



**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS DURING
THE PERIOD OF THE JULY 2016
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION**

AU STATUTORY MEETINGS AND PARALLEL EVENTS

From 09 to 18 July 2016
KIGALI, RWANDA

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| A. | 3 rd AU HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PRE-SUMMIT MEETING | 08-09 July 2016
<i>Venue: Parliament</i> |
| B. | THIRTY SECOND (32 ND) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (PRC) | 10-11-12 July 2016
<i>Venue: Auditorium/
Plenary Hall</i>
09.00 -13.00
13.00 – 14.45
15.00 – 17.30 |
| | - Lunch break | |
| | - Adoption of the Report | 12 July 2016
17.00 – 19.30 |
| C. | MEETING BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE BUREAU OF THE PRC | 12 July 2016
19.30-20.30
<i>Venue: MH3</i> |
| D. | MEETING OF THE BAHIR DAR FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE ON AGENDA 2063 | 13 July 2016
08.30 - 09.30
<i>Venue: MH4</i> |
| E. | POPULARIZATION OF AGENDA 2063 THROUGH THE AFRICAN EDITORS' FORUM | 13-15 July 2016
<i>Venue: MH3</i> |
| F. | TWENTY NINTH (29 TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL | 13 July 2016
<i>Venue: Auditorium/
Plenary Hall</i> |
| | - Opening Ceremony | 09.00 – 10.00 |
| | - Closed session | 10.00 – 13.00 |
| | - Continuation of the 29 th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council | 15.00 – 17.30 |



- G.** MEETING OF THE AD-HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS **13 July 2016**
14.00-15.00
Venue: MH1
- H.** MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN CANDIDATURES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM **13 July 2016**
15.00-17.00
Venue: MH4
- I.** RECEPTION HOSTED BY HON. MRS. MUSHIKIWABO LOUISE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA **13 July 2016**
19.00 – 21.00
Venue: tbd
- J.** TWENTY NINTH (29TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (Continuation) **14-15 July 2016**
*Venue: Auditorium/
Plenary Hall*
10.00 – 13.00
15.00 – 17.30
- K.** MEETING OF THE NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC) **16 July 2016**
09.00 to 11.30
Venue: MH3
- L.** ASSEMBLY RETREAT ON FINANCING THE AFRICAN UNION **16 July 2016**
14.00-18.00
[Closed Session]
*Venue: Kigali
Conference and
Exhibition Village
(KCEV)*
- M.** MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES AGAINST HIV/AIDS (OAFLA) **16 July 2016**
**Meeting of the
Steering
Committee:**
16.00-18.00
Venue: MH3
- N.** TWENTY SEVENTH (27TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION : **17 July 2016**
**[Closed Closed
session session]**
09.00 to 12:30
Venue: MH4

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Opening Ceremony
12.30 to -13.00

[LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN UNION PASSPORT]
[ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE THREE (3) AWARDEES FOR THE 2016 GENDER SCORE CARD]
[LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN DECADE MID TERM REPORT]

*Venue: Auditorium /
Plenary Hall*

LUNCH BREAK

13.00 to 14.45

- O.** TWENTY SEVENTH (27TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION

17 July 2016
15.00 – 17.30

OPEN SESSION: Debate on the Theme of the Summit

- P.** GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES AGAINST HIV/AIDS (OAFILA)

17-18 July 2016
(Closed Session)
09.00-12.00
Lunch
12.30-14.30
Venue: MH3

- Q.** LUNCHEON OF AIDS WATCH AFRICA (AWA) HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

17 July 2016
13.00-14.45
Venue: MH2

- R.** DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. MR. PAUL KAGAME, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

17 July 2016
19.30 – 21.00
Venue: tbd

- S.** CONTINUATION OF THE 27TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

18 July 2016
[Closed Session]
09.00 - 13.00 hrs
*Venue: Auditorium /
Plenary Hall*

CLOSED SESSION

- T.** SMART AFRICA LUNCHEON BY H.E. MR. PAUL KAGAME, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

18 July 2016
13.00 - 14.45
Venue: MH2



- U. CONTINUATION OF THE 27TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

18 July 2016

15.00 - 17.30 hrs.

*Venue: Auditorium /
Plenary Hall*

**CLOSING SESSION OF THE 27TH ORDINARY SESSION OF
THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

Swearing-in ceremony of the Members of the Commission
Swearing-in ceremony of the Judges of the African Court on
Human and Peoples' Rights



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(A)

**3rd AU HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN
EMPOWERMENT PRE-SUMMIT MEETING**

08-09 July 2016

Venue: Parliament

08-09 July 2016

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: 3rd AU High Level Panel On Gender Equality And
Women's Empowerment Pre-Summit Meeting

N.B. Programme to be circulated by the WGDD



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(B)

**THIRTY SECOND (32ND) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
 PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE (PRC)**

10-11-12 July 2016

Venue: Auditorium / Plenary Hall

10 July 2016

- 09.00 – 10:30 hrs. : **Opening Ceremony**
- Welcome remarks by the Representative of the Host Government (Rwanda)
 - 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
- 13:00 – 14:45 hrs. : Lunch break
- 15:00 – 17:30 hrs. : Closed Session

11 July 2016

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

12 July 2016

- 17:00 - 19:00 hrs. : Adoption of the Report of the PRC
- 19:00 - 19:15 hrs. : **Closing**



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(C)

**MEETING BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND
THE BUREAU OF THE PRC**

12 July 2016

Venue: MH3

12 July 2016

19.30-20.30 hrs. : Meeting between the Bureau of the Executive
Council and the Bureau of the PRC

Composition the Bureau of the Executive Council and PRC

- Chad, Chairperson
- Benin, Vice-Chairperson
- Rwanda, 2nd Vice-Chairperson
- Libya, 3rd Vice-Chairperson
- Zimbabwe, Rapporteur



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(D)

MEETING OF THE BAHIR DAR FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE ON AGENDA 2063

13 July 2016

Venue: MH4

13 July 2016

08.30 - 09.30 hrs : Meeting of the Bahir Dar Follow-up Committee on Agenda 2063



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(E)

**POPULARIZATION OF AGENDA 2063
THROUGH THE AFRICAN EDITORS' FORUM**

13-15 JULY 2016

Venue: MH3

13-15 July 2016

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(F)

TWENTY NINTH (29TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

13-15 July 2016

Venue: Auditorium / Plenary Hall

• **13 July 2016**

- 09.00 – 10.00 hrs. : **Opening Ceremony**
- Welcome Remarks by the Representative of the Host Government (Rwanda)
 - Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson of the Executive Council
 - Statement by the Chairperson of the AU Commission
 - Opening statement by the Chairperson of the Executive Council
 - Group Photo for Ministers, together with Members of the Commission
- 10.00- 10.40 hrs. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work
- 10.40- 13.00 hrs. Working Session
- 13.00- 14.45 hrs. Lunch
- 15.00- 17.30 hrs. Working Session
- 19.00- 21.00 hrs. Reception by Hon. Mrs. Mushikiwabo Louise, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda (***Venue tbd***)

• **14 July 2016**

- 10.00- 13.00 hrs. Working Session
- 13.00 – 14.45 hrs. Lunch Break



15.00 – 18.00 hrs. Working Session and end of discussions

• **15 July 2016**

- 17.00 - 19.00 hrs.
- i) Adoption of the Decisions and Declarations of the Executive Council
 - ii) Consideration of the Draft Agenda and Draft Decisions and Declarations of the Assembly



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(G)

**MEETING OF THE AD-HOC MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE
ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

13 July 2016

Venue: MH1

13 July 2016

14.00 – 15.00 hrs. : Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the
Scale of Assessment and Contributions



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(H)

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

13 July 2016

Venue: MH4

13 July 2016

15.00-17.00 hrs. : Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on African
Candidatures in the International System

Ministerial Committee on Candidatures

1. Bureau:

- Angola (Chairperson)
- Sierra Leone (1st Vice Chairperson)
- Egypt (2nd Vice Chairperson)
- Central (3rd 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)

**RECEPTION HOSTED BY HON. MRS. MUSHIKIWABO LOUISE, MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

13 July 2016

Venue: tbd

13 July 2016

19.00 - 21.00 hrs : Reception



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(K)

**MEETING OF THE NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC)**

16 July 2016

Venue: MH3

16 July 2016

09.00 - 11.30 hrs: Meeting of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government
Orientation Committee (HSGOC)



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(L)

ASSEMBLY RETREAT ON FINANCING THE AFRICAN UNION

16 July 2016

Venue: Kigali Conference and Exhibition Village

16 July 2016

14.00 - 18.00 hrs : Assembly Retreat on Financing the African Union



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(M)

**MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
FIRST LADIES AGAINST HIV/AIDS (OAFLA)**

16 July 2016

Venue: MH3

16 July 2016

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



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(N)

**TWENTY SEVENTH (27TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
 ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION**

17 – 18 July 2016

Venue: Auditorium / Plenary Hall

DAY ONE: Sunday 17 July 2016

09.00 – 12.30 hrs

CLOSED CLOSED SESSION

➤ **Heads of State and Government and Heads of Delegations plus two (2) Members of their respective delegations:**

1. Consideration of the Programme of Work of the Assembly:
 - i.) Adoption of the Draft Agenda
 - ii.) Adoption of the Programme of Work
2. Discussions on Some Strategic Issues:
 - Integration: Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) by 2017: Obstacles and Way Forward
 - The United Nations Reforms

➤ **GROUP PHOTO**

12.30 – 13.00 hrs

OPEN SESSION

I. OPENING CEREMONY

- Welcome remarks by H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda (**7 minutes**)
- Opening of the 27th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of



the Union by H.E. Mr. Idris Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad and Chairperson of the African Union, **(2 minutes)**

- Rise for the AU Anthem **(3 minutes)**
- Statement by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union **(15 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. Idris Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad and Chairperson of the African Union **(10 minutes)**
- End of the official Opening Ceremony **(Invited Guests, Observers and members of the media are invited to leave the Hall)**

13.00 – 14.45 hrs

LUNCH

15.30 – 17.30 hrs

**II. CONSIDERATION OF THE THEME OF THE SUMMIT:
“AFRICAN YEAR OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH A
PARTICULAR FOCUS ON WOMEN RIGHTS” AND
DECLARATION ON THE THEME OF THE SUMMIT**

- a) Presentation of the Theme of the Summit by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission **(10 min)**
- b) Moderated Panel Discussion

Moderator: H.E. -----

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Discussants:

- H.E. -----, President of ----- (Eastern region)
- H.E. -----, President of ----- (Northern region)
- H.E. -----, President of ----- (Western region)
- H.E. -----, President of ----- (Southern Africa)

c) Assembly Debate (**130 min**)

d) Declaration of the Assembly on “*the African Year of Human Rights with a particular focus on Women Rights*”

III. LAUNCH OF THE MID-TERM STATUS REPORT OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN’S DECADE: 2010 - 2015 *

19.45 – 21.00 hrs

DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. MR. PAUL KAGAME, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

DAY TWO: Monday 18 July 2016

09.00 – 13.00 hrs CLOSED SESSION

IV. ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RETREAT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON FINANCING THE AFRICAN UNION

V. ADOPTION OF THE 2017 BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN UNION

* This Report will be launched by the Chairperson of the Commission in a brief statement.



VI. ELECTIONS

- 1) Election of the Chairperson of the Commission
- 2) Election of the Deputy Chairperson

VII. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE STATE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA

VIII. APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION*

IX. APPOINTMENT OF THE JUDGES OF THE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

13.00 – 15.00 hrs LUNCH

15.00 – 18.00 hrs CLOSED SESSION

X. DATE AND VENUE OF THE 28TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION AND THE 30TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

XI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.00 – 18.30 hrs OPEN SESSION

XII. CLOSING CEREMONY

- **Swearing in Ceremony of the Members of the Commission**

Swearing in Ceremony of the Judges of the African Court on Human and People's Rights

- **Vote of Thanks by a Head of State (5 minutes)**
- **Closing Statement by the Chairperson of the Union (10 minutes)**
- **AU Anthem (3 minutes)**

* The Executive Council will withdraw from the deliberations of the Assembly and resume its 29th Ordinary Session with the election of the Commissioners. Thereafter, the names will be submitted to the Assembly for appointment.



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(P)

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES
AGAINST HIV/AIDS (OAFLA)**

17-18 July 2016

Venue: MH3

17 July 2016

09.00 – 12.00 hrs. : General Assembly (GA) – Closed Session

18 July 2016

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

12.30 – 14.00 hrs : First Ladies Working Lunch



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(Q)

**LUNCHEON OF AIDS WATCH AFRICA (AWA)
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

17 July 2016

Venue: MH2

17 July 2016

13.00 – 14.45 hrs : Luncheon of Aids watch Africa (AWA) Heads of State and Government.



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(R)

**DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. MR. PAUL KAGAME,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

17 July 2016

Venue: tbd

17 July 2016

19.30 – 21.00 hrs. : Dinner



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(S)

**CONTINUATION OF THE 27TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

18 July 2016

Venue: Auditorium / Plenary Hall

18 July 2016

09.00 – 13.00: Continuation of the 27th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union



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(T)

**SMART AFRICA LUNCHEON BY H.E. MR. PAUL KAGAME,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

18 July 2016

Venue: MH2

18 July 2016

13.00 – 14.45 hrs: Smart Africa luncheon by H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda



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(U)

**CONTINUATION OF THE 27TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

18 July 2016

Venue: Auditorium / Plenary Hall

18 July 2016

15.00 – 17.00 hrs: Continuation of the 27th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union

17.00 hrs: Closing Session of the 27th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union

Swearing-in ceremony of the Members of the Commission
Swearing-in ceremony of the Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights