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MEDIA ADVISORY

Validation Workshop of the «Mapping Issues for Formulating a Strategic Plan for the African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration» Report

INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: Validation Workshop of the «Mapping Issues for Formulating a Strategic Plan for the African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration» Report.

WHEN: 20-21 September 2022, starting from 8:00 AM EAT

WHERE: Hybrid event. Radisson Blu Hotel Addis Ababa and Virtual through the below link:

https://app.azavista.com/w/event/62f272cb65497729e36487f2/?page_id=62f272cfdd03c2ada431fb23

WHY: Given the magnitude of intra-Africa migration on the continent, the dearth of information on the phenomenon, the appetite of Member States to manage migration (and the need for evidence-informed policy formulation and programming), the AU endorsed a decision to establish the African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration (the Centre) in Mali in 2006 ([Executive Council decision Doc. EX.CL/290 \(IX\) ADD.2](#)).

In addition and following the 2016 evaluation, the AUC revised the 2006 MPFA, which included formulating a plan of action for its implementation: [The MPFA Plan of Action \(2018 – 2030\)](#). The AU Assembly adopted the revised MPFA and its Plan of Action in January 2018. One of its priority activities is the establishment of a continental migration observatory and research/study centre.

The Executive Council reaffirmed its 2006 decision through [Executive Council Decision EX.CL/987\(XXXII\) of January 2018](#). This was followed by decision ([Assembly/AU/Dec.758\(XXXIII\)](#)) of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of February 2020 which adopted the statute establishing the African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration (the Centre) as a specialized technical office of the Commission. The latter decision paved the way for the establishment of the Centre. To support this, the AUC commissioned a mapping of the migration research and capacity building landscape on the continent in January 2022.

Participants: Participants at the workshop will be drawn from the following stakeholder organizations: The African Union Commission- Coordinating Committee on Migration; AU Regional Economic Communities (RECs); Regional CSO Umbrella Organizations; Academic / Capacity Building Institutions (Migration); UN Agencies; European Commission, Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (KCMD); International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD); External consultants and experts.

Journalists are invited to cover the opening session, both physically and virtually, on the 21st September 2022 at 09:00AM (EAT)

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