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12th High-level Dialogue on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance in Africa.

What: The 12th High-Level Dialogue aims to assess, identify, and explore normative, structural enablers to achieve democratic governance, peace, and security in Africa. Specifically, the Dialogue will focus on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and democratic governance and explore its linkages to deliver peace dividends.

When: 3rd to 6th October 2023. 9.30AM EAT.

Where: African Union Commission, Multipurpose Hall.
The 12th High-Level Dialogue is structured as follows:

3 October 2023 – Continental Youth Consultation.
4 October 2023 – Gender Pre Forum.
5-6 October 2023 – High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights, Democracy and Governance.

Who: The three various Session at the High-Level Dialogue will be addressed by, and include the participation of among others- Sitting and Former Heads of State and Government; AU Organs and Institutions; Regional Economic Communities; AU Permanent Representatives Committee Sub-Committee on Human Rights,
Democracy and Governance; the Peace and Security Council; development partners and agencies; private sector; civil Society Organizations; philanthropy organizations and individuals; academia, think tanks, and research institutions; and the media.

Background information:

the Continent still faces its dim realities: lack of good governance, challenges to peace, security, and stability, impunity, human rights violations, and disregard for Rule of Law and justice, leading the Continent down a destructive path. In acknowledgement of these interlinkages, the prevailing need to contribute to the 2023 AU theme of the year which is “Acceleration of the AfCFTA Implementation” and to further explore its linkage with democratic governance, peace, and security - the African Governance Platform (AGP) as a custodian of the High-level Dialogue (HLD) has dedicated this year’s theme to “Delivering Peace Dividends through AfCFTA implementation.”

The High-level Dialogue seeks to:

a) Increase the understanding of the normative and institutional frameworks in the implementation of the AfCFTA as well as the Continental and Regional priorities in accelerating its implementation.

b) Create a space for RECs to share their experience of integration and peace.

c) Provide a platform for a transversal approach to deliver, integration, free trade, peace, and security as one.

d) Provide a platform for African citizens specifically youth and women to share their perspectives and experiences on the nexus between the AfCFTA and peace/conflict.

e) Contribute ideas towards curating and proffering solutions for consideration in the roadmap for a peaceful, integrated, influential Africa.

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