



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
MAY 2013 - 25 MAY 2014

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAU-AU



Pan Africanism and African Renaissance



INTRODUCTION



Fifty years ago, the Leaders of thirty-two African countries met in Addis Ababa and decided to establish the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

Recently liberated from the shackles of colonialism, the new States, meeting in the Ethiopian capital, saw the unity of the continent as a means of restoring Africa's dignity and pride, after many centuries of colonial domination and exploitation.

The African peoples solemnly proclaimed, through the voice of their leaders, their unalienable right to self-determination and freedom.

Five decades later the mission of the founding heroines and heroes, to rid the continent of colonialism and apartheid, has largely been fulfilled. This was possible because of the Pan Africanist values of unity and solidarity.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the OAU and AU, we are inspired by their example, and pledge to work together in solidarity for an integrated, people-centred and prosperous Africa, at peace with itself. We call on all Africans and the African Diaspora to help define the mission for the next fifty years, towards Agenda 2063.

Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma

Chairperson, African Union Commission

May, 2013





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The 50th anniversary of the OAU and AU will facilitate and celebrate African narratives of past, present and future that will enthuse and energize the African population. It will use their constructive energy to accelerate a forward looking development agenda of Pan-Africanism and renaissance in the 21st century. The 50th anniversary takes place at a moment when Africa is on the rise, and must therefore build its confidence in its future.

This booklet highlights major events of the year-long celebration with focus on the Special Summit of the AU scheduled for 25 to 27 May 2013. Commemorative activities to mark this historical moment in the life of the organisation are ongoing. The celebration is open to all Africans in the continent and the Diaspora, and will be memorable, global and people-centered. All classes of people, ages, sex, socio-economic and political organisation are invited to take active part in this event.

The programme of activities and Programme of events to mark the 50th anniversary of the OAU is as follows:

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Phase One: Preparatory and Build Up

For more and latest details please visit AU website: <http://www.au.int>

From April 26 - 30, 2013

Date	Activity	Organizer	Venue
26 (Open to Public)	Panel Discussion: "African Union: Its Vision, Prospects and Challenges".	Addis Ababa University	Addis Ababa University Conference Hall
30 (Open to Public)	Conference: "Understanding the African Union public seminar on Pan Africanism and African Renaissance".	Ethiopia, with support from AUC and Oxfam International	AUC: Old Plenary

From May 3 - 27, 2013

3 - 4 (Invitation only)	Canadian Diaspora Conference: Commerating the establishment of the organization and celebrate the 50th anniversary celebration of the AU.	Canadian Diaspora Organization	Canada
6 (Closed Session)	Pan African Parliament (PAP) "Address by AU Commission Chairperson Dr. Dlamini Zuma to the 3rd Pan African Parliament on 'State of the African Union'".	Pan African Parliament	PAP, Midrand - South Africa



Date	Activity	Organizer	Venue
8 - 10 (Invitation only)	Public Relations Summit: 1st All Africa PR and Strategic Communication Summit.	Africa Public Relations Association	AUC Plenary Hall
9 (Closed Session)	Debate by the PAP: Pan Africanism and African Renaissance.	Pan African Parliament	PAP, Midrand - South Africa
11	Bazaar: (Open to Public with Entrance fee) To raise funds for Charity.	African Ambassadors' Spouses group Bazaar	AUC
12 - 13 (Invitation only)	Women, Pan Africanism & Renaissance: A consultative workshop with women on the theme and Agenda 2063.	AUC, GIMAC, PAWO and UN Agencies	AUC
14 (Invitation only)	High Level Panel: Panel discussion on the contribution of HIM Haile Sellase I in the design and Founding of the OAU.	HIM Haileselesse Foundation	AUC / ECA
17 (Invitation only)	Conference of German Diaspora: A launching conference in Berlin followed by a workshop and panel discussion.	AU -Africa Diaspora 6th Region German Chapter	Germany
17 - 19 (Open to Public)	Pan Africanism and African Renaissance: "Joint conference of Pan African University"	AUC	AUCC
18	Launch of 50th Anniversary Memorial Stamp	Ethiopian Postal Service	TBC
19 18:00-20:00	Musical Anthem	MoFA, Ethiopia	TBC
19-27	Lucy Exhibition : (For Summit Participants only) To showcase Ethiopia Africas Cradle of Humankind.	Ethiopian Heritage Conservation Authority	AUCC



Date	Activity	Organizer	Venue
19-27	Photo Galery Exhibition	Sudanese NGO (NGHR)	AUCC Old Bldg.
21	Q & A for ETV (Invitation only)	Ethiopian Television and Radio	AUCC Old Bldg.
20-22	UNESCO Exhibition with Experts meeting on General History of Africa, vol. 9	UNESCO	AUCC
21-27	African Trade Exhibition	Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce	TBC
21 15:00-17:00	Debate: African Civil registration & vital statistics (Open to Public Limited Seating)	UNICEF, UNECA, AFDB, WHO and CRVS	AUCC
23 09:00-11:00	Intergenerational Dialogue of Women,	Gender Is My Agenda GIMAC	TBC
22 - 23	Youth Forum: "Africa We Want To See in 2063" (Invitation only)	AUC	AUCC Old Bldg. ECA
22-23	Pan Africanism and African Renaissance in the 21st Century	UN, Africa Forum, FemNet, Trust Africa	
24 - 30 (Open to Public)	African Aesthetics Exhibition: African & Diaspora traditional and contemporary art & phototgraphy	IES and Rita Marley Foundation	Institute for Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University
22-24	African Rock art Exhibition & Colloquium	Embassy of Federal Republic of Nigeria	AUCC
24 9:00-13:10 (Closed Session)	Youth Assembly and Dialogue with Heads of State & Governments and Presidents Kaunda & Nujoma	AUC / ECA	Africa Hall, ECA



Date	Activity	Organizer	Venue
24 08:00-18:30	Pan African Business Conference: Securing Africa's Renaissance, The role of Africa's Private Sector over the next 50 years.	PACCI and AUC UNDP, UN, Global Compact	ECA: Conference Room 2
18:30	Press Conferernce		ECA
19:00	Reception/Diner		Hilton Hotel
24	Presentation on Pan African Technology Institute	MoFA, Ethiopia	TBC
24	Launch of AUC and UNDP Gender programme	AUC / UNDP	ECA
24 09:00-11:00	Youth parade with marching bands (Open to Public)	Host Country	Route 1 - Edna mall to Meskel Square Route 2 - Post Offcie to Millenium Hall
24	1st Symposium (Women and Child Right in Africa	Sudanese NGO (NGHR)	AUCC Old Bldg.
24	Honouring activities		
26 16:00	Launch of UNDP 2013 Human Development Report	UNDP	AUCC
26 16:00-18:00	The African Story by Africans	African Media Initiative	Intercontinental Hotel
26	2nd Symposium (50th Anniversarry & Devt. of Right in Africa/Role of the AUC in Peace Devt.	Sudanese NGO (NGHR)	AUCC Old Bldg.



50th Anniversary Summit

May 25, 2013

Date	Activity	Venue
07:30-08:45	Working breakfast NEPAD/HOSG	Multipurpose Hall
9:00-13:10	50th ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT: “Pan Africanism and the African Renaissance debate” Opening Session Pan Africanism and African Renaissance Debate by Heads of States and Governments	AUCC Plenary Hall
13:10-13:20	Group Photo	AUCC
13:20-15:00	VVIP Lunch <i>(By Invitation Only)</i>	AUCC Multi pupose Hall
15:00	VVIP leave AUCC for Millenium Hall	



50th Anniversary Celebrations

May 25, 2013

Time	Activity	Venue
	Arrival of HOSG and VVIPs	Mellinium Hall
16:00-19:15	AU Anthem 50th Anniversary Choreography Opening statements: Host and AU Chairperson and the AUC Chairperson Messages from African Heads of State and Government (REC's), Youth and Women Movements Poetry, Music performance, Documentary Clip Messages by PAWO and PAYU Mesages of Solidarity from Global partners (Asia, Europe, N. America, C.E.Europe, S.America and Caribbean) Grand Finale	
19:30	Cultural Session at Millenium: “Headline Performances from Africa and the Diaspora”	
16:00	Football Match: <i>(Open to Public)</i> Ethiopian Vs Sudan	CAF & AUC National Stadium
<i>(Open to Public)</i>	Children's Acrobatic performance: To showcase the talents of Children to support and colourfully celebrate the event	Host Country National Stadium
19:30	Gala dinner hosted by Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn	Sheraton Hotel



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AU May Ordinary Summit

May 19 - 27, 2013 Summit

Date	Activity	Venue
19 -21	26th Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC)	AUCC
19	10:00-10:30 - Opening Session 10:30-13:00 - Closed Session 15:00-18:30 - Closed Session(cont.)	Plenary Hall
20-21	09:00-19:00 - Closed Session of PRC(cont.)	Multipurpose Hall
22 -23	23rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council	Plenary Hall
22	10:00-10:30 - Opening Session 10:30-13:00 - Closed Session 13:00-15:00 - Lunch Hosted by the AUC Chairperson 15:00-18:30 - Closed Session(cont.) 19:00 - Reception by H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	AUCC
23	09:00-18:00 - Closed Session of Executive Council	
26 -27	21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of HSOG of the Union	Plenary Hall



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AU Statutory Meetings and Parallel Events

May 16 - 27, 2013 Summit

Date	Activity	Venue
16-18	8th African Union Gender Pre-Summit	AUCC
22 13:00-15:00	<i>Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Candidatures</i>	
22 14:30-16:00	<i>Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on the Scale of Assessment</i>	Multipurpose Hall
23	<i>Meetings of The Organization of African First Ladies Against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA)</i>	
23 12:00-13:30	<i>Meeting of The Committee of Ten on The UN Reforms</i>	
25 07:30-08:45	<i>NEPAD breakfast meeting</i>	Multipurpose Hall
26 08:00-09:00	<i>APRM Working breakfast</i>	Sheraton Hotel
08:00-09:30	<i>1st meeting of Regional Oversight mechanism for DRC and Great Lake with Ten Signatory</i>	AUCC



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United Republic of Tanzania



Tunisian Republic



Republic of Zambia



Togolese Republic



Republic of Uganda



Republic of Zimbabwe



Logos of AU Organs, Agencies and RECs



African Union
Interafrican Phytosanitary
Council (AU-IAPSC)



UMA
Union Maghreb Arab

ECOSOC
The Economic, Social and Cultural
Council of the African Union



African Court On Human And Peoples' Rights
Cour Africaine Des Droits De L'homme Et Des Peuples



African Union Symbols and Anthem

Flag



The current flag of the African Union was adopted at its 14th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, which took place in Addis Ababa on 31 January 2010.

The green background symbolises hope of Africa and 53 gold stars represent Member States.

Emblem

Description



- The palm leaves shooting up on either side of the outer circle stand for peace;
- The gold circle symbolises Africa's wealth and bright future;
- The green circle stands for African hopes and aspirations;
- The plain map of Africa without boundaries in the inner circle signifies African unity;
- The small interlocking red rings at the base of the Emblem stand for African solidarity and the bloodshed for the liberation of Africa.

African Union Anthem

Let us all unite and celebrate together

The victories won for our liberation

Let us dedicate ourselves to rise
together

To defend our liberty and unity

O Sons and Daughters of Africa

Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky

Let us make Africa the Tree of Life

Let us all unite and sing together

To uphold the bonds that frame our
destiny

Let us dedicate ourselves to fight
together

For lasting peace and justice on earth

O Sons and Daughters of Africa

Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky

Let us make Africa the Tree of Life

Let us all unite and toil together

To give the best we have to Africa
The cradle of mankind and fount of
culture

Our pride and hope at break of
dawn.

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