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The African Union Commission presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations and of the International Cooperation of Member States and has the honour to refer to its Note Verbale Ref No: DSA/AIR/54/211.12 dated 17 February 2012 on the forthcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, taking place in the AUCC, Addis Ababa from 22 to 27 March 2012.

The African Union Commission wishes to inform Member States that an **Official Side Event on the Establishment of an African Institute for Remittances (AIR) will take place at the New AU Conference Center** and will comprise of the following activities:-

- **24 March 2012:-** Expert Level Panel discussion on the future Roles, Activities and Organizational Structure of the proposed African Institute for Remittances (AIR)
- **25 March 2012:-** High-Level Ministerial Panel Discussion on Leveraging Remittances for Social Development in Africa.

The African Union Commission also, wishes to refer to its Note Verbale Ref No: DSA/AIR/54/211.12 dated 17 February 2012 in which the Commission offered to cover the cost of participation of one Expert from either **the Ministry of Finance or the Central Bank**. The deadline for submission of names and profile is **March 9, 2012**. The Experts will also be expected to attend the two panel discussions and other activities of the Side Event. The names of the Experts to be sponsored should be communicated to the following email addresses simultaneously: [Sewnetm@africa-union.org](mailto:Sewnetm@africa-union.org) and [isalimabubaker@worldbank.org](mailto:isalimabubaker@worldbank.org). The Concept Note for the Side Event and the Registration Form are attached herewith. Additional information and documents are available on the Department of Social Affairs webpage at the AU website: [www.au.int](http://www.au.int).

The African Union Commission avails itself of the present opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations and of International Cooperation of all Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 01 March 2012

To: - **Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations and International Cooperation of All AU Member States**

Cc.: - Central Banks of all AU Member States  
- Ministries of Finance and Departments/Agencies in charge of Diaspora and Migration  
- Embassies of All AU Member States, Addis Ababa