

The AU Summit Meetings will take place at three levels:

- 1st:** Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) at the level of Ambassadors
- 2nd:** Executive Council at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs
- 3rd:** AU Assembly at the level of Heads of State and Government

The timeline of the AU Summit meetings will take place from **14 January to 16 February 2025**

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (PRC) 14 - 31 JANUARY 2025

Preparation for the election of the AU Commission Chairperson a major focus of key PRC meetings

The meeting of the PRC clarified the **process for the elections of the AU leadership**. The first issue that the PRC meeting clarified was the **sequence of the elections**. There was confusion about whether the election of the six Commissioners for various portfolios will and can be held before the election of the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson. The PRC meeting resolved that, considering the March 2024 Extraordinary Executive Council decision on regional rotation of the election of the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, the election of the Commissioners can proceed on its own and will be carried out by the Executive Council.

What is on the agenda for the PRC?

- I. Preparatory discussions for the Executive Council and Assembly.
- II. Review of draft decisions and declarations.

In the light of this conclusion of the PRC, and as indicated below, the **elections of the six Commissioners and the elections of the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson will be conducted at the Executive Council and the AU Assembly respectively**.

The PRC also held a meeting with the Panel of Eminent Persons that reviewed the candidature and shortlisted the candidates for the position of the six Commissioners. The PRC had expectations that the Panel will present to it its report. However, the **Panel indicated that it will present its report only to the Executive Council**. Yet, given that the release of the short-listed candidates cannot wait until the presentation of the Panel's report to the Executive Council, the PRC called on the Panel to share with AU member states the list of shortlisted candidates that will be running for the position of Commissioners. The Panel assented to this request.

Our **Factsheet 2** will avail details on the **dynamics and processes for the elections** of both the six Commissioners and that of the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson.

FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCL) 12 - 13 FEBRUARY 2025

Major Items of Discussion

- i. **Election and Appointment of Six Commissioners** of the African Union Commission.
- ii. **Election of Five (5) Members of the Peace and Security Council** of the African Union.
- iii. **Report of the Ministerial Committee on African Candidatures** within the International System.
- iv. Consideration of the **Review of Article 5(2) of the Protocol** on the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council.
- v. Consideration of the **Draft Agenda and Draft Decisions of the 38th Ordinary Session of the Assembly** of the African Union.
- vi. **Adoption of the Decisions of the 46th Ordinary Session** of the Executive Council.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY 15 - 16 FEBRUARY 2025

ii. **Peace and Security:**

KEY AGENDA ITEMS:

i. **Elections and appointment of members of AU Organs:**

- Presentation of vision statements and proposed priorities for candidates for the election of Chairperson of the African Union Commission.
- Election and appointment of the chairperson of the African Union Commission.
- Election and appointment of the deputy chairperson of the AU Commission.

iii. **Reports of the Committees of the Assembly:**

- Report of the 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.
- Report of the AU High-Level Committee in Libya.

- Report on the Activities of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) and the State of Peace and Security in Africa.
- Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms on the Use of the African Standby Force to the 38th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in February 2025.
- Consideration of the Review of Article 5(2) of the Protocol on the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council.
- Report on the Institutional Reform of the African Union by H.E. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya.
- Report on the Participation of AU in G20 by the Chairperson of the African Union, Assisted by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

iv. **Adoption of the 2024 Declaration of the Sixth Mid-Year Coordination Meeting Held in Accra (Ghana) in July 2024.**

v. **Adoption of the Decisions and Declarations of the Thirty-Eight Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union.**