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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**What:** Seventh Conference of African Ministers in Charge of Integration (COMAIV11)  
Theme: Infrastructure for integration of Africa

**When:** 14-18 July 2014  
An expert's meeting will take place from 14-16 July 2014  
The ministerial meeting will be held from 17-18 July

**Where:** Royal Swazi Sun Convention Center, Ezulwini, Kingdom of Swaziland

**Why:** The objectives of the conference are to:

- Assess the progress made in implementing the Abuja Treaty by the Regional Economic Communities;
- Evaluate the implementation status of the COMAI VI recommendations; and
- Agree on recommendations of the current Conference.

The expected outcomes of the meeting are the following:

- Concrete recommendations on the theme of the conference;
- The way forward regarding the African Regional Integration Fund;
- Adoption of the Regional Integration Index as Africa's M&E framework of assessing the progress in the integration agenda;
- Ministerial declaration highlighting among others the strategies and actions to speed up infrastructure development to support effective regional integration

**WHO:** Participants to the meeting will include the following: Ministers and Experts from all African Member States; Representatives from all the eight RECs; AUC, UNECA, NPCA and AfDB; UNDP, IDEP, World Bank, IMF, EU, UNCTAD; Representatives of African Private sector and Civil Society.

**Journalists are invited to cover the official opening of the experts' meeting at 09:00 on 14 July 2014 at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Center, Ezulwini**

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