



50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAU-AU

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
24 - 27 MAY 2013



Pan Africanism and African Renaissance



Introduction

The year 2013 marks the 50th anniversary celebration of the formation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

The anniversary is expected to facilitate and celebrate African narratives of past, present and future that will enthuse and energize the African population and use their constructive energy to accelerate a forward looking development agenda of Pan-Africanism and renaissance in the 21st century.

The brief programme of activities to mark the 50th anniversary of the OAU is as follows: for detail updated information please refer to the event booklet or AUC website, www.au.int

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Friday May 24, 2013

Date	Activity
08:55	Children and Youth Assembly in session <i>Venue:</i> Africa Hall, UNECA
09:00–09:30	Opening session: Moderator: Zeinab Badawi Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Carlos Lopes, Under Secretary General and Executive Secretary for UNECA • Mr Donald Kaberuka, President of the African Development Bank • HE Dr. NC Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission
09:30–09:45	Video Presentation

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09:45–10:05	Intergenerational dialogue: Journey to the Past: Reflections on Pan Africanism and The African Renaissance Moderator: Zeinab Badawi Reflections by some former Heads of State and Government Comments and Questions from Adolescents and Youth
10:05–11:00	Reflections by some Heads of State and Government Interactive Dialogue with Adolescents and Youth
10:05–10:20	Brief presentation of the 9th Volume of General History of Africa Presenter: Mrs. Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO
11:20–11:35	Health Break
11:35–11:50	Sketch Play by Children on the Future of the AU
11:50–12:50	Intergenerational Dialogue: Reflections by former HSOG on the theme of Pan Afrcansim and the African Renaissance HSOG from Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda and Senegal Interactive Dialogue with Adolescents and Youth
12:50–13:00	CLOSING CEREMONY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Dr Carlos Lopes – Under Secretary General & Exec Secretary UNECA • Remarks by H.E. Dr Dlamini Zuma, AUC Chairperson



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08:55	Pan African Business Conference: <i>Venue: Conference Room 2, UNECA</i>
09:30-10:15	Official Opening: Legacy Address: H.E. Ato Haile Mariam Dessalegn, Prime Minister Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and African Union Chairman Welcome by Mr. Seth Adjei-Baah, President, Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry Introductory Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission (AUC) • Ms. Martha Nemundjebo-Tilahun, Group Chairperson, United Africa Group, Namibia • Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, UN Global Compact • Mr. Tegegnetwork Gettu, Director, UNDP Regional Office for Africa • Mrs. Hannah Tetteh, Foreign Minister, Republic of Ghana • Mr. Mourad Medelci, Foreign Minister, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
10:15-10:45	Health Break
10:45-18:00	Working Sessions
18:00-18:30	Closing Ceremony: Speaker: Mr. Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank (AfDB) Closing by Mrs. Fatima Haram Acyl, AU Commissioner, Trade and Industry & Mr. Kebour Ghenna, Executive Director, PACCI
18:30-19:00	Press Confererence
19:00	Reception - Cocktail/ Dinner



50th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday May 25, 2013

Date	Activity
07:30-08:45	NEPAD HOSG working Breakfast
08:55	ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT IN SESSION <i>Venue: AUCC Main Plenary Hall</i>
09:00-09:07	Opening announcements by Chief of Protocol
09:07-09:10	Minute of Silent Meditation, Prayer and Reflection
09:10-09:15	AU Anthem: AU Choir with children
09:15-09:25	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson of the Union
09:25-09:35	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson of the AU Commission
09:35-09:40	Introduction of the Interactive Panel by Moderator (Dr. Carlos Lopez)
09:40-10:10	Introduction of theme by Dr. Amina Mama, Dr Donald Kaberuka and fmr Hon Prime Minister Patterson (Jamaica)
10:10-13:00	Discussion by Member States
13:00-13:10	Summation and announcements: Chairperson of the African Union
13:10-13:20	Group photo of the HOSG
13:20-14:55	VVIP AUC Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted by AUC Chairperson at the Multi Purpose Centre (AUCC)
15:00	VVIP Delegates depart to the Millenium Hall



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Date	Activity
15:00 onwards	Dignitaries and VVIPs arrive at Millenium Hall:
16:00	<p>Programme Starts</p> <p>AU Anthem; 50th Anniversary Choreography; Opening statements: Host, AU Chairperson and the AUC Chairperson; Messages from African Heads of State and Government, REC's; Poetry, Music performance, Documentary Clip; Messages by PAWO and PAYU; Mesages of Solidarity from Global partners;</p>
19:30	Grand Finale
19:30	HOSG and VVIPs depart for Gala dinner at the Sheraton Hotel
19:30	Cultural Session at Millenium: "Headline Performances from Africa and the Diaspora



50th Anniversary Summit

Sunday May 26, 2013

Date	Activity
08.00-09.30	1st meeting of Regional oversight Mechanism for DRC and Great Lakes with 10 signatories.
10:00-11:00	(Open to the Media)
	21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of The Union
	I. Opening Ceremony
	H.E. Ato Hailemariam Dessalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairman of the African Union, declares the beginning of the Session; AU Anthem;
	Statement by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union;
	Statement by newly elected Heads of State and Governments
	Opening Statement by H.E. Ato Hailemariam Dessalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the African Union.
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-13:00	(CLOSED SESSION)
11:15-11:30	II. Adoption of the agenda and the work-programme (closed session)
11:30-11:45	III. Adoption of the proclamation on the 50th anniversary of the OAU/AU
11:15-13:00	IV. REPORTS:
	1. Report of the Peace and Security Council on its activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa



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Monday May 27, 2013

Date	Activity
13.00-15.00	Lunch Break (AWA-ALMA working luncheon)
15.00-18.30	2. Consideration of the Report of H.E Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria, Chairperson of the High-Level Panel on Alternative Sources of Funding the African Union
	3. Consideration of the Report of H.E. Mr. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC)
	4. Consideration of the Report of Heads of State and Government Action Committee on AIDS Watch Africa (AWA)
19.30-21.00	Dinner Hosted by H.E. Ato Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

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09.00- 09.30	Launch of the Proclamation on The 50th Anniversary of The OAU/AU (<i>Open Session</i>)
09.30-13.00	(CLOSED SESSION)
15.00-18.30	5. 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
	6. Consideration of the Report of the Commission on the Post 2015 Development Agenda: Towards an African Common Position and Modalities for establishment of a Committee of Heads of State and Government on the Post 2015 Development Agenda.
	7. Briefing by H.E. President Jacob Zuma on the Outcomes of the BRICS Leaders Africa Dialogue Forum (Retreat) held in Durban, South Africa, on 27 March 2013
	V. Adoption of the strategic plan 2014-2017 for the African Union Commission
	VI. Adoption of the 2014 budget for the African Union
	VII. Appointment of four (4) members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)
	VIII. Appointment of four (4) members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC)



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Date	Activity
13.00-15.00	Lunch Break
15.00-17.00	(CLOSED SESSION) IX. Items proposed by member States 1. Transfer of the Diaspora Outcomes Programme to NEPAD (Item proposed by the Republic of South Africa) 2. Strengthening African Leadership in the Process of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (Item proposed by Burkina Faso) 3. Support to Film Production Towards Increasing its Contribution to Africa's Development (Item proposed by Burkina Faso) II. Any other business III. Adoption of the decisions and recommendations of the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council IV. Adoption of decisions and declarations of the 21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union V. Date and venue of the 22nd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of The Union
17.00-18.00	(OPEN SESSION) VI. CLOSING CEREMONY Closing Statement by the Chairperson of the Union Vote of thanks by a Head of State or Government

Date	Activity
	AU Anthem VII. Press Conference by the Chairperson of the Union and The Chairperson of The Commission

African Union Anthem

*Let us all unite and celebrate together
The victories won for our liberation
Let us dedicate ourselves to rise together
To defend our liberty and unity*

*O Sons and Daughters of Africa
Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky
Let us make Africa the Tree of Life*

*Let us all unite and sing together
To uphold the bonds that frame our destiny
Let us dedicate ourselves to fight together
For lasting peace and justice on earth*

*O Sons and Daughters of Africa
Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky
Let us make Africa the Tree of Life*

*Let us all unite and toil together
To give the best we have to Africa
The cradle of mankind and fount of culture
Our pride and hope at break of dawn.*

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