



Media Advisory

PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

- WHAT:** Pan African Conference on Teacher Development (PACTEDIII)
- WHEN:** PACTEDIII will be held in two phases:
a) Senior official meeting 16 July 2013
b) Ministerial meeting 17 July 2013
- WHERE:** African Union headquarters, Addis Ababa
- WHO:** The Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology of the African Union Commission (AUC)
- WHY:** As the AU celebrates the golden Jubilee, PACTED III will focus on the role of the African teachers in achieving the African educational goal. Among other issues, regional teacher qualification frameworks, teachers' mobility and qualification will be discussed.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

1. Agreement of roles and responsibilities of key partners in the implementation of the joint PACTED Road Map;
2. Identification of partnerships for implementing specific activities in the Road Map;
3. Progress report and identify good practices in teacher development

Background:

Teacher Development is one of the major areas of focus in the Plan of action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa (2006-2015), with the goal of ensuring provision

of sufficient, well qualified and well supported teachers across Africa to facilitate quality teaching and learning. The challenge of the African teacher continues to threaten achievement of the goals of the Second Decade Plan of action, as well as EFA and MDGs.

In recognition of the central importance of teachers in the quality of education, the AU instituted the Pan African Conference on Teacher Development (PACTED) in 2011. PACTED brings together all the key agencies working on African education at the continental level, with RECs and Member States to address the perennial challenges facing teacher development in Africa in a coordinated and coherent manner.

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE

- The AUC and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- AU Member State ministers responsible for education; and senior officials in charge of education
- UNESCO, UNICEF
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Universities, teacher training and research institutions
- Civil society organisations
- Independent experts; among others.

Media representatives are invited to participate and cover the event on 16-17 July 2013, at 9:30am, old plenary hall, at the African Union Commission.

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Draft programme of the event is attached