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Media Advisory

Date: 7th July, 2020

Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

WHAT: Africa-Europe Youth - Shaping Our Future Together

WHEN: Wednesday , 8th -10th July, 2020

TIME: 12:30h EAT

WHERE: Online

WHO: African Union Commission (AUC) and European Commission

Background

The Africa-Europe [Youth Meet-Up engages African](#), European and diaspora Youth at large to exchange knowledge, ideas and solutions towards tackling global issues, in preparation for the coming 5th Africa-Europe Youth Summit with Youth stakeholders, which takes place later this year in the run-up to the 2020 EU-AU Summit.

The Africa-Europe Youth Meet-Up is preceded by “Speak-Up!”, a public Youth consultation on the 7-panel topics, enabled through a partnership with UNICEF’s U-Report tool and feeding into the panels. It will end with “Listen Up!”, a closing session where Youth will present the conclusions of the debates to EU & AU leadership.

Involving young Africans, Europeans and diaspora in active, meaningful and innovative ways is an important priority for both the EU and AU. Since the Abidjan Summit in 2017, the inclusion of youth in the Africa-EU partnership and AU-EU Cooperation has significantly been strengthened via the AU-EU Youth Track, where the AU-EU Youth Hub is a key component.

Objectives

- To share and shape ideas on the future of the Africa-EU partnership, and propose solutions for existing challenges through concrete recommendations and proposals;
- To prepare for and raise awareness of the 5th Africa-Europe Youth Summit & the 6th EU-AU Summit in Brussels;

- To mobilize visibility and partnerships for the AU-EU Youth Hub.

PROGRAMME

8 July: Africa-Europe Youth Meet-Up opening act: - Vanessa Nakate & Jane Goodall, hosted by Valérie Gauthier, Journalist (France24) - African-European music duet

8-10 July: Africa-Europe Youth Meet-Up: 2 panels per day, with artistic Afro-European interludes (short movies, poetry, music) 10 July: Listen-Up!: Closing session with AU & EU leadership; from each panel, 1 young person presents recommendations to AU & EU leadership.

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