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WHAT: The second meeting of the African Union (AU) Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC-TTIIET).

THEME: *Developing SMART Infrastructure to Boost Africa's Continental Transformation and Integration.*

WHEN: The second STC-TTIIET will take place in two formats:

Expert session **14 -16 April 2019**

Ministerial Session **17 April 2019**

WHERE: Cairo, Egypt (Triumph Luxury Hotel)

WHO: The Second STC-TTIIET is organized by the African Union Commission; through the Department of Infrastructure and Energy; in collaboration with the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD).

OBJECTIVES:

The meeting will focus on actions undertaken and planned for implementation of agreed activities

The main objectives of the second session will be, first and foremost, to evaluate implementation of the updated STC Plans of Action adopted in Lomé, Togo, in March 2017 as well as address the challenges and, finally, agree on the way forward.

Participants:

The biennial gathering is the most prominent meeting of Ministers responsible for Transport (i.e. Air, Road, Railway and Maritime Transport), Energy, Infrastructure and Tourism sectors, as well as groups of experts from African Union (AU) Specialised Institutions, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Development Banks, Financial Institutions and the continental specialized organizations, international organizations, academia, business and civil society bringing together more than 500 professionals from all around the continent.

Note to Editor

The Specialized Technical Committee (STC), is the Ministerial decision-making organ of the African Union for the transport, energy, tourism sectors as well as overall infrastructure development matters. It was established with other similar sectorial organs initially as the Committee on Transport Energy and Communications under Article 25 of the African Economic Community Treaty (the Abuja Treaty) adopted by the Assembly of the Organisation of the African Unity (OAU) in 1994 and, subsequently, under Articles 14, 15, and 16 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union adopted by the AU Assembly in 2000. It was finally reconfigured into the STC on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism in February 2009 by the AU Assembly through its decision: Assembly/AU/Dec.227 (XII).

Replacement of the sector specific Ministerial conferences with STCs, is aimed at fostering multi-sector dialogues and, hence, formulation of comprehensive development strategies for the concerned sectors. STCs are expected to provide a platform for all stakeholders including the private sector and academia to share knowledge, experiences and solutions to common challenges in the development of the concerned sectors. In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the STC meets biennially (once every two years). Institutional arrangement of the STC, its Sub-Committees and working groups enables all stakeholders to be adequately informed and involved in the implementation and reporting mechanisms of the STC Plans of Action.

Journalists are invited to cover the opening ceremony of the experts and ministerial sessions on 14 and 17 April 2019 at 9:00am respectively.

For more information about the second meeting of the STC-TTIIET, please contact

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