



MEDIA ADVISORY:

The African Union (AU) conducts its first Continental Logistics Exercise (IMDAD AFRICA I) at the Continental Logistics Base (CLB) in Douala, Cameroon

Representatives of the media are invited to cover the opening ceremony of the first African Union (AU) Continental Logistics Exercise (IMDAD AFRICA I) which will be conducted at the Headquarters of the AU Continental Logistics Base in Douala, Cameroon.

What: The first African Union Continental Logistics Exercise (IMDAD AFRICA I), will be a Command Post Exercise (CPX) with an overall objective of evaluating AU Mission Support processes to plan, deploy, sustain and liquidate AU mandated Peace Support Operations (PSOs). The AU Supply Chain management system will be tested with a focus on Medical support, strategic lift and Communication and information systems. This is to ensure that policies and procedures are in place to procure, deliver and account for necessary support to all components (military, police and civilians) of AU peace support operations.

Peace support operations (PSOs) are a major component of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). As part of efforts to build surge capacity for AU PSOs, the AU Peace and Security Department (PSD), has planned to conduct a Logistics Exercise (LOGEX) code named "IMDAD AFRICA I" from the 14th to the 21st of September 2018 at the Continental Logistic Base (CLB) in Douala, Cameroon. The CLB is an establishment where AU strategic Deployment Stocks (SDS) are managed, ready for deployment to AU PSOs.

When: 9:00 am CAT, 18 September 2018;

Where: Douala, Cameroon;

Who: Exercise participants will be drawn from AU Commission, Member States, RECs/RMs, Current AU Missions and Training Centres of Excellence.

Why: The successful conduct of Exercise IMDAD AFRICA I will lead to enhanced capabilities and capacities for AU peace support operations. Additionally, the exercise will assist in identifying and bridging logistical gaps for effective support to future AU Peace Support Operations. IMDAD AFRICA I will be followed by other Logistics exercises with the view to strengthen various priority areas of AU mission support.

It serves to highlight best practices on the principles of African solutions to African problems and African solidarity among AU Member States, to jointly overcome common security threats and emergencies.

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