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Date: 7th April, 2022

Venue: Hybrid

African Union inducts Digital and Innovation Fellows to drive digital innovation in Africa

WHAT: Team building workshop for fellows of the African Union Youth Digital and Innovation Fellows

WHO: African Union Commission, Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, GIZ and Afrilabs

Speakers:

- Ambassador Fathallah Sijilmassi, AUC Director General
- Ms. Prudence Ngwenya, Ag. Director Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, AUC
- Franz Von Weizsaecker, Head of Project, DataCipation Project
- Mr. Ademola Adesina, Advisor, GIZ
- Mr. Nanko Madu, Director of Programmes for Afrilabs
- Ms Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, AU Youth Envoy

WHEN: Thursday, 7th April 2022- 8th April, 2022, 9:00am -11:30 am(EAT)

WHERE: The induction workshop is a hybrid event, held partially in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and virtually.

BACKGROUND

The African Union Commission's Youth Division within the Women, Gender and Youth Directorate (WGYD), in partnership with GIZ and AfriLabs, will hold an induction workshop for 10 AU Digital and Innovation Fellows. These young African fellows will be groomed and trained to co-create and build innovative tailor-made products and processes that improve the delivery of the AU's mandate around Agenda 2063 and build internal capacity of host departments.

Launched in September 2021, the fellowship program has recruited its 1st cohort of 10 young Africans who will harness digital technologies and innovation to transform African societies and economies.

The fellows will be deployed to the African Union Commission for a period of 12 months and they are expected to contribute to national, regional and global initiatives aimed at advancing the aspirations of Agenda 2063.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Journalists are invited to cover the event.

Registration link: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJclfu6vrzlsG9YIII_U_S1TYGxOzqd7Jc1w

NOTE TO EDITORS

About the African Union Youth Digital and Innovation Fellowship Programme

The Thirty-Six Ordinary Session of the AU Executive Council endorsed the Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa (DTS) which contributes to harnessing digital technologies and innovation to transform African societies and economies to promote Africa's integration, generate inclusive economic growth, stimulate job creation, break the digital divide, and eradicate poverty for the continent's socio-economic development and ensure Africa's ownership of modern tools of digital management.

The Tech Fellowship programme is envisaged as a robust fellowship programme that identifies and deploys highly competent tech innovators within the continent to units within the African Union Headquarters and organs as resident fellows to understand the system within those units; identify challenges within the system and propose solutions to these challenges.

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