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### **Malabo to Host Third Africa –South America (ASA) senior officials meeting**

**Malabo, 20 November 2011** – Preparations ahead of the third Africa-South America senior officials meeting is on high gear in Malabo, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, where high officials from the 54 African Union Member States and the Member countries from South America will from 22 to 25 November 2011, converge to discuss ways of strengthening cooperation ties.

The meeting at the Sipopo Conference Center in Malabo will hold in two phases: the Senior Official Meeting will hold from 22 – 23 November 2011, while the Ministerial Meeting will hold from 24 – 25 November 2011.

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Dr. Jean Ping and his close collaborators will be present at the Africa-South America High Officials Meeting.

Discussions at the meeting will include: the Africa – South America Implementation Plan 2010 – 2015 ; the ASA Institutions (Strategic Presidential Committee; ASA Permanent Secretariat and Coordination Mechanism) ; the ASA Calendar of Events based mainly on what is practically possible in the Implementation Plan – as per the identified short-term projects; and the setting up of an ASA Financial Mechanism focused on the consideration of the African proposal for the setting up of the ASA Trust Fund.

Wothr recalling that, the ASA Coordination Group is made up of the following:

- (i) Brazil - Coordinator for South America;
- (ii) Venezuela - Previous host;
- (iii) Ecuador - UNASUR Presidency Ex-Tempore;
- (iv) Nigeria - Coordinator for Africa;
- (v) Equatorial Guinea - Next host; and
- (vi) African Union Commission

***Journalists are invited to cover the ASA meeting in Malabo.***

**For Further Information consult the AU website: [www.au.int](http://www.au.int)**

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**Attached is the draft agenda and program of the ASA Senior Officials Meeting.**

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

### **THIRD AFRICA –SOUTH AMERICA (ASA) SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING**

**MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA,  
22 - 23 NOVEMBER 2011**

#### **FIRST DAY: Tuesday, 22 November 2011**

##### **1. Opening Ceremony**

- Welcome words from the Chair of the African Union Permanent Representatives' Committee
- Statement by the Coordinator for Africa
- Statement by the Coordinator for South America
- Statement by the African Union Commission
- Statement by the UNASUR Executive Secretary

##### **2. Discussion on the Africa – South America Implementation Plan 2010 - 2015**

##### **3. Discussion on the ASA Institutions (Strategic Presidential Committee; ASA Permanent Secretariat and Coordination Mechanism)**

##### **4. Discussion on the ASA Calendar of Events**

#### **SECOND DAY: Wednesday, 23 November 2011**

##### **1. Discussion on the setting up of an ASA Financial Mechanism**

##### **2. Discussion on the finalization of the ASA Joint Ministerial Communiqué**

##### **3. Adoption of the Report on the proceedings of the Senior Officials Meeting**

##### **4. Consideration of the Draft Agenda of the Ministerial Meeting**

##### **5. Any Other Business**

##### **6. Closing Remarks**

## **DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME**

### **THIRD AFRICA –SOUTH AMERICA (ASA) SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING**

**MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA,  
22 - 23 NOVEMBER 2011**

#### **FIRST DAY: PLENARY SESSION**

**Tuesday, 22 November 2011**

**8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

**9:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony**

- Welcome words from the Chair of the African Union Permanent Representatives' Committee
- Statement by the Coordinator for Africa
- Statement by the Coordinator for South America
- Statement by the African Union Commission
- Statement by the UNASUR Executive Secretary

**10:00 – 10:15**

**Coffee Break**

**10:15 – 12:00 Discussion on the Africa – South America Implementation Plan 2010 - 2015**

**12:00 – 13:00 Discussion on the ASA Institutions (Strategic Presidential Committee; ASA Permanent Secretariat and Coordination Mechanism)**

**13:00 – 14:00**

**Lunch Break**

**14:00 – 16:00 Discussion on the ASA Calendar of Events**

**SECOND DAY: PLENARY SESSION**

**Wednesday, 23 November 2011**

**9:00 – 11:00 Discussion on the setting up of an ASA Financial Mechanism**

**11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 13:00 Discussion on the finalization of the ASA Joint Ministerial Communiqué**

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00 – 14:45 Adoption of the Report on the proceedings of the Senior Officials Meeting**

**14:45 – 16:45 Consideration of the Draft Agenda of the Ministerial Meeting**

**16:45 – 17:00 Any Other Business**

**17:00 Closing Remarks**

**SECOND DAY: PLENARY SESSION**

**Wednesday, 23 November 2011**

- 1. Discussion on the setting up of an ASA Financial Mechanism –**
- 2. Discussion on the finalization of the ASA Joint Ministerial Communiqué -**
- 3. Adoption of the Report on the proceedings of the Senior Officials Meeting –**
- 4. Consideration of the Draft Agenda of the Ministerial Meeting**
- 5. Any Other Business**
- 6. Closing Remarks**

## **DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME**

### **THIRD AFRICA –SOUTH AMERICA (ASA) MINISTERIAL MEETING**

**MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA,  
24 - 25 NOVEMBER 2011**

#### **FIRST DAY: PLENARY SESSION**

**Thursday, 24 November 2011**

**8:30 – 9:00                      Registration**

**9:00 – 10:00                    Opening Ceremony**

- Welcome words from the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea
- Statement by the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Statement by the Foreign Minister of Brazil
- Statement by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- Statement by the Executive Secretary of UNASUR

<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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**10:15 – 12:00    Consideration of the report of the Senior Officials meeting on the Africa – South America Implementation Plan 2010 - 2015**

**12:00 – 13:00    Consideration of the report of the Senior Officials meeting on the ASA Institutions (Strategic Presidential Committee; ASA Permanent Secretariat and Coordination Mechanism)**

<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
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**14:00 – 16:00    Consideration of the report of the Senior Officials meeting on the ASA Calendar of Events**

**SECOND DAY: PLENARY SESSION**

**Friday, 25 November 2011**

**9:00 – 11:00** Consideration of the report of the Senior Officials meeting on the setting up of an ASA Financial Mechanism

<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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**11:15 – 13:00** Consideration and adoption of the Joint Ministerial Communiqué

**13:00 – 13:30** Consideration of the date for the 3rd Africa – America South

**13:30 – 14:00** Any Other Business

**14:00** Closing Remarks