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PRESS RELEASE

The African Parliamentary Union (APU) will hold the 86th Session of its Executive Committee and the 48th Conference of Presidents **from 9 to 14 November 2026 in Lomé**, in the Togolese Republic.

These parliamentary meetings are expected to welcome nearly 200 participants, bringing together presidents of African parliaments, members of the Union's Executive Committee, observers, members of the diplomatic corps and special guests.

During these proceedings, delegates will address the following themes: *'Youth unemployment, migration and terrorism: parliamentary responses to these scourges' (Political Committee)*; *'Africa in the face of global geopolitical shocks: how to turn our vulnerabilities into opportunities' (Economic Committee)*, as well as the theme: *'Strengthening leadership, empowerment and the protection of women's rights' (Women Parliamentarians' Caucus)*

The parliamentarians will also examine, amongst other things, the operating funds to be made available to the Union for the year 2027 and will mark the 50th anniversary of the APU.

Finally, they will renew the Union's governing bodies by electing a new Secretary-General and a new Chair of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is the body responsible for guiding the Union's activities and overseeing the implementation of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Conference of Presidents.

The Conference of Presidents of National Parliamentary Assemblies, for its part, is the Union's supreme body, comprising the presidents of national parliamentary assemblies or their representatives.

The APU, founded in 1976, aims to promote unity of action amongst the parliamentary institutions of African states, to establish itself as the forum for the national parliaments of the African continent and as an instrument of parliamentary dialogue and cooperation in the service of peace, democracy, good governance and sustainable development.

The organisation also aims to foster contacts between African parliamentarians, on the one hand, and between African parliamentarians and their counterparts in the rest of the world, on the other.

The UPA is based in Abidjan and currently has 41 members, namely: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, Togo, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.

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