African Union Commission Convenes 7th Continental Forum of Election Management Bodies to Foster Institutional Resilience

The Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department (DPAPS) of the African Union Commission (AUC), in collaboration with the Association of African Electoral Authorities (AAEA), will organize the 7th Annual Continental Forum of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) as part of its mandate to advance democratic and participatory governance in Africa. The meeting, which will hold under the theme: "Building Resilience of Election Management Bodies to Safeguard Democracy in Africa", from 14 – 15 November 2022, will be followed by a General Assembly of the AAEA on 16th November 2022 in Maputo, Mozambique. The 7th Edition of the EMBs Forum will be graced by Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, and formally launched by His Excellency Adriano Afonso Maleiane, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mozambique.

The convening chairpersons of the EMBs Forum and other senior officials of EMBs from the AU Member States will chart innovative policy pathways and actionable measures for safeguarding the management of credible, peaceful and democratic electoral processes in Africa in line with the international and continental normative standards of elections. As one of the Department's flagship policy platforms for peer learning, the Forum will offer an opportunity for the EMBs) and critical electoral stakeholders on the continent to share experiences and harness lessons for building institutional resilience of EMBs in Africa's complex and rapidly changing political, socio-cultural, economic, technological, ecological and security context.

Among thematic foci aimed at generating policy-oriented resilience, the EMBs Forum will address the sustainable funding of EMBs, electoral-risk management during natural disasters and public health emergencies, violent extremism and electoral cyber-security, and fostering the leadership of women at the helm of EMBs.

The DPAPs working closely with Regional Economic Communities' networks of EMBs, will organize the 7th Edition of the EMBs Forum on the margins of the AAEA General Assembly.
with the support of the European Centre of Electoral Support. The National Electoral Commission of Mozambique will host the Forum.

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