

# Why the AU Humanitarian Summit Matters and What it Can Do About the Concerning Humanitarian Situation in Africa

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## INTRODUCTION

On 27 May 2022, the African Union (AU) will hold an extraordinary humanitarian summit and pledging conference in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. This summit and its thematic focus on the humanitarian situation in Africa could not have been more timely. It is taking place at a time when the humanitarian situation has deteriorated beyond the levels witnessed in previous eras.

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