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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE AUC CHAIRPERSON AT THE 11<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE AFRICAN GAMES

- WHAT:** Press conference of the African Union Commission on the occasion of the opening of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the African Games
- WHERE:** VIP Lounge, Maya Maya Airport, Brazzaville, Congo
- WHEN** September 4 2015 at 13:30
- WHO:** The press conference will be addressed by H.E Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission in the presence of Dr Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, Commissioner of Social Affairs and Dr Martial de Paul Ikounga, Commissioner of Human Resources Science and Technology. The government of Congo will be represented at the press conference..
- WHY:** On the occasion of the opening of the opening of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the African Games, and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the games, the AUC Chairperson will address the media on the value of sport in realising the vision of the African Union i.e. to build an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa. H.E will discuss Africa's 50 year development framework, known as Agenda 2063 as well as the key projects being implemented by the AU for the continent's development.

**BACKGROUND:** The African Union Commission Chairperson will be in Brazzaville on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September to witness the historic opening of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the African Games, alongside Congolese Head of State, President Denis Sassou Nguesso. These games are significant in the history of sport in Africa as this edition marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the games. They are particularly significant to Congo as it was the country that hosted the first games in 1965. Back then there were 29 participating countries with 2,500 athletes but the games have grown and this year, 7000 athletes are expected to participate. Under its Agenda 2063 framework, the African Union recognizes sport and physical activity as an effective tool to attain social and economic integration as well as the continent's broader development goals.

Media personnel are invited to attend the press conference of the AU Commission Chairperson at 1.30 pm on 4 September at the VIP lounge of the Maya Maya International Airport in Brazzaville, Congo.

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