



## DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

**MEDIA ADVISORY****Second Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Communication and ICT****INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

**What:** Meeting of the Second Specialized Technical Committee on Communication and Information Technologies (STC-CCICTII)

**Highlights for journalists**

- The opening and closing sessions of the ministerial session
- The Media Gender Gap in Africa and Portrayal of Women.
- The Role of Media in Africa's Development, Women's Empowerment and its Support for Agenda 2063
- A press conference at the end of the STC

**When:** The CCICTII ministerial meeting will be held on 23-24 November 2017

**Time:** 9:00am

**Where:** African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Who:** Jointly organized by the Directorate of Information and Communication (DIC) and Department of Infrastructure and Energy

**Why:** The STC on Communication and ICT is an organ of the Union. It is composed of Ministers of Communication and ICT or such other Ministers or authorities duly accredited by the Governments of Member States. This STC will have discussions and make decisions on continental and regional programmes that impact Africans in the communications and ICT sectors.

**Participants:**

The CCICT will gather Ministers in charge of Communications and Information Technologies and Ministers in charge of Information and broadcasting Corporation, senior officials, private sector and media from AU Member States. In addition, representatives from Regional Economic Communities (RECs); African and International Specialized Organizations and partners; as well as African Media Organizations and houses will be in attendance.

**Background:**

Following the AU Assembly referenced Assembly/AU/Dec.227 (XII) reconfiguring the existing STCs the STC on Communication and Information Technologies called Committee on Communication and ICT (CCICT) has been established as one the

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fourteen committees set up to work in close collaboration with the various departments of the Commission (AUC) so as to provide well-informed inputs in their areas of specialization to the work of the Executive Council. It's also expected the Committee be involved in monitoring programme development and implementation by the AUC and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) on behalf of the Executive Council.

***Journalists are therefore, invited to cover the opening session of the ministerial on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9:00am as well as the press conference at the end of the session on Friday at 16:00.***

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