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SIXTH AFRICAN UNION PRE-SUMMIT ON GENDER

Theme: *Boosting intra-Africa Trade*

INVITATION TO JOURNALISTS

When: *July 5 – 7 2012*

Where: Small Conference Hall 2 in the New African Union Conference Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Why: Women have greatly contributed in advancing trade within the continent. The Directorate of Women, Gender and Development, will present a report on the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa highlighting the role of women in advancing the development agenda of the AU.

Participants: African Women Entrepreneurs among others.

Background: At a time in which women only represent 31.5% of the staff of the Commission, it seems relevant to reflect on the issue of gender. The theme of this year's summit: "Boosting Intra-african trade" includes stakeholders and private sectors focusing on the women efforts.

Journalists are invited to cover this event from July 5th to 7th in the Small Conference Hall 2

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Attached is the program of the Gender Pre-Summit

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DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

**6th AU PRE-SUMMIT ON GENDER
5-7 JULY 2012
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

Theme: Boosting intra-Africa Trade

DAY 1: 5 July 2012

**INTERNAL MEETING WITH THE 53 BENEFICIARIES OF 2011 FUND FOR AFRICAN WOMEN
PROJECTS**

- 09:00-09:30: Registration
- 09:30 -09:45: Welcome Remarks by Ms Litha MusyimiOgana, Director WGDD, AUC
- 09:45- 10:15: Overview of Projects financed by AUC under Theme 3 of AWD byMs. Leila Ben Ali, Head of Division-GAM
- 10:15- 11:00: Discussion
- 11:00-11:30: **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 11:30-12:30: Projects Profile by the beneficiaries of AUC fund
- 12:30-13:30: Discussion
- 13:30-15:00: **Lunch Break**
- 15:00-17:00: Expectation of AUCDevelopment of the agreed Timeframe

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: 6 July 2012 /Official Pre Summit on Gender

09:00-10:00: Registration

10:00- 10:20 **OPENING CEREMONY**

- Welcome Remarks by Ms Litha Musyimi-Ogana, Director, Women, Gender and Development Directorate, AUC
- Key Note Address by Ms Treasure ThembisileMaphanga, Director, Trade and Industry, AUC
- Opening Statement by H.E. the Deputy Chairperson

10:20 -10:30: **GROUP PHOTO**

10:30:11:00: **Tea/Coffee Break**

SESSION 1

11:00:11:15: Consideration and adoption of Work Programme

11:15-12:00: **Boosting intra-Africa Trade** presented by AUC Trade and Industry Department

**Boosting intra-Africa Trade: Role of Women by Dr Amani Asfour ,
President of Egyptian Business Women Association
Boosting intra-Africa Trade: Role of Women Entrepreneurs by Mrs
Nigest Haile, Founder and Executive Director, Center for African
Women Economic Empowerment**

12:00-13:00: Discussion

13:00-15:00: **Lunch Break**

SESSION 2

15:00-16:30: Presentation by DREA – Can Africa achieve Food Security by 2012?
Discussant : Dr Akinyi Nzioki
16:30-16:45 : Discussion

16: 45-17:00: **Tea/Coffee Break**

17:00- 18:00 Group work

**Reception
END OF DAY 2**

DAY 3

7 July 2012

SESSION 3

09:00-10:00 : Presentation of the Group work in plenary

10:00-11: 00 : Discussion

11:00-11:15 : **Tea/Coffee**

11: 15 -12:00: Recommendations and Way forward

12: 00-12:30 : Closing Ceremony

12:30 : 13:30: Lunch

END OF DAY 3 AND THE PRE SUMMIT