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### **African Union and Partners Organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Union – European Union Transitional Justice Seminar**

The Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) of the African Union (AU) Commission, together with the European Union (EU) and the German Cooperation (GIZ), are organizing the third edition of the AU-EU Transitional Justice Seminar under the theme, “Effective Implementation of Transitional Justice Mechanisms: Challenges and Prospects in Africa and Europe”. The seminar aims to promote the effective implementation of transitional justice mechanisms in the two continents by sharing past and current experiences.

More specifically, during the two-day seminar, the AU and partners will exchange on existing transitional justice mechanisms implemented in Africa and Europe, identify best practices and explore areas of improvement in the implementation of transitional justice processes, reflect on the lessons learned, explore the critical role of EU and AU policy frameworks in supporting Member States, analyze the role of various transitional justice stakeholders towards effective implementation and develop practical recommendations for supporting AU and EU Member States in implementing transitional justice mechanisms.

The event, which will be held from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, will bring together participants from Member States of the AU, the EU, civil society organizations, transitional justice experts from the academia and victim-led and women-led organizations. The initiative, launched in 2020, seeks to provide a platform for relevant stakeholders to appraise the state of implementation of transitional justice in both continents, but more specifically in the African continent, following the historic adoption of the African Union Transitional Justice Policy in 2019.

The event will be held in Banjul, The Gambia, which has significantly advanced in implementing its transitional justice mechanism, The Gambian Truth, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission. The Gambian experience is a good case study for implementing African transitional justice. Its Truth, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission was inspired by the African Union Transitional Justice Policy.

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