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Media Advisory

Date: 18 January 2021

WHAT: Launch of Africa's Development Dynamics 2021
WHEN: 19 January 2021
REGISTER: <https://ie.events.idloom.com/pw2020/register>

Registration is required in advance and confirmation email containing information about joining the event will be issued.

WHO: The African Union Commission, Department of Economic Affairs and the OECD Development Centre

TIME: 17.45 to 19.00 EAT time

Background

The African Union Commission, in collaboration with the OECD Development Centre, will release the third edition of their flagship report Africa's Development Dynamics on Tuesday 19 January the occasion of a joint online event open to the press.

2020 marked a turning point for the global economy and for Africa's development. The continent hit its first recession in 25 years, threatening steady development progress. The 2021 edition of *Africa's Development Dynamics* examines how to finance Africa's development amidst the current global economic crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's report focuses on how digitalisation can create quality jobs and contribute to achieving Agenda 2063, making African economies more resilient to the global recession. It explores priority policy actions with best practices across the continent and its five regions – Central, East, North, Southern and West Africa.

Drawing on the most recent available statistics, *Africa's Development Dynamics* aims to help African leaders reach the targets of the African Union's Agenda 2063 at the continental, regional, and national levels. This volume also feeds into a policy debate between African Union's nations, citizens, entrepreneurs and researchers. It aims to be part of a renewed international co-operation between countries and regions focused on mutual learning and the preservation of common goods.

This report is the result of a partnership between the African Union Commission and the OECD Development Centre, with the support of the European Union. In addition, each year, they publish the *Revenue Statistics in Africa* report, together with the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration and the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF). The

OECD Development Centre and the African Union Commission organise together the International Economic Forum on Africa.

Honourable speakers include:

- **Angel Gurría**, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Cheikh Kanté**, Minister of State, Special Envoy of the Republic of Senegal
- **Victor Harison**, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union
- **Mario Pezzini**, Director of the OECD Development Centre, Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development
- **Ibrahim Mayaki**, Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency/New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA/NEPAD)
- **Koen Doens**, Director-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- **Stefan Oswald**, Director-General for Marshall Plan with Africa, Displacement and Migration, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- **Magdaline Chepkemoi**, Founder and Executive Director, EldoHub

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Africa's Development Dynamics, including five regional outlooks, will be available in English **from 18H00 P.M EAT for immediate release.**

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