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Venue: Lomé, Togo

MEDIA ADVISORY

The 6th edition of the African Transitional Justice Forum
THEME: THE STATE OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE IN AFRICA: “Transitional Justice and Social Capital in Africa”

INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: The African Union Commission (Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security) and the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR) in collaboration with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Togo (HCRRUN) will be convening the Sixth Edition of the Continental Transitional Justice Forum, under the theme “Transitional Justice and Social Capital in Africa”. The forum is scheduled to be held in person in Lomé, Togo from 7- 9 September 2022.

The Transitional Justice Forum is held annually following the inaugural meeting in 2017, as a platform for interacting and taking stock of the state of Transitional Justice (TJ) in Africa, to identify and discuss the various issues that require further in-depth study and fill the gaps in existing knowledge. This year, the AU theme for 2022 offers an opportunity to address the interconnected concerns of development and justice as the majority of armed conflicts today occur in countries with low levels of development. Poverty, inequality, and underdevelopment may not in themselves cause armed conflict and human rights abuses, but they can be contributing or enabling factors.

WHEN: 7th to 9th September 2022

TIME: Starting from 09:00 West Africa Time, (WAT) | 11:00 SAST | 12:00 EAT

WHERE: Frevier Hotel. Lomé, Togo (All sessions will also be hosted on virtual platforms and participants will be invited to register to secure their participation and attendance)

Register in advance to attend virtually:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrc-igpjksGdQNkShltvh-7N3cvV94v8Nc>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

OBJECTIVES:

The sixth edition of the Continental TJ Forum aims to achieve the following three objectives:

1. To review the extent to which TJ processes have (or have not) explored the interconnected concerns of development and justice to secure and build the Africa we want in accordance with the AU theme of the year and the agenda 2063;
2. To evaluate the application and applicability of transitional justice to address emerging challenges and crises such as COVID-19, climate change, intra- and cross-border conflicts which all threaten resilience of African people, their food security and socio-economic development;
3. To generate concrete and practical ideas on how to effectively implement both the AUTJP and recommendations of the Commissions' report on Transitional Justice and Human Rights to address existing and ongoing challenges as well as new threats to Africa's peace and democratic order.

PARTICIPANTS:

The Forum will bring together AU Member States, AU organs, RECs/RM, scholars, researchers, practitioners, policy makers, representatives of civil society organizations and other interested participants working on transitional justice issues in Africa.

Hashtags: #TJinAfrica #ATJF2022

Journalists are invited to cover the opening session, both physically and virtually, on the 7th of September 2022 at 09:00AM WAT

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