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**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SUMMIT
OF THE COMESA AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT**

***Theme:** "Economic integration for a thriving COMESA, anchored on Green Investment, Value Addition and Tourism"*

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THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2023

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

VENUE: MULUNGUSHI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, LUSAKA

- 08:30 Hrs : Invited guests and participating delegations take their seats in the Auditorium Hall.
- 09:00 Hrs : His Excellency, **Mr. Hakainde Hichilema**, President of the Republic of Zambia arrives at the Conference Centre.
- 09:10 Hrs : Arrival of their Excellencies, Heads of State and Government and Heads of participating delegations at the Conference Centre.
- 09:15 Hrs : His Excellency **Mr. Abdel Fattah El Sisi** President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the COMESA Authority arrives at the Conference Centre.
- 09:20 Hrs : Their Excellencies the Heads of State and Government, enter the Auditorium Hall.
- 09:25 Hrs : Official Opening of the Twenty-Second Summit of the COMESA Heads of State and Government**
(Director of Ceremonies)
- 09:30 Hrs : National Anthem of the Republic of Zambia
- 09:33 Hrs : COMESA Anthem
- 09:35 Hrs : Welcome Address by His Excellency, **Mr. Hakainde Hichilema** President of the Republic of Zambia
- 09:40 Hrs : His Excellency, **Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi**, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairperson of the Authority calls the Summit to order and proposes the new Bureau.
- 09:45 Hrs : Key Note Address by His Excellency , **Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi**, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Outgoing Chairperson of the Authority .
- 09:50 Hrs : Hand-over of Instruments of Power from the outgoing Chairperson to the incoming Chairperson.
- 09.55 Hrs : Acceptance Speech by His Excellency, **Mr. Hakainde Hichilema**, President of the Republic of Zambia, and incoming Chairperson of the Authority.

10:00hrs : Official Photographs of their Excellencies, The Heads of State and Government and VIP Guests

10:00 - 10:30 Hrs TEA/HEALTH BREAK

10:30 -11:00 Hrs : **Maiden statements by Heads of State and Government** (5 minutes each) –*[DRC, Kenya, Libya and Somalia]*

11:00 – 11:45 Hrs: **Statements**

11:00 Hrs. : Statement by the COMESA Secretary General, **H.E Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe** (5 minutes)

11:05 Hrs : Statement by the Chairperson of the AUC, **H. E. Moussa Faki Mahamat** (10 minutes)

11:15 Hrs : Statement by the Secretary General of the Organization of the Commonwealth, **Rt Hon. Patricia Scotland, QC** (5 minutes)

11:20 Hrs : Statement by the Africa Continental Free Trade Area , Secretary General ,**H.E Wamkele Mene** (5 minutes)

11:25 – 13:00 Hrs. : **Closed Session of the Heads of State and Government**

- (a) Report by the Chairperson of the COMESA Council of Ministers on the Status of Contributions by Member States to the COMESA Budget, Consideration of repayment plans from Burundi and Sudan, Consideration of contracts renewal and recruitment for Executive Management positions, update on COMESA Headquarters and other administrative issues.
- (b) Report by the Chairperson of the 18th Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs

13:00 -14:00 Hrs **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:45 : **PLENARY SESSION**

- (a) Report of the Chairperson of Council on Priority Issues arising from the 43rd Report of the Council of Ministers' meeting.
- (b) Secretary General's Report on the COMESA State of Integration.
- (c) Report of the President of the COMESA Business Council (CBC)

(d) Oath of Allegiance

(e) Presentation of the Media Awards

14:45 – 15:30 Hrs : Official Closing of the Twenty-Second Summit of the COMESA Authority of Heads of State and Government

- a) Final Communiqué of the Twenty-Second Summit of the COMESA Authority of Heads of State and Government.
- b) Vote of thanks by His Excellency, **Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye**, President of the Republic of Burundi, and Vice Chairperson of the COMESA Authority.
- c) Closing Statement by His Excellency, **Mr. Hakainde Hichilema**, President of the Republic of Zambia, and Chairperson of the COMESA Authority.

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