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#### Africa Against Ebola Partners' Forum

- What:** Africa Against Ebola Partners' Forum
- When:** 2 December 2019. Starting at 09:00
- Where:** African Union Headquarters, Multipurpose Hall, NCC.
- Who:** The event is hosted by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat. Participants to the forum will include: the AU Commission the AUC Deputy Chairperson, Commissioners and Directors, Heads of States, the African private sector and philanthropies, development partners, donors, diplomatic missions and UN agencies.
- Why:** The main objective of the forum is to mobilize the necessary financial and material support for the Ebola crisis in the DRC and the surrounding region. The expected outcome of this forum is to have sufficient financial and in-kind support to intensify efforts for Ebola mitigation in the DRC and prevent its spread in the surrounding region.

#### Background

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has witnessed the world's second largest Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak, that has claimed the lives of over 2000 people and continues to cause the disruption of the daily activities for the people- directly and indirectly. Efforts to speedily contain the virus have been hampered by security challenges posed by the armed conflict zones in Eastern DRC. This continues to pose a grave concern on the security of the locals but also the response teams on the ground.

The African Union, through the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), has been supporting the efforts of the government of the DRC from the beginning of the outbreak. Given the health, economic, and security threat that this deadly disease

poses to the continent, the Africa Union is calling for mobilization of all Africans and friends of Africa to show increased solidarity with communities affected and those at highest risk.

The media are invited to cover the opening session and thereafter a press conference at the conclusion of the Forum at 1200 hours.

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