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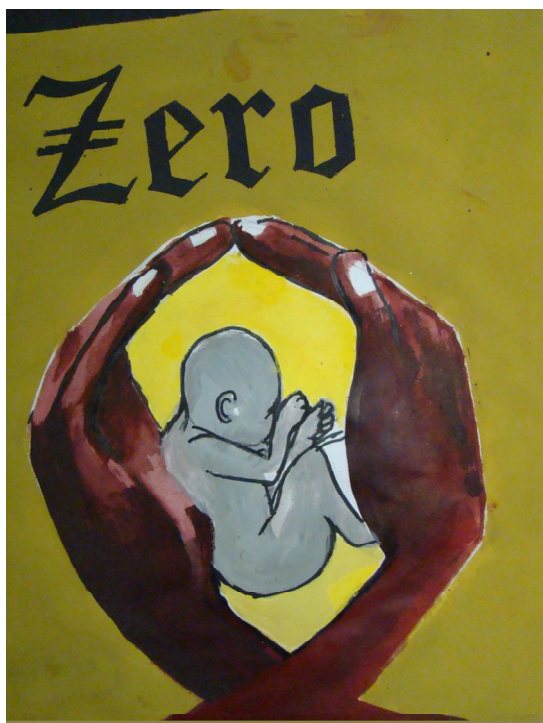
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## AFRICAN UNION HOSTS A FAMILY EVENING TO END WORLD AIDS DAY 2011 COMMEMORATION AT HEADQUARTERS



**Addis Ababa, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 –** The African Union Commission (AUC) has organised today **2nd December 2011**, a **“Family Evening”** to mark the end of commemorative activities of the World AIDS Day, observed yesterday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 at the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The social evening dubbed **“Family Evening”** is animated by the Medical Services Directorate alongside the Department of Social Affairs of the African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with other partners and stakeholder departments dealing with HIV-AIDS issues.

The event at the AU headquarters started at 12, noon today with a cultural exhibition. As from 3.30 pm, the “Family Evening” will comprise of activities such as arts, music, human red ribbon and special pictorial artistic and very emotional drawings on the theme of the World AIDS Day by young pupils (age 12-15) from the Greek School in Addis Ababa. (samples of drawings used in this press release).

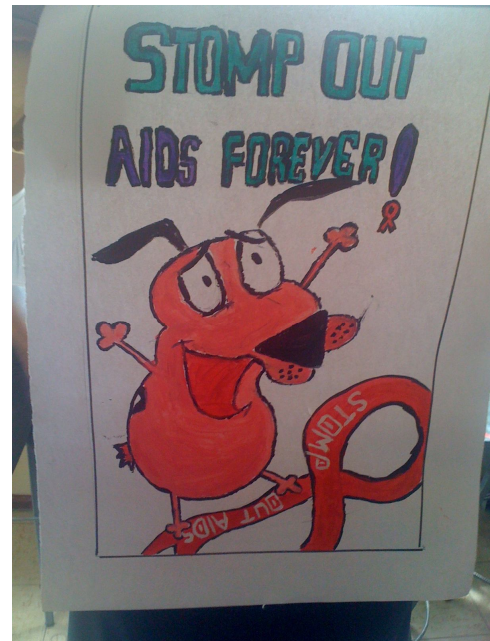
The Special Family will bring together children and parents from the African Union Commission and affiliated



Diplomatic Missions in Ethiopia. The Evening will also feature the display of a wide variety of African Cultural outfits by the African Ambassadors' Spouses Group (AASG) .

It is worth recalling that, the theme for the 2011 World AIDS Day is "Getting to Zero". It underscores the importance of Zero New HIV Infections; Zero Discrimination; and Zero AIDS Related Deaths.

The World AIDS Campaign on "Zero AIDS Related Deaths" signifies a push towards greater access to treatment for all; a call for governments to act now. It is in the context of Getting to Zero New HIV Infection that the focus of the AU celebration of World AIDS Day is on Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT).



The population is all invited to attend and not to miss this special moment.

**JOURNALISTS ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FAMILY EVENING TODAY, FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2011 AS FROM 3.30 PM IN THE AFRICAN UNION HEADQUARTERS**

For more information, visit the AU website: [www.au.int](http://www.au.int)

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