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**THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TASK FORCE ON
POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS PROGRESS
SINCE ITS INAUGURATION IN MAY 2016**

Addis Ababa, 20 September 2016: The African Union Commission (AUC) Inter-Departmental Task force met at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, on 16 September 2016, to discuss progress in respect of the implementation of the AU Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) Policy that was adopted in Banjul, The Gambia, in 2006. The meeting was attended by staff from the AUC Departments and Regional Economic Communities (RECs)/Regional Mechanisms (RMs).

The Inter-Departmental Task Force noted encouraging progress, including the outcome of the PCDR Needs Assessment conducted in the Central African Republic (CAR), from 7 - 17 August 2016. The assessment mission provided an opportunity to reflect on the nature and scope of support needed to sustain peace in CAR.

The Inter-Departmental Task Force also outlined key activities that it plans to undertake between September and December 2016. These include an African Solidarity Conference to be held in October 2016, to mobilise resources and in-kind support for CAR's needs; presentation of the third progress report outlining steps taken by the AUC, including through the Task Force, to implement the AU PCRD Policy and the challenges encountered, since the last report on PCRD submitted to PSC in April 2016; and assessment missions to be undertaken to several prioritized countries. A workshop bringing together representatives of the Commission, RECs/RMs, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector, the Media and Academia will also be held at the AUC Headquarters, in October 2016, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the PCRD Policy. The workshop will reflect on the lessons learnt and opportunities in the implementation of the AU PCRD Policy and deliberate on the evolving African Peacebuilding Architecture.

The Inter-Departmental Task Force was inaugurated on 18 May 2016, by the Departments of Peace and Security and Political Affairs, to facilitate an effective, timely, and coordinated Commission-wide approach on the implementation of the AU PCRD Policy through the harnessing of synergies across the key Departments. RECs/RMs Liaison Offices to the AU are members of the Task force. With this combined effort, the AUC is scaling up its leadership role on PCRD efforts on the continent.