9TH 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 : 9th Coordination meeting of the AUC and the Chief Executives
of the RECs
MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM)

25-26 January 2012

Venue: AU Headquarters

• 25 – 26 January 2012

 09:00 – 17:00 hrs : 53rd 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 : 16th Summit of the APR Forum of Heads of State and Government

The Member States of the APRM are:

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

26th 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 : 26th 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
3. Cameroon
4. Democratic Republic of Congo
5. Republic of Congo
6. Egypt
7. Ethiopia
8. Gabon
9. Lesotho
10. Libya
11. Madagascar
12. Malawi
13. Mali
14. Namibia
15. Nigeria
16. Rwanda
17. Senegal
18. South Africa
19. Sudan
20. Tunisia
21. Equatorial Guinea (Chair of AU)
22. AU Commission (Chairperson)
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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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EIGHTEENTH (18th) 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  

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

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

**VII. REPORTS**


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 17th Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 17), Durban, South Africa, 28 November – 9 December 2011


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))


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 20TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

X. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF THE 18TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION

XI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

XII. DATE AND VENUE OF THE 19TH 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 40TH 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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(P)

BANQUET OFFERED BY H.E. ATO MELES ZENAWI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA
29 January 2012

Venue: to be announced

29 January 2012

19:30 hrs : Banquet