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**4TH AFRICAN UNION HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT**

**HARNESSING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDENDS THROUGH INVESTMENT IN
YOUTH:
EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**29 – 30 June, 2017
African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**DAY 1:
29 June 2017**

**Session 1:
Opening Ceremony
9.00 – 10.00**

Moderator of the Opening Ceremony : Mrs. Simone Abala, Chief of Procol Services , African Union Commission

Chairperson: Mrs. Mahawa Kaba Wheeler, Director, Women, Gender and Development Directorate, African Union Commission

Statements by:

- 1) Hon. Demitu Hambisa, Minister of Women and Children Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- 2) STC Member
- 3) Mme. Kati Csaba, Minister Counsellor and Senior Director (Development) Embassy of Canada, representing WGDD International Partners
- 4) Dr. Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director, UNFPA
- 5) Representative of GIMAC
- 6) Dr. Bridget Bwalya Umar, Zambian Women in Agricultural Research and Development, Zambia
- 7) Mrs. Assetou Koite, President, Pan- African Women's Organisation (PAWO)
- 8) H.E Nana Akufo Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana or his Representative, African Union Gender Champion
- 9) H.E. Mr. Faki Moussa Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission)

**Coffee/ Tea Break and Photo Session with the AUC Chairperson
10.00 - 10.30**

**Session 2:
Understanding the AU Demographic Dividends Agenda
10.30 – 11.30**

Moderator: H.E Mrs. Sidibe Fatoumata Kaba, Ambassador of Republic of Guinea to the African Union and Chairperson of PRC

This session will lay down a foundation for the meeting and facilitate a common understanding of the AU Demographic Dividends Agenda, the 2017 AU theme, progress made in the implementation of the theme and plans for the remainder of the year. A young person from the HRST, the lead AUC Department responsible for the theme, will give the presentation. This will be followed by discussions.

Opening Statement: H.E. Mrs. Josefa Sacko, Commissioner, Rural Economy and Agriculture

Lead Presenter: Ms. Laura Harivola RAKOTONANDRASANA , AU Youth - Volunteer Corps, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Session 3:

**Key Policy Options on Pillar 1 of the Demographic Dividends Roadmap:
Employment and Entrepreneurship**

11.30 – 13.30

Moderator: : H.E Madam Kade N. Elizabeth, Minister in charge of Women, Protection of Child and National Solidarity, Chad

This session will receive a position paper on Pillar 1 of the AU Demographic Dividends Agenda from a policy specialist. The paper will highlight the main policies in the Pillar; specific global, continental or regional targets attached to the policies; progress on implementation; policy gaps; as well as strategies and recommendations for action to scale up implementation of the Pillar. Four discussants will respond to the position paper and share experiences and good practices, as well as propose any additional gaps, strategies and recommendations for consideration. The audience will be guided to focus their contributions specifically on next steps and action points.

Opening Statement: H.E. Mr. Albert M. Muchange, Commissioner, Trade and Industry

Presenter: H.E. Ms. Sirel Mchembe, Deputy to H.E Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan the Vice of the United Republic of Tanzania, Secretary General High Level Panel, Women's Economic Empowerment

Discussants:

- 1) H.E. Mr. Martin tin NIVYABANDI, Minister for Social Affairs, Human's Rights and Gender, Burundi
- 2) Ms. Rakiatou Gazibo, Country Coordinator, AgriProFocus-Niger
- 3) Dr. Sintiki Ugbe, Director of Gender, ECOWAS Commission

Lunch and Special Session on Ending Child Marriage (TBC, by invitation only)

13.30 – 15.00

Session 4:

**Key Policy Options on Pillar 2 of the Demographic Dividends Roadmap:
Education and Digital Skills Development**

15.00 – 17.00

Moderator: H.E Madam Bernadette Sayo, Minister of Family, Social Affairs and National Solidarity, Central African Republic

This session will receive a position paper on Pillar 2 of the AU Demographic Dividends Agenda from a policy specialist. The paper will highlight the main policies in the Pillar; specific global, continental or regional targets attached to the policies; progress on implementation; policy gaps; as well as strategies and recommendations for action to scale up implementation of the Pillar. Four discussants will respond to the position paper and share experiences and good practices, as well as propose any additional gaps, strategies and recommendations for consideration. The audience will be guided to focus their contributions specifically on next steps and action points.

Opening Statement: H.E Ms. Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner, Infrastructure and Energy

Presenter: Dr. Bernard Onyango, Education Specialist, Institute for Development Policy

Discussants:

- 1) H.E Dr. Fatoumata Jallow-Tambajang, Vice –President and Minister of Women’s Affairs, The Gambia (tbc)
- 2) Mrs. Aida- Opoku Mensah, Special Advisor to the UNECA Executive Secretary, UNECA
- 3) Mr. Dawit Bekele, Africa Regional Director, Internet Society

Day 2

30 June 2017

Briefing Session on Girls and Women’s Education

08.00 - 09.30

African Union International Centre for Girls’ and Women’s Education in Africa (AU/CIEFFA)

Venue: African Union Commission

Session 5:

**Key Policy Options on Pillar 3 of the Demographic Dividends Roadmap:
Health and Wellbeing**

09.30 – 11.30

Moderator: Ms. Victoria Maloka, Head of Coordination and Outreach Division, Women, Gender and Development Directorate , African Union Commission

This session will receive a position paper on Pillar 3 of the AU Demographic Dividends Agenda from a policy specialist. The paper will highlight the main policies in the Pillar; specific global, continental or regional targets attached to the policies; progress on implementation; policy gaps; as well as strategies and

recommendations for action to scale up implementation of the Pillar. Four discussants will respond to the position paper and share experiences and good practices, as well as propose any additional gaps, strategies and recommendations for consideration. The audience will be guided to focus their contributions specifically on next steps and action points.

Opening Statement: H.E Mrs. Amira Elfadil Mohamed Elfadil, Commissioner, Social Affairs (tbc)

Presenter: Dr. Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director, UNFPA

Discussants:

- 1) H.E. Mariatou Koné, Minister for Woman, Family and Child protection, Cote d'Ivoire
- 2) Dr. Joséphine Bakindissa Nsika, Director General, Centre for Advancement of Women Sociologist, Congo- Brazaville
- 3) Ms. Jacqueline Mugenyi, UNAIDs

Coffee/ Tea Break

11.30- 12.00

Session 6:

**Key Policy Options on Pillar 4 of the Demographic Dividends Roadmap:
Rights, Governance and Youth Empowerment**

12.30 – 14.00

Moderator: Ms. Chiraz Arbi, Program Officer, National Democratic Institute, Tunisia

This session will receive a position paper on Pillar 4 of the AU Demographic Dividends Agenda from a policy specialist. The paper will highlight the main policies in the Pillar; specific global, continental or regional targets attached to the policies; progress on implementation; policy gaps; as well as strategies and recommendations for action to scale up implementation of the Pillar. Four discussants will respond to the position paper and share experiences and good practices, as well as propose any additional gaps, strategies and recommendations for consideration. The audience will be guided to focus their contributions specifically on next steps and action points.

Opening Statement: H.E. Ms. Minata Cessouma Samate, Commissioner, Political Affairs

Presenter: Dr. Mehari Maru, International Human Rights Expert, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Discussants:

- 1) H.E. Julia Duncan Cassell, Minister of Gender, Children and Social, Liberia
- 2) H.E. Madam Bineta Diop, Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union Commission

3) Ms. Keneilwe Sadie Mooketsane, Lecturer , Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Botswana

Lunch
14.00-15.30

Session 7:
Presentation of Key Messages/ Outcomes
15.30 – 16.45

Moderator: Mrs. Mahawa Kaba Wheeler, Director, Women, Gender and Development Directorate, African Union Commission

This session will receive a presentation of key messages/ outcomes of the High Level Panel in respect of policy gaps, strategies, and recommendations for action.

Presenter: Amb. Jean Mfasoni, Chief of Staff, Bureau of the Chairperson, African Union Commission

Session 8
Closing Ceremony
16.45 – 17.15

Moderator: Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo, Ag. Director, HRST

Closing Statements by:

- 1) CSOs/ Young Woman
- 2) UN Women
- 3) H.E William Fisher, Prime Minister, Special Envoy to the Francophone States of Africa, Australia
- 4) STC Member
- 5) H.E. Mr. Faki Moussa Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission (AUC)

Session 9
17.15 – 18.00

4th HLP on GEWE Press Conference

Proposed Panelists:

- 1) H.E Mr. Faki Moussa Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission
- 2) STC Member
- 3) Mrs. Mahawa Kaba Wheeler, Director, Women, Gender and Development Directorate

Session 10
18.00 – 20.00

Cocktail and Book Launch: Office of the AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security in partnership with UN Women

By invitation only

1.African Women in Mediation and Elections Observers

