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**NIGERIA ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDINARY SESSION**  
**OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

The Federal Republic of Nigeria has been elected Chair of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union.

Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by this election succeeds President Joachim Chissano of the Republic of Mozambique who has held the post for the past one year.

In his acceptance speech, President Obasanjo said that as Nigeria assumes the leadership of the African Union, the country will work together with other Member States of the African Union to promote unity and solidarity, peace and stability and accelerate socio-economic development as well as confront the conflict situations facing parts of the Continent.

He, therefore, sought the support of all his colleagues and Member States in achieving these objectives.

Other countries elected to the Bureau of the Assembly of the Union are:

Mali and Senegal (West); Burundi and Chad (Central); Libya and Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (North); Ethiopia and Sudan (East); Botswana, Benin and Equatorial Guinea; Swaziland (Southern Africa).

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