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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will host discussions with foreign ministers or their representatives from the African continent, including the African Union Commission Chairman, in Washington, D.C. on November 17, 2017. The discussions will be based on three themes: trade and investment, security, and good governance. This meeting will advance the U.S. agenda, working with African partners, to promote a shared commitment to open markets; free and fair trade; democracy and the rule of law; and effective responses to global terrorist threats. This meeting also builds on President Trump's working lunch with African leaders in September at the UN General Assembly.

The opening session and the family photo session will be open to the press.

For Opening Remarks at 9:45 am in the Loy Henderson Conference Room: Pre-set time for cameras: 8:30 am from the 23rd Street entrance. Final access time for writers and stills: 9:15 am from the 23rd Street entrance.

For the Family Photo at 11:30 am in the Dean Acheson Auditorium: Pre-set time for cameras: 10:45 am from the 23rd Street entrance. Final access time for writers and stills: 11:15 am from the 23rd Street entrance.

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