COMMEMORATION OF THE RWANDA GENOCIDE

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: Commemoration of the 24th Anniversary of the Rwanda Genocide

THEME:  

Remember - Unite - Renew

WHEN: Saturday, 07 April 2018 at 9:30am

WHERE: African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa

WHO: The Department of Political Affairs of the African Union Commission (AUC), in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in Ethiopia and Permanent Mission to the African Union.

Objectives: The specific objectives of the commemoration are:

➢ To remember the atrocities wrought by the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda
➢ To unite together in the fight against genocide; and
➢ To renew the commitment of Africans and citizen of the world ensuring that Genocide does not happen ever again

Background:
The commemoration of the Rwanda Genocide is annually organized by the African Union following the African Union policy organ decision to recognise the 7th of April as a day of remembrance of the victims of the genocide and reaffirmation of Africa’s resolve to prevent and fight genocide on the Continent. The decision was adopted by the African Union Permanent Representatives Committee during its special session on the Commemoration the 10th Anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda. The purpose of the commemoration is to continuously awaken greater awareness of the African people citizen and the international community about the value of life and humanity, and to renew our collective commitment to protect and uphold fundamental human rights.

Participants: The commemoration event is expected to be attended by authorities of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, authorities of the Republic of Rwanda and AU Member States, Rwandan community in Ethiopia, Diplomatic Corps, Religious Institutions, Civil Society Organizations, UN and International Organizations in Ethiopia, Schools and Academic Institutions.
Journalists are invited to participate and cover the 24th Commemoration of the Rwanda Genocide on Saturday 07 April 2018, from 9:30am at the African Union Commission.

The draft programme is attached:

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