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African leaders to elect the Chairperson of AUC during Ordinary Summit

The African leaders will elect a the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, Commissioners, ten members of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) and one judge of the AU Ad-hoc Administrative Tribunal of the African Union Commission at the 18th Ordinary Session of the Summit of the African Union (AU) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia later this month, African Union Commission said.

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 Charter, the current chairperson of the African Union Commission Dr. Jean Ping has the right to run for a second term and may be successful because of what observers described as major efforts in preserving the coherence of the organization, as well as the tireless struggle to consolidate peace on the continent.

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Nigeria: Solar solution as alternative to poor electricity

From the South to the North, the problem of poor infrastructures is arguably the most challenging for the government and people of Nigeria.

Considering the recent conclusions in some quarters, infrastructural development goes beyond erecting giant structures to include provision of vital services like power to boost productivity and social lives.

Rural electrification also poses challenges for African governments because many rural communities have low population densities and are situated in remote locations. There-

fore, connecting them to a national grid can be costly and often impractical. Often times, it forces concerned stakeholders to think of alternatives to electricity.

These alternatives include wind power, solar power and small diesel or petrol generators. Again, because diesel and petrol generators are believed to constitute pollution, there have always been campaigns against them. However, on the sub-regional level, ECOWAS has drawn up a regional programme to use renewable energy sources - mainly solar energy, biomass, mini- and micro-hydro-electric projects and energy

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Beside the economic cooperation, the summit is expected to focus on peace and security issues. "including the activities of the Panel of the Wise; the report of Mr. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Ethiopia and Chairperson of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC); ", said AUC.

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. 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.

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South Sudan to participate in AU Summit

South Sudan will later this month participate in the 18th ordinary session of the African Union (AU) summit scheduled from January 23-30 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

South Sudan gained admission into the AU membership shortly after its July 9, 2011 independence necessitated by over overwhelming vote for separation during a

referendum held in January. Also expected at the summit, according to the PRC agenda, will be exchange of views between ambassadors specific reports, including those 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," partly reads the AU's January 10 statement.

The AU communiqué further stipulates, the AU heads of states and government will consider the recommendations of the Executive Council on the report of the Commission on the implementation of previous Decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly; the report of the Peace and Security Council on its activities and the state of peace and security in Africa, including the activities of the "Panel of the Wise".

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conservation. All of these require massive capital investment. This is evident in the huge sums that the Nigerian government has sunk into improving the power sector with little to show for it.

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Upcoming Events

- 43rd Meeting of the NEPAD Steering Committee: 24-25 January 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 26th Meeting of the NEPAD Heads of State and Orientation Committee (HSGOC): 28 January 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- AU Summit, 29-30 Jan 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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