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Media Advisory

Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Quartely Press Conference of the African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security

What: A virtual press conference on the African Union's (AU) efforts to promote good governance, peace and security in Africa. This media engagement will cover a range of issues including the African Union's efforts in conflict prevention and mediation especially in conflict affected regions, and in the promotion of democracy, human rights and inclusive governance, as well as in the fight against transnational criminal networks and terrorism in Africa. The press conference will be held in English with interpretation in French.

There will be a question and answer session after the Commissioner's briefing. Journalists are encouraged to use the following means to ask questions:

WhatsApp number +251-92948 7749 Live or the Q&A section on the platform.

When: Friday 03 September 2021 at **12:00noon till 1pm. (9:00am-10:00am GMT)**

Where: **Online: Register in advance for this meeting:**
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlodOqupjwvHNWdezUJKWHvhMADPq1-6zXK>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

You can also watch on AU Livestream via:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/2466140/events/9827150>

Who: The press conference will be addressed by H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS)

Why: The African Union (AU) Institutional Reforms process led to a merger of the former Political Affairs Department (DPA) and the former Peace and Security Department (PSD), which took effect in March 2021 with the election of H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, as the first ever African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security. On assuming office, Commissioner Bankole held a first virtual press conference to share his vision for "good governance, peace dividends", in Africa, and promised to be engaging with the media on a regular basis. Almost six months into office, H.E.

Commissioner Bankole will be honouring his promise to give an overview on the African Union's contributions to inclusive governance, stability and security on the continent, to Africans, global citizens of African descent, partners and friends of Africa.

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