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CHAIRPERSON PING TO PRESIDE AT AFRICAN YOUTH DAY IN KHARTOUM, YOUTHS ARE BRACING UP AHEAD OF THE EVENT



Addis Ababa, 31ST October 2011 – “By accepting to host the headquarters of the Pan-African Youth Union (PYU), Khartoum has automatically become the home of the African Youth”, says Dr. Raymonde Agossou, Head of the Division of Youth in the Department of Human Resource, Science and Technology (HRST) of the African Union Commission (AUC). She was speaking today, 31st October 2011, while chairing a preparatory meeting with members of the National Federation of Sudanese Youth and Ministry of Youth and Sport gathered to update on the activities marking the celebration of the African Youth Day, to take place in Khartoum, in the presence of Dr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the AU Commission and professor, Jean Pierre Ezin, Commissioner for HRST.

Holding under the theme: « *Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development* », with a focus on building youth friendly African governments, the official launching ceremony of the African Youth Day for this year, 1st November

2011, has been jointly organised by the African Union Commission and the Government of The Republic of The Sudan. The Day will also be observed by the Member States of the African Union all over the continent as well as the Diaspora.

Activities marking the Day will include: a visit of the African Union delegation led by Chairperson Ping, to headquarters of Pan African Youth Union, a youth caravan, lecture on the impact of youth empowerment to sustainable development in Africa among others.

The AUC Chairperson is expected to deliver a key note speech during the event while all the local and international journalists will be given the opportunity during a press conference jointly organized by the Directorate of Information and Communication of the African Union and the Sudanese Ministry of Youth and Sport, to exchange with Mr. Ping and Mr. Ezin on the different issues related to the African youth development and the role of the African Union in promoting youth emancipation in the continent.

The African Union Permanent Representative in Khartoum, Ambassador Mahmoud Kane, said his office is working in close collaboration with the organising committee to ensure a memorable and symbolic launch of the African Youth Day 2011.

JOURNALISTS ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

For more information, visit the AU website: www.africa-union.org

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Attached is the draft program of the official launch of the African Youth Day (AYD) in Khartoum, The Republic of The Sudan.

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Draft Agenda - AYD 2011

“Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development”

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AYD 2011- Khartoum, REPUBLIC OF SUDAN – November 1, 2011

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:30-10:00	Visit to headquarters of Pan African Youth Union
10:00-10:30	Movement
10:30-11:00	Youth Caravan show
11:00-12:00	Opening Session
11:00-11:10	President of National Federation of Sudanese Youth
11:10-11:15	Secretary General of Pan African Youth Union
11:15-11:20	Chancellor of Africa International University
11:20-11:40	Musical entertainment
11:40-11:50	Address by State Minister in charge of Youth and Sports
11:50-12:00	Key note speech by Dr Jean Ping Chairperson African Union Commission
12:00-14:00	Lecture on the Impact of Youth Empowerment to Sustainable Development in Africa
14:00-15:30	Lunch Break
16:00-16:30	Courtesy Visit to State Ministry for Foreign Affairs
17:00-18:00	International Press Conference
21:00-	Social /Open