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### The Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology inaugurates the Pan African University Council



**Addis Ababa: 25 June 2015:** The Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, H.E Dr. Martial De Paul Ikounga, has officially inaugurated the Pan African University (PAU) governing Council, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Commission, H.E Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma.

In his inaugural speech, Commissioner Ikounga underscored the African Union's commitment to the development of the education sector, which is exemplified among other things by the formation of a Heads of State Committee on education, Science and Technology at the last Summit. He said the PAU is central to the Commission's agenda for the advancement of education and represents the hope of young people in the continent. With a Council in place, he continued, there is cause for optimism that the PAU project will succeed. Commissioner Ikounga thanked PAU partners, host countries, host universities and institutes for their support and commitment to the project.



It could be recalled that the January 2015 Summit of the African Union had elected Professor Tolly S. Mbwette of Tanzania and Professor Paulo de Carvalho of Angola as President and Vice President of the PAU Council respectively, and directed the AU Commission to proceed and constitute the broader membership of the Council. The

Council is a provision of the PAU Statute, which was adopted by the Assembly of Heads

of State and Government of the African Union in 2010. It is the highest governing body of the University, with a membership of 28 officials drawn from a broad spectrum of stakeholders. These include representatives of the AU Commission, Member States, Regional Economic Communities, the Pan African University Rectorate, staff, students, host universities, partners, academia, the private sector, the African diaspora and civil society.

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