
MEDIA ADVISORY NOTE

FOR THE

**37th Ordinary Session of the African Union
Assembly of Heads of State and Government**

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

THEME OF THE YEAR

“Educate an African fit for the 21st Century: Building resilient education systems for increased access to inclusive, lifelong, quality, and relevant learning in Africa”

Important Dates:

15th – 26th January 2024: 47th Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives' Committee (Ambassadors);

14th – 15th February 2024: 44th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council (Ministers of Foreign Affairs);

17th – 18th February 2024: 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union.

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2024 AU SUMMIT PRESS/MEDIA ACCREDITATION

1. ONLINE ACCREDITATION FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL BASED OUTSIDE ETHIOPIA

Accreditation is required for all media who wish to cover the AU Summit. Media accreditation is strictly reserved for media professionals (print, photo, radio, television, film/documentary, news agencies and online media) who represent a bona fide media organization, and who present valid media accreditation cards.

All journalists should apply through online registration system on the AU website: <https://accreditation.au.int/en/media-accreditation/37th-summit>

Once journalists receive confirmation e-mail of their successful application from the Information and Communication Directorate (ICD), they should print it, along with their application **documents** and **passport**, to present upon their arrival to facilitate the visa process.

VISA ON ARRIVAL

The documents will be duly processed by the AUC and the Ethiopian government authorities. All qualified journalists to participate at the AU summit will be issued **visa on arrival**. The form is available at: <https://accreditation.au.int/en/media-accreditation/37th-summit>

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

All travelling press (applying from outside Ethiopia) **must** use the link below to apply for accreditation.

The online accreditation link is:

<https://accreditation.au.int/en/media-accreditation/37th-summit>

Required documents to accompany application form:

- Passport size photograph not more than six months old and strictly as per the required format on the accreditation link;

- Passport copy with at least 6months of validity
- A letter of assignment on official letterhead of a media organization signed by the Editor-in-chief indicating name of representative and duration of stay
- 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 Information and Communication Directorate not later than 31st January 2024.***

For further Inquiries regarding media accreditation contact:

Mr. Molalet Tsedeke, Media Coordinator, Information and Communication Directorate; AU Commission; Tel. +251-115 182014; WhatsApp +251-911-630-631; E-mail: molalett@africa-union.org

2. ACCREDITATION FOR MEDIA BASED IN ETHIOPIA

All media personnel operating from and within Ethiopia must apply for accreditation through the Ethiopian Media Authority by providing the necessary details. The application for accreditation must be done before the deadline set by the Ethiopian Media Authority. Please contact the following officials for necessary support:

Ethiopian Media Authority (EMA)

Mr. Mohammed Seid; Tel: +251-911768354

E-mail: mediarltn@gmail.com

Mr. Yibekal Misganaw; Tel: +251-911-483-838

E-mail: yibekal349@gmail.com

Mr. Beza Sewunet; Tel: +251-934-978-650
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the FDRE

Mr. Mekbib Mengesha, Deputy Chief of protocol
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Mr. Hailemikael Debisa Elala
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3. WHAT TO DO IN ETHIOPIA

Journalists will need to get two badges:

- 3.1. The **Government Press ID** will be issued by the host authorities. This might involve being photographed before the card is processed.
- 3.2. The **press badge** will be issued at the AU Commission accreditation center. *This badge will allow access into the AUC compound.*
- 3.3. **AU Conference Badge:** After getting the government press badge, journalists will be issued a conference badge by the African Union. This badge will give them access into the conference room and the media rooms during the Summit.
- 3.4. Journalists are advised to make sure they arrive in Ethiopia in good time so as to have the accreditation done before the meetings start.
- 3.5. Journalists are also advised to arrive at summit venue early to ensure that they clear all entry procedures before the meetings start.

4. YELLOW FEVER CERTIFICATE

- 4.1. Yellow fever certificate 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 Ethiopia

will be subjected to full Customs Control. Journalists are requested to send their list of equipment together with their application for accreditation. Media equipment form is available at <https://accreditation.au.int/en/media-accreditation/37th-summit>

**Note that the following equipment are prohibited to bring into the country. Refer to the link below:*

https://au.int/sites/default/files/documents/43429-doc-FDRE_INSA_Updated_Equipments_Import.pdf

In addition, Journalists wishing to bring in live broadcasting equipment or to request live transmission facilities should contact:

Mr. Yared Feliche Grosso; Resource Rent Sales and Production Team Leader, Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (EBC);

Tel: +251-911-651457; +251-11-5172525; E-mail: yaredof@yahoo.com

6. MEDIA FACILITIES

A media center with equipped facilities for accredited journalists will be available at the summit venue. Access to media facilities will be available only to accredited media representatives.

7. INTERVIEWS WITH AUC LEADERSHIP

The Information and Communication Directorate will help media to arrange interviews with the leadership of the AU.

Journalists wishing to conduct interview during the 37th AU Summit should submit their requests to Mr. Molalet Tsedeke, Media Coordinator, AUC, Molalett@africa-union.org; copying Mrs. Esther Azaa Tankou, Head of Information Division, AU Commission; YambouE@africa-union.org

8. PRESS CONFERENCES

Briefings by the AUC leadership and leaders of the various African Union organs and programmes will take place at the summit venue. AUC will organize press conferences of the AUC and other AU Organs. The schedule of the press conference will be posted in advance and journalists will be notified by e-mail on the updated details. A text message will also be sent to their mobile phone, if a mobile number has been provided.

9. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE SUMMIT

Opening and closing sessions of the meetings are usually open to journalists, depending on availability of space within the meeting rooms. Media practitioners will also be informed on other open sessions, and how to access the plenary halls.

A briefing session will be held for all accredited 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 livestream link will be disseminated to all accredited journalists closer to the dates of the meetings for information and for the public to follow live all the open sessions worldwide.

These feeds will be made available through the AU media centre and on the AU social media platforms. Media will also be notified of all the live stream meetings via the AU website, and their e-mail addresses.

11. TELEPHONE

Telephone SIM cards will be available at the summit venue 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, Direct Tel.: +251 11 5182573. Cell: +251-9041-38354.

13. TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Travel and accommodation cost will be on self-arrangement basis. Neither the AUC nor the host country will not be responsible for accommodation and travel expenses for journalists. Journalists are advised to make their booking early to avoid last minute inconveniences. The updated list of Addis Ababa hotels will soon be available on the AU summit webpage as it becomes available.

14. SUMMIT COMMUNICATIONS ENQUIRIES

Enquiries on the arrangements made for the media for the Summit should be directed to **Mrs. Wynne Musabayana**, Head of Communication Division, AU Commission, E-mail: MusabayanaW@africa-union.org, Tel: +251-11-5182555.

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X: <https://twitter.com/AfricanUnion>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/AUCommission>

Hashtag: [#37thAUSummit](#)

Summit landing page: <https://au.int/en/summit/37>