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### ECOSOCC Standing Committee Meeting in Khartoum, Sudan

**What:** Statutory meeting of the ECOSOCC Standing Committee Meeting

**Who:** African Union Commission

**When:** 26-28 May 2015 @ 08:30 a.m.

**Where:** LebDAH Hall B, Corinthia Hotels,, Khartoum, Sudan

**Objective:** The objective of the meeting is to review and develop an implementation plan and consolidated work programme for the implementation of the ECOSOCC General Assembly Decisions of Cairo in March 2015. The Standing Committee will also review and develop a plan to accompany the budget presentation for 2015 and align it with its projected work programme and related efforts to establish appropriate mechanism for operationalization of Cluster Committees and the popularization of Agenda 2063. Finally, it will review, consider and approve the substance of the ECOSOCC annual report to the June 2015 AU Summit as mandated by Article 10 of the ECOSOCC Statutes.

#### **Background:**

The process of operationalization initiated in the Orientation and Induction Meeting for Newly Elected members of the 2nd Permanent ECOSOCC General Assembly in Cairo, Egypt from 26 February to 1 March 2015 with the completion of internal elections within ECOSOCC to choose cluster chairpersons, elect the Credentials Committee and constitute the Standing Committee as the executive organ to coordinate the work of ECOSOCC in accordance with Articles 10 and 11 of the ECOSOCC Statutes.

Draft rules and procedures have been considered and adopted to govern the operations of the ECOSOCC General Assembly as the highest decision and policy making body of ECOSOCC as stated in Article 9 (1) of the ECOSOCC Statutes. The recognition of the role of the General Assembly as contained in Article 9 of the Statutes will also enable a reflection on ECOSOCC roles and boundaries as well as its duties and responsibility and its precise relationship with the Commission which hosts its Secretariat as well as other Organs of the Union in coordinate and autonomous spheres of activity.

At the AU 24<sup>th</sup> Summit held in January 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the AU Commission reported on the ECOSOCC The Executive Council of the Union consequently adopted Decision EX.CL /Dec. 869 (XXVI) on the 2nd Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC. That Decision recognized and endorsed the outcome of ECOSOCC election in Nairobi in December 2014 and gave certain Union responsibilities that must be embraced as part of ECOSOCC obligations.

***Media representatives in Sudan are invited to cover the meeting.***

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