

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

**Media Advisory**

**Date: 25 October, 2023**

**Venue: Kigali Rwanda**

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**Event: African Union Interfaith Dialogue Forum (IFDF) Assembly 2023**

**Theme: "Faith in Harvest: Sowing Seeds of Climate Resilience"**

**Date: November 08-09, 2023**

The African Union Commission, in collaboration with The King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue (KAICIID), is pleased to invite the media to cover the African Union Interfaith Dialogue Forum (IFDF) Assembly 2023. This crucial event brings together faith leaders, policymakers, youth representatives, farmers, and stakeholders from across Africa to address the urgent challenges of climate change and food security in the continent.

### **Event Overview:**

The IFDF Assembly 2023, under the theme "Faith in Harvest: Sowing Seeds of Climate Resilience," will focus on the critical role of faith communities in addressing climate change and its impact on food security. The African continent is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and these impacts have far-reaching consequences on agriculture and livelihoods. The assembly will explore innovative solutions, share best practices, and advocate for policy changes to create a sustainable and resilient future for Africa.

### **Key Highlights:**

- Engaging discussions and interactive sessions on the interplay between climate change, food security, social justice, and faith-based action.
- Showcase of successful models of sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, and community engagement from various regions in Africa.
- Policy advocacy sessions, where participants will discuss strategies for integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation into national development plans.
- Empowerment and capacity-building sessions for participants to become effective advocates for climate action and sustainable agriculture.
- Election of new members to the IFDF Steering Committee to ensure the continuity and growth of the initiative.

**Media Coverage:**

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover this significant event. Opportunities for interviews, press conferences, and access to key speakers will be provided. We encourage media outlets to capture the diverse perspectives, knowledge, and strengths of participants and share their stories.

**Date & Time:**

- November 08, 2023: 09:00 AM - 10:20 PM (Opening Ceremony)
- November 09, 2023: 03:00 APM - 03:10 PM (Closing Ceremony)

**Venue:**

Kigali, Rwanda Onomo Hotel

We look forward to your participation in this important event that brings together faith leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to address the complex challenges of climate change and food security in Africa. Together, we can sow the seeds of climate resilience and build a more sustainable future for our continent.

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