

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

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Date: 28th March 2022

Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

AU- UNDP welcome 2nd cohort of the African Young Women Leaders (AfYWL) Fellowship Programme

WHAT: Induction of the 2nd Cohort of the African Young Women Leaders (AfYWL) Fellows

WHO: African Union Commission, Women, Gender and Youth Directorate and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Programme for Africa

Speakers:

- Dr Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson, AUC
- Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP
- Ms. Prudence Ngwenya, Ag. Director Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, AUC

WHEN: Monday, 28th March 2022, 15:00-16:00 (EAT)

Journalists are invited to cover the event.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3Nk7yKM>

BACKGROUND

The African Union Commission (AUC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is set to induct the 2nd cohort of the African Young Women Leaders (AfYWL) Fellowship Programme. The Fellowship Programme aims to invest in global women leadership, promote African expertise and build an Africa-wide network of outstanding young women professionals to spur innovation, South-South cooperation, and development exchange.

After a successful launch in 2019, the Programme will welcome its 2nd cohort of over 30 young women selected from across Africa. The young women leaders will be deployed to various UNDP offices in Africa, Europe, Asia and the United States for a 12-month period where they are expected to contribute to national, regional and global initiatives aimed at advancing the aspirations of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

NOTE TO EDITORS

About the African Young Women Leaders (AfYWL) Fellowship Programme

Established in 2019, the AfYWL Fellowship Programme aims to equip outstanding young African women leaders with the leadership skills and experience required to contribute effectively to decision making in public, private and multilateral institutions. In line with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the partnership builds on the AU's "1 Million Next Level" initiative that seeks to connect 300 million young Africans to opportunities in education, employment, entrepreneurship, engagement and health and wellbeing.

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