

**DECISION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION WIDE  
STRATEGIC PLAN  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Review of the 2009 – 2012 AUC Strategic Plan;
2. **AUTHORISES** the Commission to immediately start the process for preparation of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan, working closely with the Sub-Committee on Programmes and Conferences. In that context, the Commission should take into consideration the recommendations of the Review Report on the Implementation of the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan, and in particular:
  - The involvement of stakeholders such as Member States, other organs of the Union, the NEPAD Agency, the RECs and the Civil Society;
  - The preparation of a detailed implementation plan for the new Strategic Plan;
  - Preparation of a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Strategic Plan.
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit on a regular basis, progress reports on the preparation of the Draft 2014-2017 Strategic Plan to the AU policy organs through the relevant PRC Sub-Committees;
4. **AUTHORISES** the Commission to approach Member States, Strategic Partners such as ECA, the ADB, other Development Partners for voluntary contributions, as well as material and technical support .



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