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## **Vote of thanks**

**by**

**H.E. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma,**

**Chairperson**

**African Union Commission**

**Working Lunch for Heads of State & Government on  
the**

**Campaign on Accelerated Maternal Mortality in  
Africa (CARMMA)**

*Africa Cares: No Woman Should Die While Giving Life*

**27 January 2013**

## **PROTOCOL**

On behalf of the African Union Commission and its partners, notably the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and African Development Bank (AFDB), I wish to express our profound gratitude to His Excellency President Boni Yayi for his leadership for convening this important event, a clear demonstration of your commitment to improving the health of women and children on our continent.

Our gratitude further goes to the Heads of State and Government who have taken the time to attend and actively participate in this event;

We appreciate the presence of the H.E. Mr Ban Ki Moon the UNSG and other heads/representatives of UN Agencies;

I wish to thank our development partners represented here, members of the press and indeed all you distinguished ladies and gentlemen who have joined us.

African Union Commission will not relent in its effort to keep MNCH firmly on the continent's agenda and continue to hold Member states accountable to the commitments they have undertaken to improve the health and wellbeing of Women and Children in Africa. In this context we shall be organizing an International Conference on Maternal Health later in the year and the Commission will continue to submit progress report on MNCH to the Assembly.

*Africa Cares; No Woman should Die While Giving Life.....and no child die from preventable causes.*

Thank you.