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African Union Commission, Department of Economic Affairs *launches the 2018 Annual Economic Report on African Development Dynamics and the Revived Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA II)*

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

- WHAT:** Launch of two important African Union Reports.
- 1. The *Annual Economic Report on African Development Dynamics and (in collaboration with OCDE)***
 - 2. The *Revived Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA II) – in collaboration with UNECA, AfDB and ACBF***
- WHEN:** 11 July 2018
- TIME:** 09:00 am- 6:00 pm
- WHERE:** African Union Commission (AUC) Headquarters, Addis Ababa
- Venue:** Medium Conference Hall
- Press Conference: 10:00 am-10:30 am (Right after the opening Session)**
- Theme:** *Africa's Development Dynamics: Growth, Inequality and Employment SHaSA 2: Production of Quality Statistics for Africa*
- WHO:** This event is hosted by the African Union Commission (AUC) Department of Economic Affairs in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCDE), on the one hand, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Development Bank (AfDB) and African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) for the launch of the SHaSA.

The High-Level Launch will be attended by the following personalities:

H.E. Moussa Mahamat Faki

Chairperson of the African Union Commission

H.E. Prof Victor Harison

Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AUC

Representative of the Government of Ethiopia

Ministers of Finances and Economy of AU Member States

Participants: **Participants will include:** High-level invitees from the African Union Commission (Member States and Government Officials, Heads of delegations, Ambassadors), the media, International and regional development organizations, Civil Society Organisations and academics.

Background Information:

This first edition of the African Union Commission's African Development Dynamics Report, produced in collaboration with the OECD Development Centre, plays an imperative role in furthering the project to integrate and transform Africa as set out in Agenda 2063 and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). These pan-African initiatives are milestones along the path towards a united, integrated, peaceful and prosperous Africa that can participate fully in international governance.

The main purpose of the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA) is to enable the African Statistical System (ASS) to generate timely, reliable, and harmonized statistical information, covering all aspects of political, economic, social, and cultural integration for Africa. It aims to drive forward the continental integration agenda, which is a pivotal goal of African Heads of State and Government. The document provides some background information on the African integration process and highlights priority statistical requirements for its three major dimensions, namely: (i) political integration and regional and continental governance, (ii) economic integration, and (iii) social and cultural integration. In addition, it highlights various initiatives that have been undertaken by ASS stakeholders at national, regional, continental, and international levels to foster the development of quality statistical information in Africa.

Journalists are invited to cover the opening session of the launching ceremony of the *Annual Economic Report on African Development Dynamics and the Revived Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA II)*.

They are also invited to participate in the Press Conference from 9:00am to 10:30 am on 11 June 2018. (Venue: Medium Conference Hall for the Official Launch and Briefing Room 1 for the Press Conference)

(Attached is the programme of the event).

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