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### Media Advisory

**Venue: Lusaka Zambia**

**Opening of the 4th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting Between the African Union, Regional Economic Communities, Regional Mechanisms and Member States**

### INVITATION FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

**What:** 4th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting (MYCM)

**Highlights for media include:**

- Statement by Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia (5 minutes)
- Statement by H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (5 minutes)
- Statement by H.E. Macky SALL, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairperson of the African Union (5 minutes)
- Group Photo

**Who:** The meeting will be attended by the 5 Heads of State and Government who form the bureau of the AU Assembly: the 8 Heads of State and Government who chair the 8 Regional Economic Communities (RECs); the AU Commission and Regional Mechanisms (RMs).

**When:** 17th July 2022 starting at 10:00

**Where:** Kenneth Kaunda Wing; Mulungushi International Conference Center

**Background:**

The MYCM was conceptualized in 2017 as the principal forum for the AU and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to align their work and coordinate the implementation of the continental integration agenda, replacing the June/ July summits. It is a meeting between the bureau of the AU Assembly and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), with the participation of the Chairpersons of RECs, the AU Commission and Regional Mechanisms (RMs).

The Mid-Year Coordination Meeting, as per the Protocol, is expected to do the following:

- Assess the status of continental integration and coordinate efforts to accelerate the integration process;
- Coordinate the implementation of a clear division of labour and effective collaboration between the Union, RECs, RMs and Member States, in line with the principle of subsidiarity, complementarity and comparative advantage;
- Coordinate and harmonize AU and REC policies with a view to accelerating Africa's integration process;
- Identify areas of cooperation and establish mechanisms for regional, continental and global cooperation in each sector or subsector;

- Guide the Union and the RECs in matters pertaining to priority programmes, resources needed for implementation of these programmes and the impact of such programmes in improving the lives of the African people;
- Review and assess the status of implementation of decisions and legal instruments pertaining to the relations among the Union, RECs and RMs

[See full programme](#)

***Journalists are advised to arrive early and take up their positions in the plenary hall. A team of officers will support this function***

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