

**Directorate of Information and Communication****Media Advisory****BREAKFAST IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD MALARIA DAY AND
SIXTH AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH****INVITATION TO THE MEDIA**

What: 1; Breakfast in commemoration of World Malaria Day followed immediately by
2; Opening of the Sixth AU Conference of Ministers of Health

When: 25th April 2013 at 08:30

Where: African Union Headquarters, New Conference Complex,
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Who: Organized by the Department of Social Affairs, AU Commission. Speakers at the breakfast meeting for World Malaria Day will be HE Dr Mustapha Kaloko- AUC Commissioner for Social Affairs; Dr Fatoumata Nafo Traore- Executive Director of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership; and Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma- Chairperson of the African Union Commission

Objectives:**Breakfast meeting**

The Roll Back Malaria Partnership (RBM) and the African Union (AU) will be co-hosting the high-level breakfast session with African Ministers of Health to celebrate the continent's gains against one of its leading killers: malaria on World Malaria Day, which is commemorated annually around the world on 25 April.

Ministers of Health meeting

The sixth Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Health will provide an opportunity for Ministers of Health to share experiences and learn from each other on ongoing programmes and activities on health. It will also provide opportunity to review progress made towards the attainment of the Health MDGs. Furthermore, the 6th Session will provide an important forum for Member States, social partners, RECs, development partners and other stakeholders, to thoroughly discuss the theme of the conference and in particular to:

- i. To increase awareness on the challenges of NTDs and NCDs in Africa;
- ii. To facilitate decision on strong actions against NTDs and NCDs in Africa;
- iii. Consider progress on the implementation of the recommendations of CAMH5;
- iv. To articulate the essential elements on a continental strategy to increase resource mobilizing, especially domestic resources and enhance efficiency of health programmes in Africa.

The Sixth Conference of AU Ministers of Health shall be held under the theme “**The Impact of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) on Development in Africa**”.

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