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**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE 39TH ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE ASSEMBLY
13-15 FEBRUARY 2026
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

As at 13 Feb. 2026 (22.00hrs.)

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STATE DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. DR. ABIY AHMED, PRIME MINISTER OF FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

**19.30 hrs.
Addis International
Convention Center**

THIRTY NINTH (39TH) ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION

**14-15 February 2026
Nelson Mandela Hall,
NCC**

DAY1: 14 FEBRUARY 2026

I. OPENING CEREMONY

**09.00 – 10.00 hrs.
Nelson Mandela Hall,
NCC**

- 1) AU ANTHEM
- 2) STATEMENTS
 - **H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf**, Chairperson of the AU Commission
 - **H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
 - **H.E. Antonio Guterres**, Secretary General of the United Nations (5mins)
 - **H.E. Mohammad Mustafa**, Prime Minister of the State of Palestine (5mins)
 - **H.E. Giorgia Meloni**, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy (5mins)
 - **H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola and Chairperson of the African Union
- 3) ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION FOR THE YEAR 2026



- Handing over statement by the outgoing AU Chairperson **H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço**, President of the Republic of Angola
- Acceptance Statement by H.E. Incoming AU Chairperson, **H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi**

4) PRESENTATION AND LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN UNION THEME OF THE YEAR 2026 **(5MINS)**

GROUP PHOTO FOLLOWED BY COFFEE BREAK

10.00 – 10.30 hrs.

II. CLOSED SESSION:

10.30 – 14.00 hrs.

- 5) ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 39TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY
- 6) STATEMENTS BY NEWLY ELECTED HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT **(3mins)**
- H.E. Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia
 - H.E. Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema, President of the Republic of Gabon
 - H.E. Alix Sebastien Pillay, Vice President of the Republic of Seychelles on behalf of President H.E. Dr. Patrick Herminie
 - H.E. Mamadi Doumbouya, President of the Republic of Guinea
- 7) CONSIDERATION OF STRATEGIC MATTERS
- a) Consideration of reports on Peace and Security:
- i. Report of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union on its activities and the State of Peace and Security in Africa, January-December 2025 **by H.E Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt (7mins) and H.E Amb. Bankole, Adeoye, Commissioner PAPS, AUC**
 - ii. Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the African Union (AU), the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the Regional Mechanisms (RMs) on the Utilisation of the African Standby Force



by H.E Amb. Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner PAPS, AUC (7 Mins)

- b) Consideration of report on the African Union Institutional Reforms **by H.E. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya and AU Champion on Institutional Reforms, (7mins)**
- c) African Union on G20:
- Briefing on the outcome of the Leaders' Summit of the G20 held on 22-23 November 2025, in Johannesburg, South Africa **by H.E Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa (7mins)**
 - Report on African Union participation in G20 **by H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Chairperson of the AU Commission (7mins)**

WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY H.E. MAHMOUD ALI YOUSOUF, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION ON THEME OF WASH & WATER SECURITY (CABO VERDE, AUDA-NEPAD AND THE WORLD BANK)

**14.00–15.00 hrs.
Multipurpose Hall, NCC**

CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION

15.00 – 18.00 hrs.

- 8) ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDING ANNEXED CHAMPIONS REPORTS – **By H.E Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Chairperson of the AU Commission (7 Mins)**
- 9) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY
- a) Committee of Heads of State and Government on Africa CDC **by H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola (7 Mins)**
- b) Forum of Heads of State and Government participating in the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM forum) – **by H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda (7 mins)**
- c) AUDA-NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee - **by H.E Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt (7 mins)**



- d) Committee of Ten (C-10) Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council – **by H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone (7 Mins)**
- e) Heads of State and Government Committee on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) – **by H. E. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya (7 Mins)**
- f) Assembly Committee on AfCFTA – **by H. E. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya (7 Mins)**
- g) High Level Committee on Libya - **by H.E. Denis Sassou Nguesso, president of the Republic of the Congo (7 Mins)**

DAY 2: 15 FEBRUARY 2026

CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION

09.00 - 14.00 hrs.

REPORTS FOR PRESENTATION

- 10) REPORT OF THE CHAMPION ON AGENDA 2063 – **by H.E Alassane Ouattara, President of The Republic of Cote D'Ivoire (7 Mins)**
- 11) REPORT OF THE CHAMPION ON COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURE PROGRAMME (CAADP) - **by H.E Abiy Ahmed Ali, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (7Mins)**
- 12) REPORT ON THE AU THEME OF THE YEAR 2025 – **by H.E John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana (7 Mins)**
- 13) KEY AFDB-LED CONTINENTAL INITIATIVES **by H.E. Sidi Ould Tah, President of Africa Development Bank (AfDB) (7 Mins)**



REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 14) CONSIDERATION OF THE STUDY ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DESCRIPTION OF COLONISATION AS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY, AS WELL AS THE DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN ACTS COMMITTED DURING THE ERA OF SLAVERY, DEPORTATION AND COLONISATION AS ACTS OF GENOCIDE AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA – *by the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) (7 Mins)*
- 15) REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE *by H.E Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner PAPS, AUC (7 Mins)*

LUNCH HOSTED BY H.E. MAHMOUD ALI YOUSOUF, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AU COMMISSION

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CONTINUATION OF THE CLOSED SESSION

15.00- 18.00 hrs.

- 16) ADOPTION BY THE ASSEMBLY - DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

III. CLOSING CEREMONY – OPEN SESSION

18.15 – 18.30 hrs.

- 17) CLOSING REMARKS

- ***H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi and Chairperson of the African Union***

- 18) PRESS CONFERENCE AND COMMUNIQUE OF THE SUMMIT