

Seizing Africa's New Moment for the Reform of the African Union

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In his report, 'The Imperative to Strengthen our Union: Proposed Recommendations for the Institutional Reform of the African Union', President Paul Kagame of Rwanda observed that 'it has always been Africa's moment'. He went on to state that the 'question at any given time is whether we choose to be present and develop the institutional capacity ... to seize the available advantages.' In adopting the report and its recommendations at the 28th AU Summit in January 2017, the African Union (AU) Assembly presented itself a new moment for the reform of the AU. As leaders of African States descend on Addis Ababa for 29th AU Summit to discuss the reform of the AU, once again the question is whether member states would seize this new moment and ensure the implementation of the reform agenda.

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