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Venue: Dubai, UAE.

LAUNCH OF THE 2021 AFRICAN INTEGRATION REPORT.

What: Launch of the 2021 [African Integration Report](#) focused on “Putting Free Movement of Persons at the centre of Continental Integration”.

When: 15th March 2022. 2PM.

Where: South Hall 2A, Dubai Exhibition Centre.

Who: The event will be graced by the presence, and addressed by, among others,

- H.E. Albert. M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining, African Union Commission.
- H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Outgoing CEO, AUDA-NEPAD
- Dr. Arkebe Oqubay, Senior Minister and Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia
- Mr Jian Zhao, Acting IOM Chief of Mission to Ethiopia and Representative to AU and UNECA, Ethiopia
- Stan Nkwain, Director, Regional Service Centre for Africa, UNDP, Ethiopia

Background information:

The 2021 African Integration Report provides a comprehensive and structured review of the status of integration and gives innovative policy recommendations for accelerating the ongoing regional integration process. It is an initiative by African Heads of States and Governments to refocus the discourse on integration and related emerging issues, and make recommendations to achieve an “integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, representing a dynamic force in the concert of nations.” As numerous as the challenges of African integration may be, the report shows that Africa is advancing towards achieving this goal and ultimately creating the African Economic Community (AEC).

The Report gives an indepth analysis on:

- The Lessons and Trends in the integration process both at the continental as well as REC level.
- Free Movement of Persons for African Integration. The need to go beyond the AfCFTA and address the Free Movement of Persons as an essential step towards the achievement of the African Economic Community. It looks at the Free Movement of Goods, Services, Capital, People as being essential for African integration and being collectively reinforcing.

- The Role of Regional Integration in Africa's post-COVID-19 Recovery. An analysis of Africa's challenges in the Global Economic and Financial Ecosystem which have now been exacerbated by COVID-19 and recommendations on how Regional Integration can help Africa to build Back Better.
- The need for Inclusivity in the Integration Process. The need for enhanced inclusivity in the and the role of gender and youth in African integration; including in the AfCFTA and in post-COVID Recovery on the Continent.
- Financing Regional Integration in Africa and the operationalising the African Integration Fund.

The report will be released in the 15th March 2022. Download it [here](#).

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