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**REGIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES CONSULTATIVE FORUM FOR EAST AFRICA**

**ARUSHA, TANZANIA, 21 – 22 August 2019**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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| **DAY 1: Wednesday 21 August 2019** | |
| **08.30 – 09.00** | **REGISTRATION** |
| **09.00–09.45** | **Opening Remarks** |
| **Session Objectives:** *The Opening session will set the tone for the consultative forum through sharing with participants the rationale behind the forum’s focus towards the bigger picture of what the African Union is set to achieve through the rolling out of the Political parties program.* |
| **Moderator: Mr. Guy Cyrille Tapoko,** *Head, Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Department for Political Affairs, African Union Commission.*  **Speakers**   * **Speaker** – EALA, EAC **(TBC)** * **Dr.** **Khabele Matlosa**, Director, Political Affairs, African Union Commission |
| **09.45 – 10.15** | **GROUP PHOTO** |
| **10.15 – 10.45** | **SESSION 1: Introduction of the African Union Political Parties Program** |
| **Session Objective:** *This session will introduce the AU political party program to the participants. The presentation will share the rationale, specific objectives and focus areas of the program.*  The session will attempt the following questions   * Why does the AU see the need to engage Political Parties at the Continental Level? * What are key objectives, guiding principles and focus areas of the program? |
| **Moderator** – Mr. Kagwe Mutahi, Head, IGAD Liaison Office to the AU  **Presenter:** Mr. Idrissa Kamara, Political/Election Officer, DPA/AUC |
| **10.45 – 11.00** | **HEALTH BREAK** |
| **11.00 – 13.00** | **SESSION 2: Key Note Presentation on the State of Political Parties in East Africa** |
| **Session Objective:** *This session will provide the overall horizon scanning of the state of play of Political Parties from the East Africa perspective. The presentation will delve deep into the understanding of the socio-political context of political parties in the region. The presentation is meant to spark discussion by providing snapshot in hopes of facilitating the sharing of insights on the realities of political parties to help identify trends, challenges and opportunities in working directly with political parties in AU Member States.* |
|  | **Moderator:** Mr. David M. Onen – EAC  **Presenter:** Dr. Ssimba Sallie Kayunga, Experts on Political Parties, Uganda  : Dr. Edwin E. Babeiya, Senior Lecturer, University of Dar Es Salaam |
| **13:00 - 14:30** | **LUNCH** |
| **14:30 – 16:30** | **SESSION 3: Working Groups: Political Parties and the deepening of democratic governance in East Africa - Discussing the How?** |
| **Session Objectives:** *This session will provide an opportunity to brainstorm and dialogue on the role of political parties in contributing to democratic governance issues in East Africa. The group brainstorming session will facilitate the sharing of experiences from the National perspective, look into trends, challenges and opportunities for collaboration and how the African Union can fit into the equation.*  **The Working group should address the following issues**   * What are the main trends of political parties in your country/region? * What are the main challenges facing political parties in your country/region? * What are the main opportunities of political parties in your country/region? * What is the value addition of the African Union to support political parties in your country/region? |
| **Working group Moderators:**  **Group 1:** **Melvis Ndiloseh** – Programme Officer, DPA  **Group 2**: **Guy Cyrille Tapoko,** Head of DEAU, DPA  **Group 3: Idrissa Kamara,** Political Officer, DPA  Group 4: **Sharon Ndlovu**, Programme Officer, DPA |
| **16.30 – 17.00** | **END OF DAY 1** |
| **DAY 2 : Thursday 22 August 2019** | |
| **09:00- 11.00** | **SESSION 4: Presentation of Emerging issues from Working Groups by Rapporteurs** |
| **Section objective:** *This session will provide opportunities for parties to present the summary of their interaction of the Working groups to the Plenary and open it up for a greater discussion and reflection.* |
| **Moderator:** **Amb. Salvator Matata** – Head, COMESA Liaison Office to the AU  **Plenary Discussions** : |
| **11:00 – 11:30** | **HEALTH BREAK** |
| **11:30 – 13:00** | **SESSION 5: Final presentation of the conclusions and recommendations by the Rapporteur.** |
| **Session objectives:** *This session will provide the summary of the 2 days discussions. The session will be opened up for input and confirmation.* |
|  | **Moderator : Sharon Ndlovu**, Programme Officer, DPA  **Presenter : Ms. Melvis Ndiloseh ,** Programme Officer, DPA |
| **13:00 – 14:30** | **LUNCH** |
| **15:30 – 16:00** | **SESSION 6: Closing Session** |
| **Moderator: Mr. Guy Cyrille Tapoko,** Head DEAU/DPA  **Speaker**  **Dr. Khabele Matlosa,** Director, DPA, AUC |
| **16:00 – 16:30** | **END OF WORKSHOP** |