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The Fourth (4th) Ordinary Session of the Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Social Development, Labour and Employment (STC-SDLE-4)

What: 4th Ordinary Session of the Specialised Technical Committee on Social Development, Labour and Employment (STC-SDLE-4)

Theme: “Building Forward Better Well Being and Living Standards in Africa”

Where: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

When: 4th – 8th April, 2022

Who: Convened by Africa Union Commission (AUC), Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development.

Why: The Fourth Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Social Development, Labour and Employment (STC-SDLE-4) is scheduled to take place in **hybrid format from 04-08 April 2022** under the Theme: “**Building Forward Better Well Being and Living Standards in Africa**”. This theme is opportune in light of the COVID-19 health crisis which already affected the livelihoods, well-being and the living standards of the African populations, negatively impacting the indicators of the relevant targets of the Aspiration 1 of the First Ten Year Implementation Plan (2014-2023) of the AU Agenda 2063, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The overall objective of the STC-SDLE-4 is to consider and adopt strategies and policy measures at regional and continental levels to enhance. These key documents are developed to create resilience of the society, economies and the labour market in the continent against the socioeconomic adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The policies are geared towards social development through empowering the vulnerable and marginalized groups to improve their capacity to generate opportunities for livelihood.

The STC will also consider a concrete roadmap in line with the strategies of the Harmful practices portfolio, including the AU Campaign to End Child Marriage and the Saleema Initiative to eliminate female genital mutilation, providing clear recommendations on reducing the different levels of vulnerabilities that young girls and women are exposed to including in humanitarian, emergency and conflict settings

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