



**The Economic Commission for Africa,
the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Ethiopia and the United Nations
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
celebrate
Russian Language Day**

Thursday, 4 June 2026

**Library Reading Room
Limpopo Building (ground floor)
Economic Commission for Africa**

| Programme | | |
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| 9.30–10 a.m. | Arrival of guests, background music | |
| 10–10.30 a.m. | Visit | Visit to the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) print shop |
| 10.30–10.35 a.m. | Musical performance | “I gaze into the blue lakes”, music by Leonid Afanasyev, lyrics by Igor Shaferan, performed by teachers from the school of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Ethiopia, Elena Atlasova and Sergey Atlasov |
| 10.35–10.45 a.m. | Welcome remarks | Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA, Mama Keita |
| 10.45–10.55 a.m. | Remarks | Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Ethiopia, Evgeny Terekhin |
| 10.55–11 a.m. | Video | Students from around the world discussing their experiences learning the Russian language |
| 11–11.05 a.m. | Musical performance | “The female tractor driver”, performed by a student from the school of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Ethiopia, Vera Atlasova, accompanied by a dance performance by students from the school |



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| 11.05–11.15 a.m. | Remarks | Director, Liaison Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the African Union and ECA, Rita Bissoonauth |
| 11.15–11.25 a.m. | Poetry readings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Winter” by Sergey Yesenin, read in Russian and Amharic by school students, Mikhail Kolmakov and Dmitry Migul • “The rose” by Alexander Pushkin, read by a member of the Ethiopian branch of the International Russian Club, Girum Negash • A poem by Alexander Pushkin, read by poet, journalist and translator, Ayalneh Mulatu, and a student of the Russian language courses taught at the Russian Centre for Science and Culture |
| 11.25–11.30 a.m. | Dance performance | Round dance performance by Russian citizens living in Ethiopia |
| 11.30–11.35 a.m. | Folk song | “Golden-domed Moscow”, performed by school teachers, Elena Atlasova and Sergey Atlasov |
| 11.35–11.40 a.m. | Literature reading | Excerpts from Russian literature, read by students of the ECA Russian language courses |
| 11.40–11.50 a.m. | Musical performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Mother Russia”, music by Anatoly Zubkov, lyrics by Inessa Kaminskaya, performed by Veronika Veshchagina • “Clouds”, music by Kim Breitburg, lyrics by Yevgeny Muravyov, performed by Veronika Veshchagina |
| 11.50 a.m.–12 p.m. | Closing remarks | Director a.i., Administration and Conference Management Division, Mai-Ellen Tahlor Russ |
| 12 p.m. | Exhibition and reception | Buffet, art exhibition and presentation of Russian souvenirs courtesy of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Ethiopia and ECA |