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Fifth Ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union (COMEDAF V)

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

When: Monday, 23rd – Friday, 27th April 2012

23-24 April: Experts meeting
26-27 April: Ministers meeting

Where: Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria.

Who: Organized by the African Union Commission (AUC)

Objectives: The Conference is aimed at discussing the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa, making recommendations concerning the Commission's education programme and considering reports on the performance of Member States and related agencies in education.

Participants: Participants of COMEDAF V will include AU Commission, AU Specialized Agencies in education, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) as well as a number of partner agencies amongst others

Background: COMEDAF is the African Union's statutory body that articulates Africa's collective vision and priorities in education. Currently, this collective vision is embodied in the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006 – 2015). The Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union declared the Second Decade of Education for Africa in January 2006, and the second ordinary session of COMEDAF launched the Plan of Action for the decade in September of the same year.

The Plan of Action consists of seven areas of focus identified by

COMEDAF, with a detailed framework drafted by experts from all member states, together with key education agencies including the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA), UNESCO, UNICEF and the Association of African Universities (AAU). The areas of focus are Gender and Culture; Education Management Information Systems; Higher Education; Teacher Development; Technical and Vocational Education and Training; Curriculum and Teaching and Learning Materials; Quality.

Journalists are invited to cover the Fifth Ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union (COMEDAF V) from Monday, 23rd – Friday, 27th April 2012.

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