

**July 7th, 2022**

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Launch of the ECOSOCC Pan-African Month**

## **INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

**What:** Launch of the ECOSOCC Pan-African Month

**When:** 8th July 2022 at 9:30AM UTC /11:30 CAT/ 12:30 EAT

**Who:** The African Union's Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)

**Where:** Virtual via Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PfIBP3z9TaeuQvUYhTRCew](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PfIBP3z9TaeuQvUYhTRCew)

**Speakers:** Ambassador Amr Aljowali, Strategic Adviser to the Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission; Mr. Denise Kodhe, Presiding Officer, ECOSOCC; Prof. Fatima Karadja, Champion of the ECOSOCC Pan-African Month; Mr. William Carew, Head of Secretariat, ECOSOCC

### **Objectives:**

To announce and launch the African Union's Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) Pan-African Month; specifically, for African Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the African Citizenry to take stock of activities in which they can participate throughout the month of July.

### **Background:**

The month of July 2022 will mark 20 years since the Durban Summit, which established the AU, and nearly 70 years since the Organisation of African Unity was founded (OAU).

ECOSOCC will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the African Union by organizing an ECOSOCC Pan-African Month, with core activities revolving around the 41<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and the 4<sup>th</sup> AU Mid-Year Coordination Meeting. ECOSOCC intends to leverage the AU at 20 celebrations, in particular, to honour and showcase African CSOs for their unwavering participation in issues on the African continent's political and socioeconomic advancement within their respective regions and countries, as well as to reignite and strengthen the spirit of Pan Africanism among civil society.

**The media are invited to cover the launch on 8th July 2022 at 09:30hrs UTC,  
online, via Zoom:**

**[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PfIBP3z9TaeuQvUYhTRCew](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PfIBP3z9TaeuQvUYhTRCew)**

#

**For media inquiries, please contact:**

Ms. Carol Jilombo | Senior Communications Officer | AU ECOSOCC Secretariat,  
Lusaka, Zambia

E-mail: [Jilomboc@africa-union.org](mailto:Jilomboc@africa-union.org)

## **About ECOSOCC**

The Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) was established in July 2004 as an Advisory Organ composed of different social and professional groups of AU Member States. The mandate of ECOSOCC is to contribute, through advice, to the effective translation of the objectives, principles and policies of the African Union into concrete programmes, as well as the evaluation of these programmes.

Learn more at: <https://ecosocc.au.int/>;

Facebook: African Union ECOSOCC; Twitter: @AU\_ECOSOCC

**For further information, please contact:**

**Carol Jilombo, Senior Communications Officer | ECOSOCC Secretariat | African Union Commission | E-mail:**  
Jilomboc@africa-union.org | Lusaka, Zambia.