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**MEDIA ADVISORY NOTE**

**FOR THE**

**31<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly**

**NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA**

**THEME OF THE SUMMIT**

***“Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation”***

**Important dates:**

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| <b>25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018:</b> | <b>36<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives’ Committee</b>                               |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018:</b> | <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council</b>  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018:</b>   | <b>31<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union</b> |

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1. **ACCREDITATION FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL BASED OUTSIDE ETHIOPIA**

All journalists will apply online. The media accreditation form is available on <https://au.int/en/summit/31/accreditation>

Once journalists receive confirmation of their application from the Directorate of Information and Communication (DIC), they should print it and, along with their application documents and **passport copy**, take it to Mauritania Embassy in their country. Documents should be taken to the PUBLIC DIPLOMACY CENTER and not the visa center.

The documents will be processed by the Mauritania government authorities through their channels and journalists will receive their visas from their points of application.

All journalists will be issued with journalist visas. No journalist will be allowed to attend the summit on a business or tourist visa.

**ACCREDITATION FOR JOURNALISTS APPLYING FROM COUNTRIES WHERE THERE IS NO MAURITANIAN EMBASSY**

Journalists from countries where there is no Mauritania embassy should fill in the visa on arrival form available on the AU website: [www.au.int](http://www.au.int)

Once received, DIC will forward it to the Mauritania Government Communication Authority for processing as per the regulations.

**ACCREDITATION FOR JOURNALISTS WHO ARE ON MISSION IN COUNTRIES WHERE THERE IS NO MAURITANIA EMBASSY**

Media personnel who are on mission where there is no Mauritania embassy should observe the following regulations:

Their organization should facilitate the process for them. Their residence card should be attached to their application documents.

They should go, in person, to collect their visa from their country of residence.

Three methods of accreditation are available for journalists applying from outside Mauritania.

**1.1. Online system:**

The online accreditation form is available at

<https://au.int/en/summit/31/accreditation>

**1.2. E-mail:**

After completing the accreditation form, the form and scanned copies of all the required documents should be sent via e-mail to Mr. Molalet Tsedeke on: [AUSummit@africa-union.org](mailto:AUSummit@africa-union.org)

**1.3. Mail and fax:**

After completing the accreditation form, the form and all the required documents should be sent to:

**Mr. Molalet Tsedeke**

Directorate of Information and Communication

African Union Commission

PO Box 3243

Addis Ababa

Ethiopia

Tel: +251115182014 +251115182558:

E-mail: [AUSummit@africa-union.org](mailto:AUSummit@africa-union.org)

**Required documents to accompany application form**

- Two passport size photographs not more than six months old;
- A letter of assignment on a letterhead from the journalist's organization indicating his/ her function;
- Copy of a valid professional press card or equivalent identification

It is also advisable to carry hard copies of all the required documents in case of any necessary checks. **Applications should reach the Directorate before 10 June 2018.**

**2. ACCREDITATION FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL BASED IN MAURITANIA**

All media personnel operating from within Mauritania must apply for accreditation through the Government Communication Authority by providing the following information:

- Full Names (as in ID or Passport)
- ID or Passport Number

- Name of Media organization
- Designation (Reporter, Photographer etc)
- Current media/ press badge
- Contact Numbers

Email address

The above information must be provided before 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to the following officials:

**Government Communication Office (Mauritania)**

Mr. Abdelvetah M'Hamed Alamana  
Tel: +22244301440  
E-mail: abdelvetahalamana@gmail.com

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs Office**

Mr. Boilil Yacoub  
E – Mail: boililyacoub@gmail.com

**3. WHAT TO DO IN MAURITANIA**

Journalists will need to get two badges.

- 3.1. The **Government press badge** will be issued by the government authorities. This involves being photographed before the card is processed. ***Journalists will be advised in due course of the accreditation venue.*** This badge will allow access into the conference venue.
- 3.2. **AU Conference badge:** After getting the government issued press badge, journalists will need to go to the Summit venue to get their Conference badges. This badge will give them access into the conference rooms during the Summit.
- 3.3. Journalists are advised to make sure they arrive in Mauritania in good time so as to have the documentation done before the meetings start.
- 3.4. Journalists are also advised to arrive at Summit venues early to ensure that they clear all entry procedures before the meetings start.

**4. YELLOW FEVER CARDS**

- 4.1. Yellow fever cards will be required at the ports of entry for everyone travelling from yellow fever designated countries.

**5. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR MEDIA EQUIPMENT**

Accredited media personnel bringing technical equipment with them to

Mauritania will be subject to full Customs Control. Journalists are requested to send their list of equipment (two copies) together with their application for accreditation. (See media equipment form on the AU website).  
Journalists wishing to bring in live broadcasting equipment or to request live transmission facilities should contact

Mr. Boilil Yacoub

E – Mail: [boililyacoub@gmail.com](mailto:boililyacoub@gmail.com)

## **6. MEDIA FACILITIES**

A media center with facilities for print, online and electronic media will be available at the Summit venue. Access to media facilities will be available only to accredited media representatives.

## **7. REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS WITH AUC LEADERSHIP**

Journalists wishing to interview the leadership of the AU Commission during the 31<sup>st</sup> AU Summit should submit their requests to Mrs Esther Azaa Tankou, Head of Information of the AUC on [YambouE@africa-union.org](mailto:YambouE@africa-union.org);  
Tel: +251 911 36 11 85

## **8. MEDIA BRIEFINGS BY AU LEADERSHIP**

Briefings by leaders of the various African Union organs and programmes will take place at the conference center. Journalists will be given advance notice of the briefing time, venue and speakers.

Other partner organizations of the AU occasionally request facilities through the DIC for media briefings during the Summit. Journalists will be notified of such briefings through postings in the media center.

## **9. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE SUMMIT**

Opening and closing sessions during the meetings are open to journalists, depending on availability of space within the meeting rooms. Media practitioners will be informed of how to enter the plenary halls in the following ways:

- a. A guideline will be circulated to all media on the AU database and on the AU website.

A briefing session will be held for all media during the Summit. A notice will be circulated regarding the time and date of the briefing.

## **10. LIVE STREAMING**

Opening sessions and press conferences of the Summit will be streaming live. The live stream link will be disseminated closer to the dates for information and for the public to follow live all the open sessions worldwide. These feeds will be available through the media centre. Media will also be notified of all live streamed meetings via the website and notices posted in the media center.

**11. TELEPHONES AND FAXES**

Telephone facilities will be available on a commercial basis.

**12. TELEVISION AND RADIO**

Media will be notified if live links to their national broadcasters will be available. Inquiries in this regard should be sent to Mr Gamal Karrar on: [GamalK@africa-union.org](mailto:GamalK@africa-union.org), Direct Tel.: +251 11 5182573.

**13. ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation will be on self-arrangement basis. Journalists are advised to make their booking early to avoid last minute inconveniences. A list of Addis Ababa hotels will soon be available on the African Union website.

**14. SUMMIT COMMUNICATIONS ENQUIRIES**

General enquiries on the arrangements made for the media for the Summit should be directed to Mrs. Wynne Musabayana, Head of Communication at the AUC, E-mail: [MUSABAYANAW@africa-union.org](mailto:MUSABAYANAW@africa-union.org)

**For further information:**

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