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**WHAT: A Seminar on Carrying Forward the Legacy of the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Trial of Hissène Habré**

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Highlights for the media will include: Remarks by

- African Union Commission Chairperson,  
**H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat**
- Executive Director, Africa Legal Aid (AFLA), **Evelyn A. Ankumah**
- Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Republic of Chad,  
**Hon. Ahmat Mahamat Hassane**
- Minister of Justice of Senegal; President of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), **H.E. Sidiki Kaba**

**WHEN:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

**WHERE:** The African Union Commission Headquarters - Addis Ababa Ethiopia

**WHO:** African Union Commission in collaboration with the Africa Legal Aid (AFLA)

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Engage African states- including justice ministers, national judiciaries and public prosecutors as well as the African Union, in dialogue on the progressive development of international criminal justice and build capacity of the African judiciary, public prosecutors, civil society and legal fraternities on international criminal justice;
- Document and highlight the contributions of the Extraordinary African Chambers (EAC) to international criminal justice and promote African support for international criminal justice
- Devise a framework for the exercise of international criminal justice in Africa; and Promote accountability and end impunity for

gross human rights violations.

## BACKGROUND

The Extraordinary African Chambers (EAC) established by the African Union within the courts of Senegal sentenced Former Chadian leader Hissène Habré to life in prison having found him guilty of torture, war crimes and crimes against humanity on 30 May 2016. This landmark case was the first universal jurisdiction case in Africa.

Recognizing the advancement that the EAC accorded the continent, this Seminar, an exercise in Complementarity, will interrogate how international crimes committed in Africa against Africans can be prosecuted on African soil by analyzing such topics as A Victim Centered Approach to International Criminal Justice; Emerging Trends on Complementarity; Incorporating Gender Perspectives in International Criminal Justice; and Whether There Can Be Justice Without Reparations. A special Panel is dedicated to Engaging Africa's Youth in International Criminal Justice.

*Media representatives are invited to attend and cover the seminar*

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