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INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: **Africa Conference on Childcare** under the theme *“Building Partnerships for Accelerating Action Towards Quality and Inclusive Childcare in Africa*

When: Wednesday to Friday, 18–20 June 2025

Where: African Union Headquarters

Who: Organized by the African Union Commission’s Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development in collaboration with Africa Early Childhood Network and partners.

Background:

Africa is home to the youngest population in the world, with an estimated 650 million children in 2021 and projections reaching 1 billion by 2055. Considering this demographic trend, the Africa Conference on Childcare seeks to rally key actors and stakeholders to prioritize, invest in, and implement comprehensive childcare systems that promote early childhood development (ECD) across the continent.

Anchored in the aspirations of Agenda 2063, Agenda 2040, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the conference aims to forge strong partnerships, enhance multisectoral collaboration, and consolidate ongoing efforts across African Union Member States to ensure that every African child has access to quality, inclusive, and affordable childcare services.

Objectives of the Event:

1. Raise awareness and political commitment toward the childcare development agenda across Africa.
2. Strengthening partnerships among governments, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector for improved childcare systems.
3. Advocate for increased and sustainable funding, including domestic resource mobilization, to support childcare initiatives.
4. Showcase best practices and innovative models from countries that have made strides in childcare development.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Renewed political and financial commitment toward advancing childcare in Africa.
2. Enhanced collaboration among key sectors and stakeholders.
3. Documentation and sharing of successful models and practices in childcare across Africa.
4. A strong continental call to action for scaling up childcare efforts.

Participation at the event:

Attendance for members of the press is by invitation only.

Media representatives are invited to submit requests to attend or interview delegates to:

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