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Date: 15 Feb 2023

Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

MEDIA ADVISORY

**36th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly Side-event:
The Climate Migration Nexus: How to Respond to Environmental Degradation, Protect
People and Uphold the Potential of Migration**

INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: The Climate Migration Nexus: How to Respond to Environmental Degradation, Protect People and Uphold the Potential of Migration.

When: 16 February 2023, 7.00am – 9.00am (GMT+3)

Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Virtual Participation:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://iom-int.zoom.us/j/96881067582?pwd=OUE2akRzVk1aa1ZRSG81RTViQVZMQT09>

Meeting ID: 968 8106 7582

Passcode: EKx7g*

Who: The African Union Commission, Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development, The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) in partnership with the the International Organization for Migration, the Republic of Kenya , the Republic of Mozambique and the Portuguese Republic.

Objective:

In close to two decades, the number of international migrants in Africa has witnessed a sharp increase – and climate change is, among other factors, one of the most significant drivers of migration today. The event is intended to be a relevant contribution to the debate around the climate - migration nexus and to the efforts around global awareness and preparedness.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Ensure wider recognition of the climate – migration nexus among AU Member States and International Community.
2. Promote greater coordination and exchange of best practices among Countries impacted by the nexus and relevant stake holders.

Participation at the event:

Members of the press accredited to cover the 36th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly are invited to cover the High-level Side-event on Immunization. Breakfast will be served at the venue. The Programme is attached.

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Draft Programme

TIME	ACTIVITY
07:00	Registration
07:30 – 07:35	Welcome Remarks
07:305– 07:45	OPENING REMARKS H.E. Verónica Nataniel Macamo Dihovo , Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique
07:45 – 08:00	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL OPENING STATEMENTS Moderator: Jean-Paul Adam , Director for Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management in the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko , Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) H.E. Minata Samate Cessouma , Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHS) H.E. António Vitorino , Director-General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
08:15 – 08:45	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DEBATE - DISCUSSIONS with the contribution of H.E. Roselinda Soipan Tuya , Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry of the Republic of Kenya
08:45 – 08:55	CLOSING REMARKS H.E. João Gomes Cravinho , Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal
09:00	END OF THE PROGRAM