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## **ECOSOCC 2ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENSITISATION CAMPAIGN: AFRICAN UNION DELEGATION ARRIVES IN MALABO**

**Malabo September 13, 2014** -The Delegation of the African Union Commission (AUC) arrived in Malabo on 12 September 2014 within the framework of ongoing sensitization and motivation campaign for the election of the 2nd General Assembly of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) of the African Union.



The team led by Mr Jalel Chelba, from the Department of Civil Society and Diaspora (CIDO) of the AU, held a working session with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, HE Mr. Carmelo Micha Misi and the Director of Civil Society at the Ministry of the Interior and Local Collectivities, Mr Elias Ondo Mbana Makina, General Director of Civil society, Ministry of Interior and Local Collectivities, to discuss preparations ahead of the meeting with the Equatorial Guinea civil society scheduled for Tuesday 16 September 2014.

The head of the AU delegation stressed on the importance of ensuring a great

mobilization of civil society in this meeting in order to allow a good turnout and a broad awareness among different segments of the society to participate in upcoming ECOSOCC elections.

During the meeting, the representatives of the Government of Equatorial Guinea promised to disseminate the information through the national media and to invite representatives of the civil society to participate massively to this exercise.

It should be noted that the sensitization and motivation campaign of motivation the African Union aims to encourage the civil society organizations of Equatorial Guinea to participate massively in the election of the General Assembly of ECOSOCC and explain the process as well as the eligibility criteria for the submission of their application.

Similar sensitization missions were held in the following countries: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Senegal, Benin, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Congo Brazzaville and others. These campaigns have registered successful encounters and interaction with the civil society and representatives of other non-governmental organisations.

Media representatives are invited to attend and cover the meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 16 September 2014 in the conference room of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Malabo.

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