

4. November 2008

**Visit to Ethiopia and South Africa by
The Danish Foreign Policy Committee, Danish Parliament
9-15 November 2008**

Sunday 9 November		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
16.10	Check-in	
18.10	Departure from Copenhagen for Paris	Latest check-in time one hour before departure
20.05	Arrival Paris	
22.25	Departure for Addis Ababa	

Monday 10 November		
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07.20 07.45	Arrival Addis Ababa Arrival MP Naser Khader & MP Helge Adam Møller	Ambassador Pernille Dahler Kardel and Embassy staff to meet Committee at Airport (VIP)
08.00-11.00	Transfer to Hotel Sheraton. Check-in and resting time	
11.00-12.00	Introductory briefing by Ambassador Pernille Dahler Kardel	Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Dashen Salon, 1 st floor
12.00-12.45	Briefing about the African Union, Institute of Security Studies in Addis Ababa, Kennet Mpyisi	Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Dashen Salon, 1 st floor
13.00-14.30	Lunch Briefing on the situation on the Horn of Africa by Ambassador Berhanu Dinka	Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Barro Salon, 1 st floor
14.45	Departure from Sheraton to African Union HQ	
15.00-16.00	Meeting with AU Commission Chairperson Jean Ping	Venue: AU- Head Quarters Theme: AU's priorities and key challenges
16.00	Departure from the African Union HQ to Parliament	
16.30-17.30	Meeting with Speaker of Parliament, Ambassador Teshome Toga and the Chairman of the Foreign, Defence and Security Affairs Standing Committee Ambassador Mohammed Ali	Venue: Parliament Theme: Democratic development and discussion of foreign policy issues
17.30-17.40	Transportation to Hotel Sheraton	
17.40-19.20	Time at own leisure – time for rest	
19.20-19.30	Transportation to restaurant	
19.30-21.30	Dinner at Ethiopian restaurant with local music and dancing	Venue: Yod Abyssinia

Tuesday 11 November		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
08.00-09.00	Breakfast meeting with the European Union's Special Representative and Head of the European Commission Delegation to the AU, Ambassador Koen Vervaeke	Venue: Sheraton, Dashen Solon, 1 st floor Theme: Recent developments in within the AU, the EU/Africa strategy and its action plan
09.15	Departure from Hotel Sheraton to ICPAT office	
09.30	Meeting with Programme Head of Counter Terrorism Programme of the regional economic organization IGAD, Ambassador Hiury Amanuel	Venue: ICPAT Theme: The fight against terrorism in the Horn of Africa
10.30	Departure from ICPAT to Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
10.45-11.45	Meeting with the Foreign Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Seyoum Mesfin (t)	Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Theme: Recent developments in Ethiopia and regional outlook
11.45-12.00	Transportation to Sheraton	
13.00-14.30	Lunch with representatives of the opposition	Venue: Sheraton
14.45-15.00	Transportation from Sheraton to the AU HQ	
15.00-16.00	Meeting with AU-Commissioner Peace and Security, Ambassador Ramtala Lamamra	Venue: AU Head Quarters Theme: Successes and Challenges in AU's handling of peace and security challenges in Africa, including in Somalia
16.00-17.00	Meeting with the Members of the African Peace and Security Council (t)	Venue: AU Head Quarters Theme: Successes and Challenges for the AU Peace and Security Council. Exchange of views on current issues (Sudan, ICC, Somalia)
17.15-19.10	Time at own leisure	Venue: Sheraton
19.30-22.00	Dinner hosted by the Ambassador in the residence garden (bring a shawl)	Guests: Interlocutors from the meetings

Wednesday 12 November		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
06.15	Luggage drop – luggage ready	
06.30-07.50	Breakfast and check-out	
08.00	Departure from Sheraton to airport (VIP Lounge)	
08.50	Departure for Johannesburg (ET 809)	
13.25	Arrival Johannesburg	Ambassador Dan E. Frederiksen and Embassy staff to meet Committee at Airport
14:30	Transfer to Hotel Intercontinental, Pretoria. Check-in and time at own disposal	
16.40	Pick-up and transfer to Ambassador's residence	
17.00	Introductory briefing by Ambassador Dan E. Frederiksen	Venue: Ambassador's residence
18.00-22.00	Drinks followed by dinner hosted by the Ambassador with participation of Deputy Foreign Minister Sue van der Merwe and Johannesburg based think tanks	<p>Theme: South Africa's foreign relations and international trade policy</p> <p>Guests: Deputy Foreign Minister Sue van der Merwe SAIIA: Elisabeth Sidiropoulos "South Africa's foreign policy under Mbeki and possible changes under new ANC leadership" SAIIA: Peter Draper: "Regional integration and why South Africa is not loving the EPAs"</p> <p>Venue: Ambassador's Residence</p>

Thursday 13 November		
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08.00	Departure for Johannesburg	
09.30-10.30	Visit to “Luthuli House” and discussions with members of the ANC International Relations Sub-committee (tbc)	Theme: Developments at the African Continent and latest domestic political developments including the elections in 2009 Venue: “Luthuli House” (ANC headquarters). Johannesburg
10.40	Transfer to airport, Johannesburg	
11.30	Check-in	
13.00-15.30	Departure for Cape Town and transfer to Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town	
16.30-18.30	Time at own disposal	
19.00-21.00	Dinner	Theme: Domestic political developments and the South African parliament Guests: IDASA: Richard Calland or Judith February “Domestic political developments, the elections in 2009” SAIIA: Tim Hughes:”The role of the South African Parliament and its committees since 1994” Venue: Restaurant Emily’s Host: Ambassador of Denmark

Friday 14 November		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
08.00 -09.30	Breakfast meeting with Cape Town Mayor and leader of the opposition, Democratic Alliance chairwoman Helen Zille	Venue: Table Bay Hotel Host: Ambassador of Denmark
10.00-11.00	Meeting with Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nkosana Dlamini-Zuma (tbc)	Theme: South Africa's foreign policy and current domestic political developments
11.00-12.15	Tour of parliament buildings	Theme: The history and functioning of the South African parliament, including the portfolio committee on foreign affairs Host: Head of Protocol, Parliament of South Africa Venue: Parliament
12.30-14.00	Lunch in parliament with participation of South African MP's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Foreign Affairs (Subcommittee on International Affairs) Fatima Hajaig (ANC) (tbc) • Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Foreign Affairs (Subcommittee on African Union), Dumisane Job Sithole (ANC) (tbc) • Parliamentary Leader of the Democratic Alliance (DA) Celia-Sandra Botha • Chairperson of the Democratic Alliance (DA) Joe Seremane (confirmed) • MP for the Democratic Alliance (DA) Sheila Camere • President of the Independent Democrats (ID) Patricia de Lille (tbc) • Chief Whip of the Independent Democrats (ID) Lance William Greyling • President of the United Democratic Movement (UDM) Bantu Holomisa (tbc) • Chief Whip of United Democratic Movement (UDM) George Tembela Madikiza • MP for the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) Dr. Ben Skosana • Chairperson of the African Peoples Convention (APC) Nelson Themba Godi

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP for the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) Motsoko Pkeho • MP for the National Democratic Congress (NDC) Gavin Woods <p>Host: Ambassador of Denmark Venue: Parliament</p>
14.00-15.30	Latest developments in Zimbabwe	<p>Guests: Tendai Biti, MDC-T (tbc) Roy Bennet, MDC-T (tbc) Isaac Maposa, Zimbabwe Institute</p>
15.30-16.30	Time at own disposal	
16.30	Departure for Cape Town Airport	

18.45	Departure for Frankfurt	
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Saturday 15 November		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Comments</i>
5.25	Arrival in Frankfurt	
7.55	Departure Frankfurt	
9.20	Arrival Copenhagen	