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The 6th Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM6)

Invitation to the Representatives of the Media

What: The 6th Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM6)

When: 11 – 12 September 2021 Dakar, Senegal

Theme: “Strengthening Labor Migration Governance in Africa in the context of a pandemic for accelerated socioeconomic development and continental Integration”.

Who: The 6th Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM6) will be organized by the African Union Commission Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs & Social Development (HHS). The meeting will be attended by senior officials from all AU member states and RECs, together with other stakeholders including the workers union, Employers federation, academia, UN network on Migration, among others. The meeting will be preceded with two side events namely Labor Migration Advisory Committee annual meeting and Labor Migration Statistics Consultations meeting involving some selected Member States and other participants.

Why: The 6th Pan African Forum on Migration is being held to provide an opportunity for AU Member States, RECs and other relevant stakeholders to deliberate on 6 ways of improving labor migration governance in the continent, particularly during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. This forum, to be hosted by the Republic of Senegal will explore various measures that Member States and other stakeholders within the labor migration governance domain need to develop to achieve the above objective. This will include how to strengthen collaboration and cooperation among Member States and other stakeholders on labor migration governance in the continent, ways of improving labor migration statistics, among other interesting topical areas. The Pan African Forum on Migration (PAFOM) is an African Union continental interstates dialogue Framework on Migration that brings together African Union Member States and relevant stakeholders within the migration governance areas to discuss and deliberate on various topical issue of migration governance in Africa. It is aimed at providing opportunity for AU Member States and RECs, together with other relevant stakeholders to share information, best practices and also learn from each other on ways of improving migration governance in the continent. As an annual forum hosted by AU Member States as Chair of the Forum, PAFOM provides a rare opportunity to contribute to discuss various migration issues that is of interest to the African continent and also contributes to the implementation of the continental Migration Policy Framework for Africa and the Global Compact on Migration, among other relevant policy frameworks. The outcome Report of the meeting feeds to the

AU Decision making process to enhance political ownership and follow up of the Forum's deliberations.

Objectives:

PAFOM6 objectives are to:

- Sensitize participants on the AUC labor migration initiatives and programs in the continent including the Joint Labor Migration Program (JLMP), and experiences in selected RECs.
- Serves as a platform for participants to share experiences and best practices on labor migration governance in Africa and other regions, especially on protection of migrant workers during the context of health pandemics such as COVID-19 pandemic and formulate relevant recommendations.
- Deliberate on various labor migration governance issues, including ways of strengthening labor migration data and statistics; protection of labor migrants in Africa; enhancing labor migration collaboration and partnership; among other issues; with the view of providing recommendations of improving labor migration governance policy in the continent.
- Reflect, deliberate and explore how labor migration governance can contribute to AU Agenda 2063, including the continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCTA).

Participants: the 6th Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM6) will bring together Senior officials of AU Member State in-Charge of Migration, Labour, Statistics among other relevant Government departments. The meeting will also bring together other stakeholders including the UN, Academia, media, employers, workers union, civil societies, private sector, among others.

Media representatives are invited to attend and cover the 6th Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM6) opening session in King Fahd Hotel Conference Room in Dakar, Senegal.

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