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The Commission of the African Union presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs/ External Relations and International Co-operation of all Member States and has the honour to inform the latter, that the Second Meeting of the Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Social Development, Labour and Employment (STC-SDLE-2) will take place in **Algiers, Algeria, from 24 to 28 April 2017** under the theme: **"Investment in Employment and Social Security for Harnessing the Demographic Dividend"**. The Session will be organised as follows:

- 24-26 April 2017: Meeting of Experts;
- 27-28 April 2017: Meeting of Ministers.

The Commission notes that effective social policies and employment strategies are essential drivers leading to a high standard of living, quality of life and wellbeing for all, over the life cycle thus empowering all persons to contribute to and benefit from the demographic dividend in Africa. The STC-SDLE-2 under the theme of the demographic dividend, will seek to highlight the benefits of, and investments to be made to speed up the demographic transition and discuss solutions towards creating more decent work, in particular for youth, women and persons with disabilities. It will also highlight what needs to be done to protect people against vulnerabilities and insecurities along the continuum of life, eradicating poverty and inequalities, and reducing forced migration. The meeting will consider draft legal instruments on social protection and social security, and fast tracking the implementation of the First Five Year Priority programme on Employment, Poverty Eradication and Inclusive Development (2016-2020).

The Commission will be inviting the following stakeholders to the Session: Ministers responsible for Social Development, Labour and Employment, Experts/Officials from AU Member States, Social Partners, AU Organs such as the Pan African Parliament, the Regional Economic Communities and International Organizations working in the areas of concern, UN Agencies, Development Partners, and National Organizations, including CSO's dealing with social development, labour and employment issues, Independent Experts, Resource Persons and Special Guests. The concept note is attached. More information will be posted and regularly updated on the AU website: www.au.int. For further information on the Conference and participation, kindly contact, copying the other contacts:

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



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- To:
- Ministries of Foreign Affairs/ External Relations and International Cooperation of all Member States
 - All Embassies of AU Member States in Addis Ababa
 - Ministries of Social Development of the AU Member States
 - Ministries of Labour and Employment of the AU Member States