

**DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION****MEDIA ADVISORY****SIXTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS OF EDUCATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION (COMEDAF VI)****INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

When: 21 – 25 APRIL 2014

The meeting will hold as follows:

21 April 2014	Meeting of Education Partners Working in Africa
22 – 23 April	Senior Officials Meeting
24 – 25 April	Ministerial Meeting

There will also be an exhibition of Teaching and Learning Materials.

Where: Palais des Congrès Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon

Who: The Department of Human Resource Science and Technology (HRST) of the African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Cameroon.

The Commission will organise several parallel meetings at the same venue. These include Pan African University Directors' Planning Meeting; Pan African University Stakeholders Meeting; and meeting of the Steering Committee of Pan African Conference on Teacher Development (PACTED)

Objectives:

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 Sixth Ordinary Session of COMEDAF will consider reports on implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa, from the AUC, RECs and Specialised Education Institutions of the African Union, and also discuss education performance in Member States. COMEDAF will make recommendations on the way forward, including strategies for enhancing education achievement beyond 2015. These recommendations will be presented to the next Summit of Heads of State of the African Union.

The agenda of the sixth ordinary session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union (COMEDAF VI) includes the following:

- i. “The Role of Education in the Agenda for ‘Africa 2063’ ”
- ii. Consideration of reports from the AUC and from Regional Economic Communities on the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education for Africa
- iv. Consideration of Report on Implementation of the Pan African University
- v. Consideration of the African Union Education Outlook 2014: Status of Education Development in Member States
- vi. Consideration of Report on Continental TVET Strategy
- vii. Consideration of Report on Teacher Development in Africa
- viii. Consideration of Report on Education Partner Agencies in Africa
- ix. Consideration of Civil Society Recommendations for Education Development

Participants:

- Ministers of Education and senior officials from Member States
- The AUC and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- UN agencies and organizations
- Education Partners (Continental and International)
- Universities, teacher training and research institutions
- Independent experts and intergovernmental organizations
- Civil Society

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(Attached is the tentative program and agenda of the event.)

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DRAFT AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS

COMEDAF VI 22-23 APRIL 2014

1. Opening session

- Welcome remarks, Director, HRST
 - Opening remarks, Representative of Republic of Cameroon COMEDAF VI Host
 - Opening remarks, Representative of Federal Republic of Nigeria, Outgoing COMEDAF V Chair
- #### 2. Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work

3. Presentation of Report of COMEDAF V(Abuja, April 2012) and Presentation of Report of the Bureau of COMEDAF V including PACTED III (Addis Ababa, July 2013) - Representative of Outgoing COMEDAF V Chair
4. Presentation of the Agenda 2063
5. Presentation and discussion of the “Progress report on the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education”- Dr. Njenga
 - i. Overview
 - ii. Preparation for End-term evaluation
 - iii. Post 2015 Agenda
 - iv. Education in Africa 2063 Agenda
6. Presentation and discussion of Progress and Implementation of the Pan African University- Dr. Ogol
 - a) Overview
 - b) Update on Operationalisation
 - c) Nominations for PAU Council
 - d) Shortlist for Hosting PAU Rectorate
7. Presentation and discussion of Report on Continental TVET Strategy
8. Presentation and discussion on African Union Education Outlook: Status of Education in Member States- Ms Angela Arnott
9. Presentations from Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
10. Presentation from ADEA
11. Presentation on Specialised technical Committees- Mr Adewale Iyanda OLC
12. Presentation and discussion of report of Education Partners Meeting
13. Presentation of Report from Civil Society Workshop on Education
14. Presentation and adoption of the Agenda of Meeting of Ministers
15. PACTED IV: Presentations and discussions on teacher Development
16. AFTRA Presentation
17. Presentation of the General History of Africa
18. Any Other Business
19. Presentation and adoption of Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of Senior Officials of COMEDAF VI
20. Closing Session

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK
MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS**

22-23 APRIL 2014

Monday 21 April 2014		
16h00 – 18h00	Registration	
Tuesday 22 April 2014- Meeting of Senior Officials		
TIME	ACTIVITY	Responsible
08h00 – 09h00	Registration	AUC
OPENING SESSION		
09h00 – 09h30	Welcome remarks, Director for HRST Opening remarks, Representative of Republic of Cameroon COMEDAF VI Host Opening remarks, Representative of Federal Republic of Nigeria, Outgoing COMEDAF V Chair	Dr. Njenga, AUC
09h30 – 09h45	Presentation and adoption of Agenda and Programme of Work	AUC
09h45 – 10h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Report of COMEDAF V, Abuja April 2012 • Presentation of Report of the Bureau of COMEDAF V, including PACTED III, Addis Ababa, July 2013 	Representative of Outgoing Chair
10h30 – 11h00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
11h00 – 11h20	Presentation of the Agenda 2063	Office of AUC Chairperson
11h20 –	Presentation of the “Progress report on the	Dr. Njenga,

11h50	implementation of the Plan of Action for the Second Decade of Education” v. Overview vi. Preparation for End-term evaluation vii. Post 2015 Agenda viii. Education in Africa 2063 Agenda	AUC
11h50 – 12h10	Presentation on Progress and implementation of the Pan African University i. Overview ii. Update on Operationalisation iii. Nominations for PAU Council iv. Shortlist for Rectorate Hosting	Dr Ogol, AUC
12h10 -12h30	Presentation of Report on Continental TVET Strategy	Dr Agossou, AUC
12h30 – 13h15	Discussion	
13h15 – 14h30	LUNCH BREAK	
14h30 -14h50	Presentation on African Union Education Outlook: Status of Education in Member States-	Ms Angela Arnott, ADEA
14h50 -15h15	Discussion	
15h15-15h45	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
15h45-17h00	Presentations and discussion from Regional Economic Communities (RECs)	RECs
17h00 – 17h30	Presentation from ADEA	

Wednesday 23 April 2014 - Meeting of Senior Officials		
09h00- 09h30	Presentation and Discussion on General History of Africa	Dr. Ali Moussa Iye UNESCO
09h30 – 10h00	Presentation and discussion of report of Education Partners Meeting	Dr. Yohannes, AUC
10h00 – 10h20	Presentation and discussion of report from Civil Society	ANCEFA

	Workshop on Education	
10h20-10h50	Presentation and discussion on Specialised Technical Committees	Mr Adewale Iyanda, AU Office of Legal Counsel
10h50 – 11h10	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
11h10 – 12h50	PACTED: Presentations and discussions on Implementation of the Joint Road Map for Teacher Development	Representative of Togo, PACTED Chair
12h50 – 13h00	AFTRA Presentation	
13h00 – 14h30	LUNCH BREAK	
16h30- 16h40	<i>Consideration of Agenda and Programme for Meeting of Ministers</i>	
16h40-17h00	Any Other Business	
17h00 – 17h45	Presentation and adoption of Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of Senior Officials of COMEDAF VI	Representative of COMEDAF VI Chair
17h45 – 18h00	Closing Remarks	Director, HRST

**DRAFT AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF MINISTERS
COMEDAF VI
24-25 APRIL 2014**

1. Opening session
2. Election of Bureau
3. Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work
4. Presentation of the Agenda 2063
5. Presentation of the General History of Africa
6. Consideration of Report of meeting of Senior Officials of COMEDAF V
7. Date and venue of next meeting under Specialised Technical Committee
8. Any Other Business
9. Guided Tour of Exhibition
10. Presentation and Adoption of Report and Recommendations of COMEDAF VI
11. Closing Session

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK
MEETING OF MINISTERS
24 - 25 APRIL 2014**

Thursday 24 April 2014		
TIME	ACTIVITY	Responsible
14h30 – 15h00	Registration	AUC
15h00 – 17h00	Meeting of Ministers Committee for PACTED	Togo, PACTED Chair
17h30 – 19h00	Cocktail	Host
Friday 25 April 2014		
08h30 – 09h20	Registration	AUC
OPENING SESSION		
09h20 – 10h00	Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga, Commissionner HRST • H.E. Minister of Education, Republic of Cameroon, COMEDAF VI Host • H.E. Minister of Education, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Outgoing COMEDAF V Chair 	Director HRST
10h00 – 10h30	Presentation of Handing Over Report	Minister of Education, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Outgoing Rapporteur COMEDAF V
10h30- 10h45	Family Photograph	
10h45 – 11h15	Guided Tour of Exhibition	Minister of Education, Cameroon
11h15-11h45	TEA/ COFFEE BREAK	
11h45- 12h00	Election of Bureau of COMEDAF VI	

12h00 – 12h05	Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work	
12h05 – 12h25	Presentation the Agenda 2063	AU Office of Chairperson
12h25 - 13h00	Consideration of Report of meeting of Senior Officials of COMEDAF VI	
13h00 – 14h30	LUNCH BREAK	
14h30 – 15h50	Consideration of Report of meeting of Senior Officials of COMEDAF VI	
15h50 – 16h10	Presentation on Specialised Technical Committees	AU Office of Legal Counsel
16h10 – 16h20	Date and venue of next meeting under Specialised Technical Committee	
16h20 – 17h20	TEA/COFFEE BREAK Bi-lateral sessions	
17h20-18h00	Presentation and Adoption of Report of COMEDAF VI	Cameroon
18h00 – 18h15	Closing Session	
19h30-21h00	DINNER	