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The African Union (AU) Commission presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of all AU Member States and has the honour to refer to the decision of the 22nd Ordinary Session of Heads of State and Government adopting the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM-Strategy) and its Plan of Action for implementation (decision Assembly.AU/Dec.496 (XXII)).

The Commission would like to inform all Member States that it will launch the Decade of African Seas and Oceans (2015-2025) and celebrate the African Day of Seas and Oceans on 25 July 2015 at the African Union Commission HQs in Addis Ababa. In addition, the Commission will hold the AU 2050 AIM-Strategy Conference® on the 21 to 22 July 2015 with working group sessions on cross-cutting African Maritime issues in relation to the implementation of the 2050 AIM-Strategy. The outputs of the AU 2050 AIM Strategy Conference will feed into the work of the 2050 AIM Strategy Strategic Task Force.

Member States are therefore invited to participate in the above mentioned events in the period 21-22 and on 25 July at the AU HQs in Addis Ababa. The Concept Note of the whole period is herewith enclosed.

The Commission will communicate more details of the agenda upon receipt of confirmation of attendance to the events and list of delegates. The 2050 AIM-Strategy and other relevant documents are available at www.au.int/maritime.

ALL Participants shall be self-sustained (travel-, hotel-, DSA costs etc.) and make their own travel and hotel arrangements.

All correspondence relating to the two (2) events should be communicated to the following address:

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The African Union (AU) Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of all AU Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 26 June 2015

- To:
- Ministries of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of all AU Member States
 - Permanent Missions of all AU Member States in Addis Ababa

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