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OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

When: 13th – 14th December 2011

Time: 9:00 am

Where: At the conference Center of the African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Who: Organized by the Pan African University collaboration with African Union Commission (AUC)

Objective: The main objective of the Launch is to promote and popularize the Pan African University, discusses the potential challenges in its implementation and the contribution of the African University in general to regional integration and intra African trade.

Expected Outcomes: Produce concrete deliberation on the role of the African university in African regional integration and intra-African trade; academic mobility as facilitated by the revised Arusha Convention; ensuring quality and excellence in higher education as well as resource mobilization

Participants: Participant on this Launch will be composed the Association of African Universities (AAU), on behalf of the AUC duly invites its member institutions, represented by Vice Chancellors, Rectors and other institutional heads, as well as other higher education stakeholders, particularly researchers, development partners, student representatives and policy makers.

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Programme attached

DAY ONE HIGHER EDUCATION PARADIGMS IN INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE 13th November 2011		
Time	Activity	Director of Ceremony
09.00- 09.30.	Registration of Participants	
09.30 – 10.00	Opening Ceremony <i>Welcome Remarks</i> Mrs Vera Brenda Ngosi (Director AUC-HRST) <i>Opening remarks</i> Prof Olugbemi Jege (General Secretary, Association of African Universities) Prof Lamine Ndiaye (Chairman, PAU High Level Panel)	Dr Beatrice Njenga (Head, Education Division- AUC-HRST)
10.00 am - 10.30 am	Keynote Presentation: Expectation of the African Corporate Sector from the African University” H.E. Erastus Mwencha (Deputy Chairperson of the AUC)	

10.30 a.m. - 11.00 am	Tea/Coffee Break	
THEME ONE: Promoting intra-African Trade Through Higher Education		
11.00 – 11.30	The Pan African University <i>The Concept: Prof. Lamine Ndiaye</i> <i>Progress so far: Dr Njenga</i>	Prof Olugbemiro Jegede (General Secretary, AAU)
11.30 – 11.50	The role of Technical Higher education in promoting intra-African Trade H.E. Hon. Kamal Abdel Latif RAHIM (Minister of Human Resources Development, Republic of Sudan)	
11.50 – 12.10	The Pan African University and Intra-African Trade S.E Professeur François ABIOLA (Ministre de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique de la République du Bénin)	
12.10 – 12.30	Facilitating Intra-African trade through Academic Mobility Prof Juma Shabani (Director UNESCO Bamako Cluster Office)	
12.30 – 13.00	Discussions	
13.00 pm – 14.30	Lunch	
Theme Two: Quality Imperatives and Financing of African Higher Education		
14.30 – 14.50	Continental Framework and Mechanisms for Quality Assurance. Options for the PAU Prof Olusola Oyewole (University of Agriculture Abeokuta)	VC University of Zimbabwe
14.50 – 15.10	Financing Higher Education in Africa Dr Maxwell Mkwezalamba (Commissioner for Economic affairs-AUC)	
15.10 – 16.00	Resource Mobilisation for the PAU	

	Guedegbe, Corbin Michel (African Development Bank)	
16.00 – 16.20	Tea/Coffee Break	
16.20 – 17.00	Discussions	
DAY TWO		
KWAME NKRUMAH SCITIFIC AWARDS FOR WOMEN LAUNCHING THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY		
Presentation of Kwame Nkrumah Scientific Awards for African Women Scientists		
Time	Activity	Director of Ceremony
11.00 – 11.40	Introductory Remarks: 1. Mr Jean Ping -AUC Chairperson 2. EU Representative to the African Union 3. H.E. Prof. Jean-Pierre Ezin , Commissioner, HRST 4. AMCOST Chairperson	Mrs. V.B. Ngosi (Director, HRST)
11.40 - 12 00	Presentation of the Awards	
12.00 – 12. 10	Vote of thanks (by one of the awardees)	
Launch of the Pan African University		
12.10 – 12. 20	Commissioner HRST	Mrs. V.B. Ngosi (Director, HRST)
12.20 – 12. 30	Signing of MOUs	
12.30 – 12. 40	Launching of PAU H.E. Dr. Jean Ping (AUC Chairperson)	
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH	