

**MEDIA ADVISORY****Conference of African Ministers of Trade (CAMT)****INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

- What:** 8th Ordinary Session of AU Conference of Ministers of Trade
- When:** The conference will be in two phases:
Experts meeting 21-23 Oct 2013
Ministerial meeting 24-25 Oct 2013
- Where:** African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Who:** Organized by the Department of Trade and Industry of the African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Objective:** The meeting is expected to discuss the implications of Bilateral Trade Agreements by Member States and RECs with external partners on the establishment of Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) and the implementation of regional integration in Africa; strengthening South-South trade cooperation; and the African Union agenda 2063, among other issues.
- Participants:** African Union Ministers of Trade, African experts on trade, African Private Sector, Academia, UN Agencies and NGOs and other relevant development partners.

Attached the draft work programme

Journalists are invited to cover the opening ceremony of the experts' meeting on Monday 21st October at 08:30 and the opening ceremony of the ministerial meeting on 24 October at 09:00. The full programmes of the meeting are attached.

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