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Cape Town - Deputy President Jacob Zuma has arrived in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for a two-day working visit to attend the third African Development Forum (ADF), says the office of the presidency.

His delegation includes Transport Minister Dullah Omar, deputy finance minister Mandisi Mpahlwa and economic advisor in the presidency, Professor Wiseman Nkuhlu.

The ADF is an initiative led by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, with the aim of, among other things, establishing an African-driven development agenda.

The theme of the conference is "Defining Priorities for Regional Integration".

Zuma's office said the third forum would focus on regional economic integration in Africa in the context of the commitment of African heads of State to found the African Union (AU).

South Africa is to launch the first summit of the AU - which is to replace the Organisation of African Union - in July this year.

Zuma's programme in Ethiopia includes:

- Bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia on Thursday;

- A meeting on Thursday with African ambassadors based in Addis Ababa to brief them on a range of political issues, including the New Partnership for Africa's Development (Nepad); and

- Addressing the plenary of the ADF on Friday.

Zuma is scheduled to fly back to South Africa on Friday evening.

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