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AUEOM Orientation and Briefing Programme Commences today in São Tomé

São Tomé, São Tomé and Príncipe, 12th July 2016 – As the African Union



recognises that protecting the integrity of the electoral process is fundamental to the consolidation of the democratisation process in Sao Tome and Principe a three-day orientation and briefing programme for observers from 12-14 July 2016 has kicked off on 12th July 2016.

Twenty Five (25) short-term election observers to the upcoming Presidential elections participated in the orientation programme. The

training programme is an opportunity for African Union observers to interact with key stakeholders at the national level and to receive briefings on key aspects of the electoral process. Observers will also receive training on the African Union observation methodology, reporting, and code of conduct for observers before deployment to the field on 14th July 2016.



The AU Election Observation Mission (AUEOM) to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe is led by His Excellency H.E. Armando Emilio Guebuza, the former President of the Republic of Mozambique who in a brief key note address recognized the good history of the country on holding peaceful elections over the years. The objective of the African Union Election Observation Mission (AUEOM) is to make an

independent, objective and impartial assessment



of the Presidential Elections in the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe in accordance with the national, regional and international standards for democratic elections.

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