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AU-CSO Continental consultation on the Africa-EU joint strategy (JAES)

INVITATION TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

- WHAT:** Convening of the AU-CSO Continental consultation on the Africa-EU joint strategy (JAES).
- WHEN:** 27-28 November 2014
- WHERE:** Maputo, Mozambique
- WHO:** AUC/CIDO; Civil society organizations (CSO) from across the five regions of the continent.

OBJECTIVES EXPECTED

- To review the outcomes of the 4th africa-eu summit and its new implementation architecture
- To define Africa priorities in this context across the board and in specific thematic areas
- To define continental and intercontinental CSO priorities with in the JAES framework and the challenges of co-responsibility with other stakeholders
- To prepare for effective follow-up and implementation bodies for the 2014 and 2014 road map
- To respond actively and constructively to the responsibility bestowed on the consultative group with in the framework of the Africa-EU strategy to provide the platform for African CSOs to work together to support comprehensive stakeholder participation in the process
- To set stage for the consolidation of an intercontinental CSO platform in early 2015.

BACKGROUND

The Africa-EU joint strategy declaration have constantly placed priority on the active involvement of civil society as a pillar for facilitating and promoting a broad-based and wide ranging people-centred partnership between the two continents. As a result both sides have established continental CSO structures including a steering committee and continental consultation forum, to input directly into the process enhance CSO space and prepare CSO contribution towards its implementation strategy.

Following the 4th Africa-EU summit in Brussels in 2014 participations are now underway for the continental CSO platforms to collate and consolidate their respective continental inputs to feed into a common intercontinental CSO platform. The EU-CSO steering committee has begun the process of undertaking a broad survey to identify the contribution and needs of youth, CSOs Think tanks and social and economic actors among non- state actors in Europe. The Africa-CSO forum is now initiating a similar process as part of the participations for a consolidated intercontinental CSO forum in early 2015.

Media representatives are invited to cover the event from 27-28 November 2014 in Maputo, Mozambique

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