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# MEDIA ADVISORY

### POPULARIZATION AND AWARENESS RAISING WORKSHOP ON ECOSOCC NATIONAL CHAPTERS

# INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

- What: Popularization and Awareness Raising Workshop on ECOSOCC National Chapters
- **Who:** The African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) supported by Expertise France
- **When:** 29-30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023
- Where: Holiday Inn, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

#### Objectives

To structurally formalize the establishment of the interim national chapter in Tanzania and to enhance civil society engagement and collaboration with the African Union (AU) and ECOSOCC.

The workshop will be attended by civil society organizations (CSOs) working on governance, democracy and human rights issues in Tanzania; as well as various AU Organs, Expertise France, The Pan African Lawyers Union and The East African Civil Society Forum.

### Background

In 2015, the Executive Council of the AU tasked ECOSOCC to establish National ECOSOCC Chapters through the development of an ECOSOCC National Chapters Framework.

The framework is meant to be a mechanism for accountability of elected members, serve as a conduit for dissemination of information about the work and progress of the AU to civil society in each member state and to enable capacity-building and training of CSOs.

The AU Assembly of February 2023 adopted the ECOSOCC National Chapters Framework to guide the setup of the National Chapters and guide their work in providing CSO support to the work of the AU.





After the adoption, ECOSOCC has now embarked on the sensitization phase and aims to start the activation phase from Q1 2024.

Journalists are invited to cover the opening of the Popularization and Awareness Raising Workshop on ECOSOCC National Chapters at 9AM on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at Holiday Inn, Dar Es Salaam City Centre, Tanzania.

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# 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.

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