

SEMINAR OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF FRANCOPHONE AMBASSADORS

ADDIS ABABA, New Conferences Center of the African Union, June 7, 2012

Theme: "Promoting the French language and multilingualism in International organizations"

PROGRAMME

9h30-9H45: Arrival and registration of participants **9h45 - 10h00:** Opening Session:
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- HE Ambassador Dominik Langenbacher, Permanent Representative of Switzerland, Vice Chair of the Consultative Group of Francophone Ambassadors in Addis Ababa and Chairperson of the meeting;
- Free Bararunyeretse HE Ambassador, Permanent Representative of OIF for the African Union and the Economic Community for Africa: Welcome remarks;
- Ms. Imma TOR, Deputy Director of the French language in OIF: Presentation of the objectives and agenda of the meeting;
- **Mme Imma TOR**, Sous-directrice de la langue française à l'OIF : Présentation des objectifs et de l'ordre du jour de la réunion;

10h00 – 11h15: promotion of French language and multilingualism in international organizations:

- – Ms. Imma TOR, Deputy Director of the French language to the OIF:
 - Projection of the video of the retreat on July 6, 2011 the roles of Francophone Ambassadors of Groups:
 - Issues of multilingualism in international organizations
 - Importance of the Group of Francophone Ambassadors in promoting the French language and multilingualism

- Ms. Nadjat Khellaf, Director of Conference Management and Publication of the AU Commission:
 - Vision, actions and constraints of the AU on multilingualism
 - Mr. Etienne Kabou, Head of Section for Publications and Conferences Management at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and Mr. Pierre CHRISTMAS, Head of the French group of translation and editing at the ECA. :
 - Vision, actions and constraints of the ECA on multilingualism
- Mr. Thomas TSCHIGGRFEY, IOF Coordinator for French to the AU:
 - Reminder of the actions of the IOF in favor of the French language
 - Mr. Alexandre Wolff, Head of the Observatory of the French language:
 - The main principles of the Vade Mecum on the use of French in international organizations: trends and implementation

11h15-12h45: Exchange of experiences and solutions:

- Introductory Statement by HE debate Bassirou Sene, Ambassador of Senegal;
- discussions

12h45-13h15 : Summary of discussions by Ambassador Dominik Langenbacher and Ambassador Bararunyeretse

- Message from Dr. Bonaventure MVE-Ondo, Vice-Rector of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, AUF

13h15-15H00: Lunch served on site and discussions on the message of the Vice-Rector of the AUF
