



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Signing of MOU between the African Union Commission and the PTA Bank to support the fight against Ebola

- What:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to support the AU fight against Ebola
- Who:** The MOU will be signed by the Chairperson of the AU Commission Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and the President and Chief Executive of the Eastern and Southern African Trade and development Bank (PTA BANK), Mr. Admassu Tadesse.
- When:** 26 March 2015 at 08:30
- Where:** VIP room. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. New AU Conference Center. Addis Ababa
- Why:** The MoU will recognise the PTA Bank's pledge to donate USD 50,000 to the Africa Against Ebola Solidarity Trust (AAEST) and recognise the mutual interests of the two institutions in the fight against the Ebola Virus Disease in Africa. The donation will be used for supporting the establishment of the African Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (African CDC) to build Africa's capacity to deal with public health emergencies in the future.

**Background:** AAEST was established as a charitable trust for the purpose of raising funds to be deployed to train, equip and deploy African health workers in the fight against Ebola, to build long term local health capacity and continental capacity for disease control. In partnership with the African Union, AAEST mission is to mobilize resources to support much-needed health workers drawn from within Africa to the Ebola-afflicted countries through the African Union Support to the Ebola Outbreak in West Africa (ASEOWA). AAEST vision is a resilient African capacity that is able to respond effectively and rapidly in times of crisis and post crisis recovery.

The PTA Bank is a multilateral development financial institution established by the Charter of the Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank whose objectives include, among others, cooperating with other institutions and organizations,

public or private, national or international, which are interested in the economic and social development of the members states of the PTA Bank.

**Media personnel are invited to cover the signing ceremony starting at 08:30.**

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