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Regional Consultation on the Right to Development as a Tool for Transformation and its Nexus with Peace and Security in Africa

INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

What: Regional consultation on the right to development as a tool for transformation and its nexus with peace and security in Africa

When: 8 September 2023, 0900hrs-17:45hrs Addis Ababa time (GMT+3)

Where: Mandela hall, AU HQ, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Who: This Africa-wide consultation will be jointly co-organized by the African Union and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, within the framework of the Human Rights-75 Initiative

Why: The overall goal of the Africa Regional Consultation is to promote awareness, raise commitment and identify pathways to the effective implementation of the rights to development which is a key enabler for conflict prevention and sustainable development.

Expected Outcome:

• Outcome report highlighting lessons learned, challenges faced, and good practices on the operationalization of the right to development as a pathway to the triple nexus (a nexus between, human rights, development, and peace and security), including a summary of pledges by member states to advance the right to development in the implementation of the SDGs and Agenda 2030 including flagship projects such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

• Identify key actions on how the right to development can be used as a tool for the implementation of thematic issues such as business and human rights, climate change, and just transition.

• Recommendation to the Sub-Committee on Governance, Democracy, and Human Rights of the AU Permanent Representatives Council to propose the appointment of the AU Champion
on the Right to Development to provide political oversight on the implementation the outcomes of the pledges made by Member States during the regional consultation.

- Recommendations to address the means of implementation, financing, and partnership strategies, including technological transfers among others.

**Participants/Stakeholders:**
The regional consultation will target a total of 150 participants ranging from AU and its organs, Regional Economic Communities, AU and UN Member States, Civil Society, Youth representatives, UN Entities, Academia, Private Sector, and development partners. Permanent representatives of the African Union Member States to the African Union will also be invited to participate in the regional consultation.

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