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African Union Policy Conference on Promoting the Peace, Security and Development Nexus: The Promise of Regional Integration

Tangier, 23 October 2022: In its efforts to continually enhance synergies between development, regional integration, peace and security and to explore mechanisms to respond to complex security challenges facing African development, the African Union (AU), in partnership with the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) will organize the 1st Continental Policy Conference on the theme “Promoting the Peace, Security, and Development Nexus: The Promise of Regional Integration.”

The conference, which will take place from 25th to 27th October, 2022, in Tangier, Kingdom of Morocco, aims to provide an opportunity for the AU, its partners and the Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) to reflect on measures and strategies in the promotion of development, regional integration, and peace and security.

To that end, it provides a platform for participants to comprehensively examine required actions to assist countries address root causes of insecurity; identify measures to mainstream conflict prevention and management; explore innovative financial and non-financial instruments to enhance the capacity of countries to protect investments, livelihoods, and rehabilitate communities and infrastructure in regions impacted by insecurity as well as, to explore the normative and institutional architectures provided by AU and RECs in terms of peace-building, post-conflict reconstruction and development, among others.

The three-day policy conference offers a unique opportunity for the policy development and knowledge communities to exchange views on the practical implementation of the triple nexus and to launch new initiatives that seek to foster the effective delivery of the nexus. The conference will also be an occasion to reaffirm the relevance and critical role of investment and development finance in supporting Africa's peace and security efforts.

A Final Declaration; ‘The Tangier Declaration’, will be considered with a view to outlining the key outcomes of the three-day discussions, thereby charting a path
for enhanced engagement in delivering on the triple nexus while promoting regional integration.

The conference will bring together representatives from the AU, the RECs/RMs, governments, academia, defense and finance, private sector, civil society and development partners.

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