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INVITATION TO MEDIA

Deployment of 190 Kenyan Health Workers to Ebola Affected Countries under ASEOWA

What: Official opening ceremony of the briefing and training of Kenyan health workers to be deployed to Ebola affected countries under the African Union Support to Ebola Outbreak in West Africa (ASEOWA).
Interview opportunities are available for the media.
There will be a photo opportunity at 09:55

When: 8 January 2015, starting at 09:00

Where: Sarova Pan Afric Hotel, Duma Room, Nairobi, Kenya

Why: The African Union, under its ASEOWA mission, is deploying African health workers to the three most affected countries, i.e. Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. A call made by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma to African Union member states for qualified human resources to fight the disease has resulted in the deployment of more than 650 health workers to date. The Kenyan deployment will therefore be a valuable addition to the ASEOWA intervention.

Who: The official opening ceremony of the training session will be addressed by;
Mr. Erastus Mwencha Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission
Dr. Khadijah Kassachoon, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health
Dr. Custodia Mandlhate, WHO Representative, Kenya
Amb. Amina Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Dr. Nicholas Muraguri, Director of Medical Services
Mr. James Macharia, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health
Amb. Olawale Maiyegun, AUC Director of Social Affairs will be the programme director

Media personnel are invited to cover the official opening ceremony starting at 09:00 on 8 January 2015. The full programme of the opening session is attached below:

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**OPENING
PROGRAM**

THURSDAY, JANUARY



CEREMONY

8, 2015

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8.45 am	Arrival and registration	AUC/MOH
09:00 am- 09:10 am	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Khadijah Kassachoon, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health
09:10 am- 09:20 am	Remarks	Dr. Custodia Mandlhate, WHO Representative, Kenya
09:20 am- 09:50 am	Speeches	H. E. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson, AUC Amb. Amina Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Mr. James Macharia, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health
09:50 am- 09:55 am	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Nicholas Muraguri, Director of Medical Services
09:55 am- 10.00 am	Group Photograph	AUC and MOH Communications Department

Master of Ceremony: Amb. Olawale Maiyegun, Director Social Affairs - AUC