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Meeting on Regional Approaches to Development in Countries of the Great Lakes
In support of the February 24, 2013 “Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the
DRC and the Region”, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

July 18-19, 2013

INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: The African Union Commission through the Departments of Economic Affairs and Peace and Security, the world Bank Group and the United Nations, are organizing a Ministerial meeting on a regional approach to development in Countries of the Great Lakes region, which will be held at the African Union Commission headquarters (New complex) in Addis Ababa, on July 19, 2013. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of Senior Officials, on 18 July 2013.

WHEN: 18-19 July 2013

WHERE: At the African Union Commission headquarters(New complex)

OBJECTIVES:

The Conference on the Great Lakes Region will be held on July 19, 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Conference will be preceded by a preparatory meeting of Senior Officials on July 18, 2013. The Conference is intended to compliment and support the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for DRC and the region, agreed between DRC and its neighbours under the auspices of the AU and the UN on February 24, 2013. The Conference will have three main objectives:

- (a) To serve a forum for key stakeholders to share views on regional approaches to development priorities that would support the February 24, 2013 Framework;

- (b) To share information on current or planned regional operational interventions and;
- (c) To identify opportunities and modalities for enhanced coordination and collaboration on the development aspects of the February 24, 2013 Framework.

The immediate outcome of the meeting will come up with a concrete agreement among African institutions, GLCs and partners to enhance collaboration on identified interventions and initiatives to promote regional development. Partner countries and institutions would be expected to indicate activities and programs that they are currently supporting, as well as their future plans. Following the meeting, a listing of current and proposed regional initiatives will be prepared.

Journalists are invited to cover the event
Attached the Programme

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