

AFRICAN UNION  
الاتحاد الأفريقي



UNION AFRICAINE  
UNIÃO AFRICANA

---

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia P.O.Box:3243 Tel. (251-1) 51 38 22 Fax: (251-1) 51 93 21  
Email: [situationroom@africa-union.org](mailto:situationroom@africa-union.org)

---

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION, MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT HOLDS CALL WITH UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE REX TILLERSON**

***Addis Ababa, 10 May 2017:*** The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat received a phone call on 8 May 2017 from the United States (U.S) Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson.

The U.S Secretary of State re-affirmed the strong bond between the U.S and the African continent through the African Union and underlined that Africa remains of strategic importance to the U.S and its new administration.

The U.S Secretary of State highlighted that the U.S was determined to support the continent in the areas of peace and security, in particular in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism. He further extended an invitation to the Chairperson of the AU Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat to visit Washington D.C for the next U.S-AU Commission strategic dialogue on a date that will be mutually determined.

The Chairperson of the AU commission thanked the US Secretary of State for the cordial phone call and reiterated his and the AU Commission's availability to work with the US with a special focus on their common agenda of peace and security, good governance, the promotion of human rights and development.