

## **African Union Commission Inaugurates Grievance Panel**

**Addis Ababa – Ethiopia. January 15, 2020.** The Africa Union Commission in its commitment to creating an enabling environment for aggrieved staff to file complaints and receive a fair hearing, inaugurated the Grievance Panel today at AUC Headquarters.

H.E Mr Kwesi Quartey, the Deputy Chairperson of the AUC, in inaugurating the Panel stressed that the Commission values the notion of fairness and justice and it imperative that it creates an atmosphere where staff are confident that their grievances will receive a prompt and fair hearing.

H.E Mr Quartey, assured Panel of management support, whiles entreating them to uphold the principle of justice, rule of law, fair play and parity in the discharge of their duties.

Ambassador Mokhtar Chaouachi, the Advisor to the Deputy Chairperson in charge of Administration, in his remarks, stated that the Commission expects a lot from the Panel in finding solutions to staff grievances, therefore, the Panel should anchor its conducts on the spirit of justice, fairness, understanding, and patience.

Dr Raji Tajudeen, the Chair of the Grievance Panel, thanked the Deputy Chairperson and the Commission for placing such confidence in them to carry out such an important task. He pledged that the Panel would conduct its businesses fairly and transparently which will evoke confidence in the staff; but more importantly, the Panel would ensure that justice is served without fear or favour.

Other members of the Grievance Panel are Mr Hamza Sahl – Secretary, Abdulkreem Y Ezaldin and Lahau Victoria Maloka. Representatives from of the Legal Counsel and Staff Association also constitute members of the Panel.