

PEACE AND SECURITY

AU extends mandate of Sudan South commission

On July 10, the AU announced that following the presentation of its Interim Report to the Assembly of Heads of States and Government, the mandate of the African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan (AUCISS) was extended for 3 months (July –September 2014) by the decision of the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the AU held in Malabo from 26 to 27 June 2014.

The Commission's request for extension of time was justified by the need to conduct more extensive consultations with different sectors of South Sudanese Society in all the 10 states as well as the Diaspora and to finalize investigations.

The AUCISS was established by the Peace and Security Council as a response to the crisis in South Sudan. It is tasked with investigating violations of human rights and humanitarian law committed during the crisis and making recommendations relating to healing, reconciliation, accountability, and institutional reforms.

<http://legal.au.int/en/content/au-assembly-extends-mandate-african-union-commission-inquiry-south-sudan>

Pan African Parliament gets approval for legislative function

The Pan African Parliament (PAP) has finally gotten the approval to exercise full functions as the legislative organ of the African Union (AU).

This followed the adoption of the Draft Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union on the Pan African Parliament as envisaged under Article 11 of the existing protocol at the recently held

23rd ordinary session of the General Assembly of the AU on June 27, at Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.

Before now, the functions of the PAP to the AU had been basically advisory but with the ceding to it of full legislative powers, the PAP can now function as the voice of the people of Africa in matters concerning continental

integration and shared development amongst all Africans.

The approval followed the adoption of the Draft Protocol by the first ministerial meeting of the specialised Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of the AU.

<http://www.thisdaylive.com/articles/pan-african-parliament-gets-full-legislative-power/183091/>

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AU appoints new Special Representative for Somalia

On the 9th of July 2014, AUC Chairperson, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, appointed Dr. Maman S. Sidikou of Niger as the new AU Special Representative to Somalia (SRCC) and the Head of the AU Mission in Somalia

(AMISOM). Dr. Sidikou brings along a wealth of experience in the political, diplomatic, communication and humanitarian field. The new Special Envoy will assume duty in early August 2014 replacing Ambassador

Mahamat Saleh Annadif who was the Special Representative and Head of AMISOM, from November 2012 to June 2014.

<http://www.peaceau.org/en/article/appointment-of-a-new-african-union-special->

AU has new representative for the issue of the Lord's Resistance Army

AUC Chairperson Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, on 10th July 2014, announced the appointment of Lieutenant General (Rtd) Jackson Kiprono Tuwei as new AU Special Envoy for the issue of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA).

Lt. Gen. Kiprono Tuwei of Kenya, has a wealth of experience in defense and security. He has undertaken military and defense courses. He will supervise the execution of the AU-led Regional Cooperation Initiative for the Elimination of the LRA (RCI-

LRA) and will partner with other relevant agencies to ensure the implementation of the RCI-LRA.

<http://www.peaceau.org/en/article/the-african-union-appoints-a-new-special-envoy-for-the-issue-of-the-lord-s->

AU places high importance on Libya transition

On Friday 11th July 2014, the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Mr. Mohamed Dileita ended his visit to Libya since his appointment on 11th June 2014.

During his visit, the SE held discussions with the Libyan Prime Minister, Mr. Abdallah Al-Thenni, the Minister of Foreign

Affairs, Mr. Mohammed Abdelaziz, the Chairman of the High National Electoral Committee, Mr. Imed Sayeh, Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for National Dialogue, Mr. Fadeel Amine and other stakeholders, committees and representatives of political parties. He commended the

high importance that the AU has placed on the current transition in Libya and laid emphasis on the continent's support till the conclusion of the transition. The Special Envoy will also visit Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria, Sudan, Niger, Chad to discuss the situation in Libya.

<http://www.peaceau.org/en/article/the-special-envoy-of-the-african-union-for-libya-concludes-his-first-visit-to-libya>

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND LIVELIHOODS

African Union endorses Seychelles' proposals on tourism

Seychelles presented its report on enhancing the strategic position of tourism in African economies at the Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly of Heads of State

and Government, and this has been endorsed by the Summit accordingly with a view of positioning Africa as the world's preferred tourism destination. The Summit endorsed the initiative to

strengthen a brand for African tourism based on quality and unique experiences.

<http://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/african-union-summit-endorses-seychelles-proposals-make-tourism->

Oxfam hosts debate on the future of South Sudan

On 9th July 2014, as South Sudan marked the third anniversary of its Independence, prominent South Sudanese civil society members met in Addis Ababa to debate what is needed to bring their country back from the brink.

An overhaul of existing systems of governance, a truly inclusive peacemaking processes and a more open political environment were

raised as methods that have the potential to bring lasting change to South Sudan. Leaders were urged to stop prioritising their own interests ahead of the needs of the people of South Sudan.

One of the panelists, lawyer David Deng said core issues of corruption, impunity and injustice must be addressed by the proposed transitional government if such conflicts are to be avoided in the

future. In debating the future of their country, the panelists pointed out that a more prominent role for women in the peace process, a transitional government and broader political changes were necessary to create an environment of unity and reconciliation.

The debate was organised by Oxfam and chaired by author and journalist James Copnall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	DEPARTMENT	CONTACT
July	Chair of the Peace and Security Council for the month of March	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Peace and Security	Embassy of Algeria in Ethiopia Nifas Silk Lafto K. Ketema 05 Addis Abeba Ethiopia Tel: (+251) 11 371 9666
July, 16	PSC Meeting considering the AUC Chairperson Report on Activities of the AU Mission in Mali and Sahel and the AU Strategy for the Sahel	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Peace and Security	Department of Social Affairs African Union Commission P O Box 3243 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 115 52 63 73 Email: webmaster@peaceau.org

July 25-31	Plans and preparations for the inaugural meeting of the Technical Committee on Legacy Projects	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	DIRECTORATE OF CITIZENS AND DIASPORA	<p>DR. JINMI ADISA</p> <p>TEL: +251 11 518 21 08; +251 11 51 77 00</p> <p>FAX: +251 11 551 78 44</p> <p>EMAIL: jinmia@africa-union.org; cido@africa-union.org</p>
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