



Africa Hall inauguration

21-24 October 2024

Proposed programme

Day 1: 21 October 2024 – High-level opening

Venue: Africa Hall

3.30 p.m.

- Arrival of guests
- Cultural performance

4–4.30 p.m.

- Group photo
- Unveiling of the Africa Hall commemorative plaque
- Guided tour for high-level dignitaries of the visitors' centre and the permanent exhibition

4.30–5 p.m.

Opening Ceremony

Moderator: June Gachui

- Anthem of the African Union
- Performance by the Hager Fikir Theatre
- Opening video
- Welcome remarks by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Claver Gatete
- Remarks by:
 - » Chair of the Africa Hall Advisory Board and Ambassador of Rwanda to Ethiopia, Major-General (Ret.) Charles Karamba
 - » Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres
 - » Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat
 - » Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mauritania, Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug (representing the President of Mauritania and Chairperson of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union, Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani)
 - » Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Abiy Ahmed



5–5.30 p.m.	Coffee break
5.30–6.30 p.m.	Cultural performance
6.30 p.m.	Cocktail reception

Day 2: 22 October 2024 – Side Events

Venue: Africa Hall

9–10.30 a.m.	Positioning heritage, arts and culture as resources for Africa’s development in the context of continental and global agendas
10.45 a.m.–1.45 p.m.	A journey of technical innovation
2–3 p.m.	Interactive Africa: connecting to Africa’s past via smart media and artificial intelligence
4–5 p.m.	Recognition of voluntary contributions: Government of Portugal

Day 3: 23 October 2024 – Side Events

Venue: Africa Hall

9.30–11 a.m.	Africa Hall’s place in Ethiopia’s architectural landscape
2.30–4 p.m.	Presentation of the book <i>Africa Hall: A Monument to African History</i> , organized by the Government of Italy

Day 4: 24 October 2024 – United Nations Day 2024

Venue: Africa Hall

10–10.30 a.m.	Arrival of guests and United Nations staff members
10.30–10.45 a.m.	Arrival of members of the ECA Security and Safety Service
10.45–10.50 a.m.	Welcoming of guests
10.50–11 a.m.	Flag-raising ceremony
11–11.05 a.m.	Secretary-General's message
11.05–11.10 a.m.	Remarks by a representative of the Government of Ethiopia
11.10–11.15 a.m.	Remarks by a representative of the African Union Commission
11.15–11.30 a.m.	Songs and peace messages linked to the Sustainable Development Goals
11.30–11.35 a.m.	Closing ceremony
11.35–11.45 a.m.	Group photos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior officials of the United Nations, the Government of Ethiopia, the African Union Commission and the ECA Security and Safety Service• Staff members of the United Nations, the Government of Ethiopia, the African Union Commission, the diplomatic community and the ECA Security and the Safety Service
11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Refreshments
2–4 p.m.	Side event with students and other young people, organized by the United Nations Communications Group in Ethiopia