PRESS STATEMENT


Addis Ababa, 02 May 2016: The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Dr. Nkosazana-Dlamini Zuma, received today, at the African Union Headquarters, the newly appointed Deputy Joint Special Representative (DJSR) of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation (UNAMID), Ambassador Kingsley Mamabolo. The Chairperson welcomed the new DJSR and commended him for accepting this new appointment as well as reassuring him of the support of the African Union Commission in the course of discharging his duties. The Chairperson encouraged him to continue the efforts of improving the relations between the UNAMID and the Government of the Sudan in order to create an environment that is conducive towards assisting the resolution of the challenges faced by the people of Sudan in Darfur.

On his part, Ambassador Mamabolo thanked the Chairperson of the Africa Union Commission for the confidence bestowed up on him by both the African Union and the United Nations. He pledged to work diligently in the discharge of his new duties.

Ambassador Mamabolo succeeds Abiodun Oluremi Bashua of Nigeria. He brings vast experience to UNAMID, having previously served in the South African Foreign Service for over two decades. In his last post, he served as his country’s permanent representative to the United Nations in New York. He is scheduled to commence work in his new assignment upon arrival in Sudan on 4 May 2016.