



**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS DURING  
THE PERIOD OF THE JANUARY 2016  
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION  
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**As at 12 Jan. 2016**

**AU STATUTORY MEETINGS AND PARALLEL EVENTS**

**From 18 to 31 January 2016**

- |           |  |   |
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| <b>A.</b> | 9 <sup>TH</sup> AU GENDER PRE-SUMMIT MEETING   | : 18-20 January 2016<br><i>Nelson Mandela Hall</i>  |
| <b>B.</b> | THIRTY FIRST (31 <sup>ST</sup> ) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (PRC) | : 21-23 January 2016<br><i>Medium Conf. Hall (NCC)</i><br><br><i><u>N.B.</u> the preparatory meetings will be held from 13 to 19 Jan.2016</i> |
| <b>C.</b> | 4 <sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN RISK CAPACITY (ARC) CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES                              | : 22-23 January 2016<br><i>Plenary Hall &amp; CR2 (OCC)</i>   |
| <b>D.</b> | MINISTERIAL RETREAT  | : 24-25 January 2016<br><i>Mekelle</i>  |
| <b>E.</b> | 53 <sup>RD</sup> NEPAD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  | : 26 January 2016<br><i>Small Conf. Hall 1 (NCC)</i>  |
| <b>F.</b> | TWENTY EIGHTH (28 <sup>TH</sup> ) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL                        | : 27-28 January 2016<br><i>Nelson Mandela Conf. Hall (NCC)</i>  |
| <b>G.</b> | LUNCH OFFERED BY H.E. DR. NKOSAZANA DLAMINI-ZUMA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION      | : 27 January 2016<br><i>13.00 – 15.00 hrs.</i><br><i>Africa House</i>   |
| <b>H.</b> | MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM           | : 27 January 2016<br><i>14.00 – 16.00 hrs.</i><br><i>Small Conf. Hall 2 (NCC)</i>   |
| <b>I.</b> | MEETING OF THE AD-HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT                             | : 27 January 2016<br><i>16.00 – 17.30 hrs.</i><br><i>Small Conf. Hall 3 (NCC)</i>   |



- J.** RECEPTION HOSTED BY H.E. DR. TEDROS ADHANOM, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA : **27 January 2016**  
**19.00 – 21.00 hrs.**  
*Sheraton Hotel*
- K.** MEETINGS OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE : **27-28 January 2016**  
**15.00 to 19.00 hrs**  
*Small Conf. Hall 1 (NCC)*
- L.** MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES AGAINST HIV/AIDS (OAFLA) : **26-31 January 2016**  
*[Gen. Assembly on 30 January 2016 from 15.00 to 19.00 hrs.]*  
- 26-29 Jan. 2016 – CR1 (OCC)  
- 30 and 31 Jan. 2016 – Plenary Hall
- M.** LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN UNION ACADEMY PROJECT (LUNCHEON) : **28 January 2016**  
**13.00-14.30 hrs**  
*Multi-Purpose Hall (NCC)*
- N.** MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP ON LIBYA : **28 January 2016**  
**19.00 hrs (TBC)**  
*Small CH 4*
- O.** 34<sup>TH</sup> NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC) : **29 January 2016**  
**10:00 – 12:00 hrs.**  
*Medium Conf. Hall (NCC)*
- P.** MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN (C10) ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORMS : **29 January 2016**  
**12:00 – 13:00 hrs.**  
*Small Conf. Hall 2 (NCC)*
- Q.** MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM) : **26-29 January 2016**  
*[APRM Summit on 29 Jan. 2016 from 15.00 to 17.00 hrs.]*  
- 26-27 Jan. 2016 – CR2 (OCC)  
- 28 Jan. 2016 – Plenary Hall (OCC)  
- 29 Jan. 2016 – Medium Conf. Hall (NCC)



- R.** MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN TRADE (HATC) : **29 January 2016**  
*17.00 – 19.00 hrs.*  
*Small Conf. Hall 3 (NCC)*
- S.** MEETING OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC) AT THE LEVEL OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT : **29 January 2016**  
*18:00 – 21:00 hrs.*  
*Plenary Hall (OCC)*
- T.** MEDIA AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION HIGH LEVEL EVENT DEALING WITH AGENDA 2063 : **29-30 January 2016**  
*Tbd*
- U.** INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE : **29-30 January 2016**  
*UNECA & Small Conference Hall 2*
- V.** TWENTY SIXTH (26<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION : **30-31 January 2016**  
*Nelson Mandela Conf. Hall (NCC)*
- W.** HONOURING THE EBOLA EFFORTS LUNCHEON : **30 January 2016**  
*13:00 – 14:30 hrs*  
*Multi-Purpose Hall (NCC)*
- X.** DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. ATO HAILEMARIAM DESALEGN, PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA : **30 January 2016**  
*19.30 – 21.00 hrs*  
*Sheraton Hotel*
- Y.** AFRICAN DIALOGUE PLATFORM LAUNCH : **31 January 2016**  
*07:00 – 09:00 hrs*  
*Multi-Purpose Hall (NCC)*
- Z.** ALMA LUNCHEON : **31 January 2016**  
*13.00 – 14.00 hrs.*  
*Multi-Purpose Hall (NCC)*



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**9<sup>TH</sup> AU GENDER PRE-SUMMIT MEETING**  
**18-20 January 2016**

**Venue: Nelson Mandela Hall**

**18-20 January 2016**

09:00 – 17:30 hrs. : 9<sup>th</sup> AU Gender Pre-Summit Meeting

***N.B. Programme to be circulated by the WGDD, Break Out Sessions will be held in Small Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3***



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**THIRTY FIRST (31<sup>ST</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE (PRC)  
21-23 January 2016**

**Venue: Medium Conference Hall (NCC)**

**21 January 2016**

- 10.00 – 10:30 hrs. : **Opening Ceremony**
- Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Permanent representatives Committee (PRC)
  - Welcome remarks by the Chairperson of the Commission
  - Group Photo for Ambassadors, PRC Members together with Members of the Commission

10:30 – 13:00 hrs. : Closed Session

13:30 – 15:00 hrs. : Lunch break

15:00 – 19:00 hrs. : Closed Session

**22 January 2016**

09:00 – 13:00 hrs. : Closed Session

13:00 – 15:00 hrs. : Break

15:00 – 19:00 hrs. : Closed Session

**23 January 2016**

17:30 -19:00 hrs. : Adoption of the Report of the PRC

19:00 – 19:15 hrs. : **Closing**



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**4<sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN RISK CAPACITY (ARC) CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**  
**22-23 January 2016**

**Venue: CR1 and CR2 (OCC)**

**22-23 January 2016**

----- hrs. : 4<sup>th</sup> ARC Conference of the Parties

***N.B. Programme to be circulated by the ARC***



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**(D)**

**MINISTERIAL RETREAT  
24-25 January 2016**

**Venue: Mekelle**

**Monday, 24 January 2016**

**Transfer by air: Addis-Mekelle**

- 15:00-17:00 hrs **Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bahir Dar Ministerial Follow-up Committee**
- 17:30-18:30 hrs **SESSION 1**  
***Chairperson Chair of the Executive Council and Foreign Minister of Zimbabwe***
- Adoption of Retreat Programme
  - Matters arising from the Johannesburg Retreat
- 19:00 hrs **Dinner**

**Tuesday, 25 January 2016**

- 08:30 hrs **OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION**  
***Chairperson of the EC and Foreign Minister of Zimbabwe***
- Welcome remarks – Ethiopia Foreign Minister
  - Welcome – Local authorities
  - Remarks by the AU Commission Chairperson
  - Remarks by Chairperson of the Executive Council
- 09:30 hrs **SESSION 2. AGENDA 2063**  
***Facilitator (Foreign Minister – Ghana TBC)***
- Update on Agenda 2063: Ten year plan, domestication and flagship projects
  - Report on Capacities for the Implementation of Agenda 2063, and Allocation of implementation responsibilities amongst Member states, RECs, NPCA, AUC and other continental institutions (ACBF)
  - Discussions



12:30 hrs	Lunch
14:30 hrs	<p><b>SESSION 3: FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE</b>  <b>Facilitator (Foreign Minister – Egypt TBC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief and Recommendation on Free movement of people</li> <li>• Discussions</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00 hrs	<p><b>SESSION 4: PROGRESS TOWARDS A SINGLE AFRICAN AVIATION MARKET</b>  <b>Facilitator (Foreign Minister of ... )</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of Assembly decision of January 2015</li> </ul>
16:00-16:30 hrs	<p><b>SESSION 5: AFRICAN TOURISM AND WILD LIFE CONSERVATION</b>  <b>Facilitator (Foreign Minister of ... )</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of the African Tourism sector - representative from African Tourism Ministers Bureau</li> <li>• Wildlife preservation: opportunities and challenges – UNEP Executive Secretary</li> </ul>
17:00-18:00 hrs	<p><b>SESSION 6: COMPARATIVE STUDY ON AU WORKING METHODS AND PROCESSES, AND STREAMLINING BUSINESS OF SUMMITS</b>  <b>Facilitator (Foreign Minister of ... )</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of Comparative study (OSG/BCP)</li> <li>• Implementation of Decision 582 (OSG)</li> <li>• AU Commission Restructuring Project (AHRM)</li> </ul>
18:45 hrs	<p><b>Any other business</b>  <b>Facilitator (Foreign Minister – Mali TBC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandate of the Bahir Dar Ministerial Follow-up Committee on Agenda 2063*</li> </ul>
20:00 hrs	<b>Working Dinner</b>

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\* The Bahir Dar Ministerial Retreat of the Executive Council (24-26 Jan 2014) Recommendations, adopted by the Executive Council (27-28 January 2014) established the Ministerial Follow-up Committee consisting of Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Ghana, and Rwanda; the Chairpersons and Executive Secretaries of RECs, the AUC Chairperson, UNECA ES, AfDB President, the NPCA CEO. The Committee has a two-year mandate, to be “reviewed to allow for rotation and regional balance.”



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**Wednesday, 26 January 2016**

09:00-10:00 hrs **Presentation and adoption of the Mekelle Ministerial Retreat draft Outcomes document**

**Closing remarks – Executive Council Chairperson, Foreign Minister of Zimbabwe**

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**53<sup>RD</sup> NEPAD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**26 January 2016**

**Venue: Small Conference Hall 1 (NCC)**

**26 January 2016**

**53<sup>rd</sup> NEPAD Steering Committee Meeting**



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**TWENTY EIGHTH (28<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**27-28 January 2016**

**Venue: Nelson Mandela Plenary Hall (NCC)**

• **27 January 2016**

- 10.00 – 10.30 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
  - Opening statement by the Chairperson of the Executive Council
  - Group Photo for Ministers, together with Members of the Commission
- 10.30- 10.40 hrs. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work
- 10.40- 13.00 hrs. Working Session
- 13.00- 15.00 hrs. Lunch offered by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (***Africa House***)
- 15.00- 19.00 hrs. Working Session
- 19.30- 21.30 hrs. Reception by H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (***Sheraton Addis***)



- **28 January 2016**

09.00- 13.00 hrs. Working Session

13.00 hrs. Lunch Break

15.00 – 19.00 hrs. Working Session and end of discussions

- **29 January 2016**

17.00- 19.00 hrs. Adoption of the Decisions and Declarations of the Executive Council and consideration of the Draft Decisions and Declarations of the Assembly (***Nelson Mandela Plenary Hall, NCC***)



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**(G)**

**LUNCH OFFERED BY H.E. DR. NKOSAZANA DLAMINI-ZUMA**  
**CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION**  
**27 January 2016**

**Venue: Africa House**

**27 January 2016**

13.00-15.00 hrs.

Lunch offered by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission



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**MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES IN  
THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM**

**27 January 2016**

**Venue: Small Conference Hall 2 (NCC)**

**27 January 2016**

14.00 – 16.00 hrs. : Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on African  
Candidatures in the International System

The members of the Committee for 2015-2016 are:

1. Bureau:

- Angola (Chairperson)
- Sierra Leone (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson)
- Egypt (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson)
- **Central** (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson)
- Eritrea (Rapporteur)

2. Membership:

- Central: Burundi, Cameroon and Chad;
- East: Eritrea, Rwanda and Tanzania;
- North: S.A.D.R. and Egypt;
- South: Angola, Botswana and Lesotho;
- West: Benin, The Gambia, Senegal and Sierra Leone.



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(I)

**MEETING OF THE AD-HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE  
ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT  
27 January 2016**

**Venue: Small Conference Hall 3 (NCC)**

**27 January 2016**

16.00 – 17.30 hrs. : Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the  
Scale of Assessment

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(J)

**RECEPTION HOSTED BY H.E. DR. TEDROS ADHANOM, MINISTER OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**  
**27 January 2016**

**Venue: Sheraton Hotel**

**27 January 2016**

19.00 – 21.00 hrs : Reception





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(K)

**MEETINGS OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE**  
**27 – 28 January 2016**

**Venue: Small Conference Hall 1 (NCC)**

**27 January 2016**

17.00 - 19.00 hrs. : Consideration of Draft Decisions and Declarations

**28 January 2016**

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

**The Members of the Drafting Committee are:**

Chair: Mauritania as Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Assembly for 2015  
West: Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, Togo  
East: Eritrea, South Sudan, Uganda  
North: Algeria, Egypt  
Central: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea  
South: Botswana, South Africa, Swaziland



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**MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN  
FIRST LADIES AGAINST HIV/AIDS (OAFLA)  
26 – 31 January 2016**

**Venue: Committee Room 1 (OCC) - 26-29 January 2016 and  
Plenary Hall (OCC) – 30-31 January 2016**

**26 January 2016**

08.00 – 18.00 hrs. : Technical Advisers (TA) Training

**27-28 January 2016**

08.00 – 18.00 hrs. : Technical Advisers (TA) Meeting

**29 January 2016**

16.00 - 18.00 hrs. : Steering Committee (SC) Meeting

**30 January 2016**

14.00 – 17.00 hrs. : General Assembly (GA) – Closed Session

**31 January 2016**

08.00 – 12.30 hrs : General Assembly (GA) – Open Session

12.30 – 14.00 hrs : First Ladies Working Lunch

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**(M)**

**LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN UNION ACADEMY PROJECT (LUNCHEON)  
28 January 2016**

**Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall (NCC)**

**28 January 2016**

**13.00 - 14.30 hrs : Launch of the African Union Academy Project (Luncheon)**



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**(N)**

**MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP ON LIBYA**  
**28 January 2016**

**Venue: Small CH 4 (NCC)**

**28 January 2016**

19.00 hrs (TBC) : Meeting of the International Contact Group on Libya



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**34<sup>TH</sup> NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT  
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC)  
29 January 2016**

**Venue: Medium Conference Hall (NCC)**

**29 January 2016**

10:00 – 12:00 hrs. : 34<sup>th</sup> 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:

Central Africa	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	West Africa
Cameroon	Ethiopia	Algeria	South Africa	Nigeria
Gabon	Rwanda	Egypt	Malawi	Senegal
Congo (Republic)	Tanzania	Libya	Zambia	Benin
Chad	Uganda	Mauritania*	Zimbabwe	Mali



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**MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN (C10) ON THE  
UNITED NATIONS REFORMS  
29 January 2016**

**Venue: Small Conference Hall 2 (NCC)**

**29 January 2016**

12:00 – 13:00 hrs. : Meeting of the C10 on the UN Reforms

The members of the Committee are:

- |                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>South</b>   | 1. Namibia              |
|                | 2. Zambia               |
| <b>East</b>    | 3. Uganda               |
|                | 4. Kenya                |
| <b>West</b>    | 5. Sierra Leone (Chair) |
|                | 6. Senegal              |
| <b>North</b>   | 7. Algeria              |
|                | 8. Libya                |
| <b>Central</b> | 9. Congo                |
|                | 10. Equatorial Guinea   |



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**MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM)  
26 - 29 January 2016**

**Venue: Committee Room 2 (OCC) -- 26-27 January 2016  
Plenary Hall (OCC) -- 28 January 2016  
Medium Conf. Hall (NCC) -- 29 January 2016**

- **26 - 27 January 2016**  
09:00 – 18:00 hrs. : 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of APRM Panel of Eminent Persons
- **27 January 2016**  
09:00 – 13:00 hrs. : 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of APRM Panel of Eminent Persons  
14:00 – 17:00 hrs. : Meeting of APRM Strategic Partners  
: Meeting of the APRM Ad Hoc Group on Recruitment
- **28 January 2016**  
09:00 – 13:00 hrs. : Meeting of the Committee of APRM Focal Points  
14:00 – 18:00 hrs. : Pre-Summit Meeting of the APR Panel and Focal Points
- **29 January 2016**  
15:00 – 17:00 hrs. : 24<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Heads of State Participating in the APRM (APR Forum)

**N.B. Final programme to be provided by APRM Secretariat**

**The Member States of the APRM are:**

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Algeria                      | 10. Republic of Congo |
| 2. Angola                       | 11. Djibouti          |
| 3. Benin                        | 12. Egypt             |
| 4. Burkina Faso                 | 13. Ethiopia          |
| 5. Cameroon                     | 14. Equatorial Guinea |
| 6. Cape Verde                   | 15. Gabon             |
| 7. Chad                         | 16. Ghana             |
| 8. Cote d'Ivoire                | 17. Kenya             |
| 9. Democratic Republic of Congo | 18. Lesotho           |



19. Liberia
20. Malawi
21. Mali
22. Mauritius
23. Mauritania
24. Mozambique
25. Niger
26. Nigeria
27. Rwanda
28. Sao Tome & Principe
29. Senegal
30. Sierra Leone
31. South Africa
32. Sudan
33. Tanzania
34. Togo
35. Tunisia
36. Uganda
37. Zambia





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**MEETING OF THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN TRADE (HATC)  
29 January 2016**

**Venue: Small Conference Hall 3 (NCC)**

**29 January 2016**

17.00 – 19.00 hrs. : Meeting of the High Level Committee on African Trade

**The Members are:**

1. Ghana (ECOWAS) (Chair)
2. Chad (ECCAS and CENSAD)
3. Ethiopia (IGAD)
4. Libya (AMU)
5. Zimbabwe (SADC)
6. Kenya (EAC)
7. Ethiopia (COMESA)



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**MEETING OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (PSC) AT THE LEVEL OF THE  
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**  
**29 January 2016**

**Venue: Plenary Hall (OCC)**

**29 January 2016**

18:00 – 21:00 hrs. : Meeting of the PSC at the level of the Heads of State and Government

**The members of the PSC are:**

1. Algeria
2. Burundi
3. Chad
4. Equatorial Guinea
5. Ethiopia
6. Gambia
7. Guinea
8. Libya
9. Mozambique
10. Namibia
11. Niger
12. Nigeria
13. South Africa
14. Tanzania
15. Uganda



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**MEDIA AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION HIGH LEVEL EVENT  
DEALING WITH AGENDA 2063  
29-30 January 2016**

**Venue: tbd**

**29-30 January 2016**

----- hrs. : Media and Freedom of Expression High Level Event  
dealing with Agenda 2063

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**INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE**  
**29-30 January 2016**

**Venue: UNECA & SMALL CONFERENCE HALL 2, NCC**

29-30 January 2016

----- hrs. : Intergenerational Dialogue



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 DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2016  
 ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION  
 ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

(V)

**TWENTY SIXTH (26<sup>TH</sup>) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
 ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION  
 30 – 31 January 2016**

**Venue: Nelson Mandela Plenary Hall (NCC)**

**DAY ONE: Saturday 30 January 2016**

**09.00 – 11.30 hrs**

**CLOSED SESSION (*Medium Conference Hall – NCC*)**

➤ **Heads of State and Government and Heads of Delegations plus four (4) members of their respective delegations:**

- a) Consultations on the composition of the Bureau and Drafting Committee for 2016
- b) Adoption of the Draft Agenda
- c) Adoption of the Programme of Work
- d) Discussions on some strategic issues:
  - Financing of the Union
  - Governance, Elections and Constitutionalism

➤ **Group Photo**

**11.30 – 13.00 hrs**

**OPEN SESSION**

**I. OPENING CEREMONY**

- H.E. Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairman of the African Union, declares the beginning of the Session (**2 minutes**)
- AU Anthem by the AUC Choir (**3 minutes**)
- Statement by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson



of the Commission of the African Union (**15 minutes**)

- Statement by H.E. Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations (**7 minutes**)
- Statement by H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine and Chairman of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Executive Committee (**7 minutes**)
- Opening Statement by H.E. Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairman of the African Union (**10 minutes**)
- Election of the Chairperson of the African Union and members of the Bureau and members of the Drafting Committee (**Announcement of the results of the elections by the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps**) (**3 minutes**)
- Acceptance Statement by the incoming Chairperson of the Union (**10 minutes**)
- Signing of AU Treaties<sup>2</sup> (**continuous during the Session**)
- Launch of the Theme “African Year of Human Rights with a particular focus on Women Rights”
- End of the official Opening Ceremony (**Invited Guests, Observers and members of the media leave the Hall**)

13.00 – 15.00 hrs

**ALMA LUNCHEON (Multipurpose Hall)**

15.00 – 19.30 hrs

**OPEN SESSION**

- Awards Ceremony for the Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards for 2015 (**10 minutes**)
  - Prof. -----, from -----, Winner in the field of -----
  - Prof. -----, from -----, Winner in the field of -----

**CLOSED SESSION**

**II. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION BY:**

- a) The Peace and Security Council on its activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa

19.30 – 21.00 hrs

**DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. ATO HAILEMARIAM DESALEGN,**

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<sup>2</sup> Arrangements will be made by the Commission throughout the Session for the signing of the AU Treaties by Heads of State and Government



**PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
 OF ETHIOPIA (*Sheraton Hotel*)**

**DAY TWO: Sunday 31 January 2016**

**09.30 – 13.00 hrs. CLOSED SESSION**

- b) H.E. Mr. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairperson of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC)<sup>3</sup>
- c) H.E. Mr. John Dramane Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chairperson of the High Level African Trade Committee (HATC)<sup>4</sup>
- d) H.E. Mr. Robert G. Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chairperson of the AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) Heads of State and Government Action Committee
- e) H.E. Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Chairperson of the Committee of Ten on the United Nations Reforms<sup>5</sup>
- f) H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)<sup>6</sup>
- g) H.E. Mrs. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia and Chairperson of the High Level Committee on the Post-2015 Development Agenda
- h) H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC)
- i) H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, on the Kigali Plan of Action for Implementing Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.516 (XXII) on the Implementation of Sharm

<sup>3</sup> Consideration should be deferred to the June/July 2016 session

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El Sheikh Commitments on Accelerating Water and Sanitation Goals in Africa<sup>7</sup>

13.00 – 15.00 hrs **LUNCH**

15.00 – 18.00 hrs **CLOSED SESSION**

III. **ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

IV. **ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

V. **DATE AND VENUE OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

VI. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

18.00 – 18.30 hrs **OPEN SESSION**

VII. **CLOSING CEREMONY**

- **Vote of Thanks by a Head of State (5 minutes)**
- **Closing Statement by the Chairperson of the Union (10 minutes)**
- **AU Anthem (5 minutes)**

VIII. **PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE UNION AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION (*for the Media*)**

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**(W)**

**HONOURING THE EBOLA EFFORTS LUNCHEON**  
**30 January 2016**

**Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall**

**30 January 2016**

----- hrs. : Honouring the Ebola Efforts Luncheon



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**DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. ATO HAILEMARIAM DESALEGN, PRIME MINISTER OF  
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**31 January 2016**

**Venue: Sheraton Hotel**

**31 January 2016**

19.30 – 21.00 hrs. : Dinner



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**AFRICAN DIALOGUE PLATFORM LAUNCH**  
**31 January 2016**

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----- hrs. : African Dialogue Platform Launch



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**ALMA LUNCHEON**

**31 January 2016**

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**31 January 2016**

13.00 – 15.00 hrs : ALMA Luncheon

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