

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

**Media Advisory**

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

**Venue:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**What:** 1st African Union Youth Town Hall Meeting on the margins of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Union

**Theme:** *Harnessing on the Demographic Dividend for the Realization of Agenda 2063 & AfCFTA”*

**When:** 16th February, 2023

**Time:** 3 pm - 5pm EAT/ GMT +3

**Venue:** Medium Conference Hall, African Union Commission

**Attend virtually here** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0sf-iurjovGNxMfrrXcXKTd-r4CKLvE1I5>

### **Keynote Speakers:**

- H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye The President of the Republic of Burundi,
- H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission.
- H.E. Fathallah Sijilmassi , Director General , African Union Commission.
- H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, African Continental Free Trade Area
- Ms. Chido Mpemba, African Union Chairperson’s Youth Envoy, Cabinet of the Chairperson
- Ms. Nonkululeko Prudence Ngwenya, Director, Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, African Union Commission

The Town Hall will be held on the margins of the AU Heads of State Summit as part of the initiative of the Office of the African Union Chairperson’s Youth Envoy. Premised on the aspirations of Agenda 2063 and inspired by the need for inclusive sustainable development and youth-focused multi- stakeholder collaboration in Africa, the Town Hall will advance an enabling environment for Africa to harness the invaluable human capital and entrepreneurial spirit embodied in its bulging youthful population.

### **Objectives**

- Promote meaningful participation of African youth in Africa’s development processes;
- Promote solution-focused engagements and collaborations among/between African youth and relevant stakeholders.

- To bring young Africans closer to our Leaders on the continent.

The immediate outcome of the meeting will involve the deposit of the African Union Youth Charter for Member States that have recently ratified the AU Youth Charter. Interactive dialogues with the youth, Heads of State and The Cabinet of the Chairperson. Tabling recommendations for the institutionalization of the AU Youth Summit as an annual event at the Ordinary Sessions of the AU Heads of State & Government Summit. Ascertain the level of commitment and readiness of young people to engage despite the challenges the continent is confronted with and in the implementation of Agenda 2063, engage on the progress on the youth protocol for AfCFTA and youth engagement strategy for further socialization and acceleration and build a better understanding of Young people on the Africa Continental Free Trade Area Agreement and the role they play in contributing to its implementation.

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#### Note to Editor

[The African Youth Charter](#) provides a strategic framework for youth empowerment and development activities at the continental, regional and national levels across Africa. It addresses key issues affecting youth, including employment, sustainable livelihoods, education, skills development, health, youth participation, national youth policy, peace and security, law enforcement, youth in the Diaspora and youth with disabilities. The Charter provides an avenue for effective youth participation in the development process. It defines youths as people between the ages of 15-35 years. It was developed after research was conducted on the state of the African Youth, commissioned by the African Union Commission.

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