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## **Invitation to the High Level Event on Aid as Catalyst for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa - 24 July 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

We are pleased to invite you to the High Level Event on “Aid as Catalyst for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa” scheduled for 24 July 2013 at the AU Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The African Union Commission and NEPAD Agency are co-organizing the event which will hold prior to the Third meeting of the Global Partnership (GP) Steering Committee from 25-26 July 2013.

Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) forms a key pillar of the African Union's socio-economic transformation objective for the next fifty (50) years and is pivotal to the successful implementation of the second decade of NEPAD. Therefore, the high level event aims to take forward the 2011 African Consensus and Position on Development effectiveness particularly the need to channel aid resources to enhance domestic resource mobilization (DRM).

Furthermore, the event will examine strategies to boost the mobilization of requisite capacities for DRM to finance African-owned national and regional programmes. It will also dialogue on value-adding and mutually beneficial partnerships and their important role in channeling development assistance to productive sectors, including DRM in line with Africa's quest for long-term inclusive growth and sustainable development.

The dialogue serves to foster the sharing of experiences and strategies on the effective mobilization of domestic financial resources for socio-economic transformation with a particular focus on results-oriented use of aid. It will also identify key recommendations to be tabled at the 3rd meeting of the GP Steering Committee and the inaugural Ministerial Meeting scheduled for 2014.

The multi-stakeholder event, hosted under the auspices of the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) will involve the participation of representatives of AU Member States, AU Organs, RECs, private and public sectors, regional and international development/financial institutions.

Please find attached the Aide Memoire on the event. For additional information and confirmation of participation, kindly contact Mr. Bob Kalanzi on [bobk@nepad.org](mailto:bobk@nepad.org), Mrs. Charlotte Ague on [charlottea@nepad.org](mailto:charlottea@nepad.org) and Ms. Florence Amachilang on [amachilangf@africa-union.org](mailto:amachilangf@africa-union.org).

We look forward to your valuable participation.

*Highest regards,*

  
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