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Eighteenth AU Summit to hold on the theme: “Boosting intra-African trade”

The 18th Ordinary Session of the Summit of the African Union (AU) is scheduled to take place from 23 to 30 January 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Holding under the theme: “Boosting Intra-African Trade”, the summit will officially kick off on Monday 23 January 2012, with the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC).

According to the PRC agenda for the 18th AU Summit, the Ambassadors will for two days (23 and 24 January 2012) exchange views on specific reports including the reports of the sub-committees on structures; multilateral cooperation; contributions;

economic and trade matters; the report on NEPAD as well as that of the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa (SEAF). They will consider the working documents and draft decisions in preparation of the 20th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

On the other hand, the 20th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council will hold from 26 to 27 January at the headquarters of the AU in Addis Ababa. The Ministers of External Affairs and other ministers or authorities designated by the governments of Member States will deliberate on the different reports of the ministerial meetings organized by the

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NEPAD hunts for talents in Bayelsa in Nigeria

Thousands of teenagers from virtually every part of Bayelsa State gathered at the Banquet Hall Government House, Yenagoa, to participate in a talent hunt show organised by NEPAD in conjunction with the state government.

The event which attracted youths from the various Local Government Areas in the state to mark the end of year activities, also witnessed dancing, singing, drumming, and competitions in mastery of assorted musical instruments. There was also a fashion show by children in the state.

Over 25 teenagers were discovered to have gifted in different areas, including dancing, singing, modelling and other areas at the end of the show.

The event had the theme ‘Children/Teenagers Christmas Show: Modeling Talent Hunt/Creativity Development 2011. There was also provision for health talk, anti-violence presentations and other side attractions including creating awareness on how to spend money wisely in the festive period and beyond.

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AU Commission during the last six months. They will consider the activity report of the Commission; the recommendations of the PRC on the implementation of previous Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly; and the report of the ministerial committee on candidatures.

The Executive Council will further look into reports of some AU organs including the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR) before embarking on the consideration of items proposed by Member States.

The 18th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union is scheduled to take place on 29 and 30 January 2012. One of the high moments of the AU Summit will be the inauguration of the New African Union Conference Center on 28 January 2012 in the presence of all the Heads of State and Government present for the Summit.

For full story: <http://www.starafrika.com/en/news/detail-news/view/eighteenth-african-union-summit-to-hold-212764.html>

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There were, in addition, sessions on how youths can avoid sexual harassment. This was anchored by Mrs. Princess Egbe, Coordinator National Anti Corruption/Rescue Volunteers Corps and Operation Rescue; talk on staying healthy was anchored by a health specialist, Grace Iki.

There was also a brief talk by Mother and Father of the Day.

"It is time to stop child abuse and protect their future. Children are hawking because

they do not have parental care.

She decried the allostness of the general society when a child is raped. She said the lack of protection of children led to the existence of agbero or motorpark touts.

She urged parents and guardians to protect the children, saying, "Let's join hands to protect the rights of children," noted the Coordinator who also appealed to children to "protect yourselves, and to join hands against Child abuse".

Mrs. Vivian El-Shema, the coordinator of NAPEP in the state, advised youths, especially school children to make maximum use of their God-given talents, and assured of NEPAD's readiness to develop them.

"NEPAD would continue to discover talents in the state and develop them," noted El-Shema who expressed happiness over the number of young talents NEPAD has been able to discover in the state within a short period.

She informed that the fashion show was supported by operators of boutiques and supermarkets for the promotion of talents especially artistes.

For full story: <http://www.thenationonlineng.net/2011/index.php/mobile/newsextra/32008-nepad-hunts-for-talents-in-bayelsa.html>

Upcoming Event

- AU Summit, 29-30 Jan 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 5th Joint Annual Meetings of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, 22-27 March 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- MDG Review Exhibition & Summit 2012 3-4 May 2012, Cape Town, South Africa

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