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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

MEDIA ADVISORY

Weekly Press Briefing on Coronavirus Disease Outbreak INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: Weekly interaction with members of the media to share critical updates on steps taken to implement key aspects of the joint continental strategy for COVID-19 response; and to also highlight the coordinated efforts by African Union Member States to combat the pandemic in their respective countries.

SPEAKERS: **H.E. Amira Elfadil**, Commission for Social Affairs, AUC
Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC

WHEN: Thursday, 24 September 2020

TIME: 11.00–12.00 pm East Africa Time

WHERE: **Online through ZOOM, Meeting ID is 946 3371 2470**

Please use the link below to join the briefing

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Background Information

The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has spread to about 215 countries and territories with more than 30 million cases; and claimed more than 959,000 lives globally. Over 1.4million cases have been reported in all 55 African countries, with nearly 34,000 deaths. Africa CDC is working with Member States to ensure appropriate response to the outbreak in countries to keep up the impressive public health measures adopted by governments across the continent aimed at slowing down the pandemic and to maintain the encouraging number of recoveries from the disease. H.E, Amira Elfadil, Commission for Social Affairs at the AUC will join Dr John Nkengasong this Thursday to emphasize the need for all member states to adopt and collectively enforce the Africa Against COVID-19 campaign which is aimed at saving lives, economies and livelihoods as countries ease lockdowns.

Kindly note that the briefings now covers 3 (English, French and Portuguese) of the AU working languages for interpretation purpose.

Here are basic things to note about tomorrows briefing.

- Journalists will be allowed to ask questions directly online. If you have a question send your name and the name of your media house to WhatsApp # (+251 945 502 310), the following emails (GwehN@africa-union.org, molalett@africa-union.org) and they will be taken by the moderator.
- Colleagues who cannot ask questions directly online should send their questions to the same number or email addresses.

Journalists are invited to connect and attend the press briefing on Thursday, 24 September 2020, at 11.00 a.m. East Africa Time.

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About Africa CDC

Africa CDC is a specialized technical institution of the African Union which supports Member States in their efforts to strengthen health systems and improve surveillance, emergency response, prevention and control of diseases.

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