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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIDE-EVENT

African Economic Outlook 2018

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

- When:** 26th January, 2018
- Where:** African Union Commission (AUC) Headquarters, Addis Ababa
The side-event will be held in the **new building – Small Conference Hall 2**
- Time:** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Press Conference:** 3:55 pm – 4:15 pm
- Theme:** African Economic Outlook 2018: Innovative financing for infrastructure development
- Who:** This event hosted by the AUC Department of Economic Affairs in collaboration with the African Development Bank

The High Level dialogue will be addressed by following personalities:

H.E. Prof Victor Harison

Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AUC

Dr. Celestin Monga

Vice-President, Economic Governance & Knowledge Management, AfDB

Dr Abraham Teketse

Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation of Ethiopia (TBC)

Dr. Abebe Shimles,

Acting Director, Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research (AfDB),

Dr. Arkebe Oqubay

Minister and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia;

Participants: **Participants will include:** High-level invitees from the African Union Commission Summit (Heads of State and Government, delegation heads, ministers, ambassadors), media, global and regional development organizations, civil society and academics.

Objectives: The objectives of the launch of the 2018 African Economic Outlook during the January 2018 AU summit are to, inter alia:

- (i) Disseminate the findings of the report to a wide range of stakeholders including high level policymakers, the media, global and regional development organizations, civil society, academia and the wider public.
- (ii) Provide a platform for a policy discussion and information exchange on critical areas covered in the report that are critical to Africa's structural transformation.

Journalists are invited to cover the High Level Dialogue and a Press Conference from 3:55 – 4:15 pm on African Economic Outlook 2018 on 26th January 2018.

(Attached is the draft programme of the event).

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