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Support to EBOLA outbreak in West Africa

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AUC CHAIRPERSON'S VISIT TO GUINEA: A PLEDGE OF SOLIDARITY

AUC Chairperson Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, UNECA Executive Secretary Dr Carlos Lopes and AfDB President Dr Donald Kaberuka visited the Republic of Guinea, one of the three countries affected by the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in October. After a warm welcome by Prof. Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea, the AUC Chairperson described the visit to Guinea as a pledge of solidarity with the government and people of Guinea.

The Chairperson informed the meeting that the AU would soon be sending ASEOWA volunteers to Guinea. Since then, 21 have been deployed there. Dr Dlamini Zuma also informed the President that the AU was having discussions with airlines to resume flights to the affected countries. Air Ivoire has since resumed flights as per the instruction given by President Alassana Ouattara of Côte d'Ivoire.

Prof. Alpha Condé expressed his sincere appreciation to the AUC Chairperson and her delegation for undertaking the visit to Guinea during this difficult time due to the Ebola outbreak. Border closures he said, impacted negatively on producers of potatoes, especially women. The President expressed concerns about published data which he said are not accurate.

The AUC Chairperson then had a meeting with the Guinean EOC, to understand the national intervention and to see how the AU Commission, through its ASEOWA mission can support. The Chairperson informed the meeting that Dr. Benjamin Djoudalbaye was in Conakry to prepare for the deployment of the Guinean contingent of ASEOWA.

VOLUNTEERS DEPART FOR GUINEA

On Sunday 9th November, the African Union under its ASEOWA mission, deployed 38 African volunteers, 21 of whom will be working in Guinea, 6 in Liberia and 11 in Sierra Leone. All the volunteers will first receive training in Monrovia, Liberia, before being posted to their respective operational sites.



An ASEOWA volunteer doctor thanks the AU for deploying fellow Africans to fight Ebola in affected AU member states



Some of the ASEOWA volunteers with AUC Chairperson before their departure



The new arrivals including those en route to Guinea, are addressed by ASEOWA team leader Dr Julius Oketta in Monrovia

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