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Media Partnership Symposium: Building Bridges

Addis Ababa, 19 May 2011 – The Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Mr. Erastus Mwencha, is expected to address the India-Africa Media Partnership Symposium scheduled to take place 21st May 2011, at the Addis Ababa Hilton Hotel, Ethiopia.

Holding under the theme: *“Building Bridges”*, the symposium will bring together journalists from Africa and India to brainstorm on enhancing media engagement and synergies in order to build an Africa India multi-dimensional media partnership.

The symposium will hold within the framework of the Second Africa-India Forum Summit scheduled for 20 to 25 May 2011 at the headquarters of the African Union in Addis Ababa.

Worth recalling that, the Second Africa-Indian Summit Forum falls within the framework of Africa – India partnership. It is a follow-up to the first Africa-India Summit Forum which took place in New Delhi from 4 to 9 April 2008, during which the New Delhi Declaration and Framework for Co-operation were adopted.

For additional information visit the AU website: www.au.int / www.africa-union.org

Journalists are invited to cover the symposium.

Attached is the work program of the Symposium

Draft Programme Outline:
India-Africa Media Partnership Symposium : Building Bridges
(21st May 2011, Venue: Harrar Hall, Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa)

0930-1000 **Registration of the Delegates**

1000 – 1040 **Inaugural Session**

- Welcome remarks by JS(XP) (2- 3 mins)
- Lighting of the lamp (2 mins)
- Secretary (West) address (TBC) (10 min)
- Minister of Information, Ethiopia address (TBC) (10 mins)
- AU Commission Leader's Address (TBC)- 5 mins
- Q & A (5 mins- questions from the floor to panellists on stage)
- Vote of thanks (2 mins)

1045 – 1055 Coffee Break

1100- 1230 **Session I: 'India-Africa Partnership: The Road Ahead'**

- Approach paper based on the recommendations of journalists to be discussed (*would have been circulated during the inaugural session*)
- **Q & A Session**

(Moderated by an eminent journalist, two speakers from each side)

1300 - 1400 Lunch (Venue: Jacaranda Restaurant)

1415- 1545 **Session II India-Africa Partnership: Connecting Media**

- Role of Media
 - Use of Modern Technologies
 - Stationing of African Correspondents in India

(Moderated by an eminent journalist, two speakers from each side)

1545 – 1600 Coffee Break

1600 – 1700 Session III

Finalisation of Summary Report of India-Africa Media Partnership for presentation at Joint Press Conference of the IAFS II

(By the group of 12 Indian and 12 African Editors in a closed door format)