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**Addis Ababa, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

**The Executive Director,  
West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP),  
Ghana.**

Dear Executive Director,

**Invitation to the Official Launch of the African Union Network of Think Tanks for Peace (NeTT4Peace) and Inauguration of Strategy Group (6-8 February, 2023 Addis Ababa)**

Following extensive consultations on the concept for the creation of an African Union Network of Think Tanks for Peace (NeTT4Peace), I am pleased, on behalf of the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS), to invite you to the official launch of the Network scheduled for **Wednesday, 8 February, 2023 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**. The official launch will be conducted in a hybrid format and will be performed by the Deputy Chairperson of the AU Commission, with the support of the Commissioner PAPS.

The NeTT4Peace is an initiative of the AU Commission to enhance synergy and promote long-term structured partnership between the Department of PAPS and African Think-Tanks working in the peace, security and governance domain. The Network will function as a viable Community of Practice comprising African knowledge providers and practitioners along with partner institutions, to enrich the mandate delivery of the AU Commission in realizing Agenda 2063 - the Africa We Want. The NeTT4Peace explores the methodology of the interface between theory-research and practice to achieve sustained all-inclusive collaboration. Primarily using the virtual mode of engagement, the Network is anchored on the knowledge approach to collectively address the threats to effective governance, peace and stability.

Prior to the official launch, a working meeting of the 20-member Strategy Group (SG) of the Network will be convened from **6-7 February 2023** in-person in Addis Ababa. The Group will consider and propose the adoption of the Network's structure, operational guidelines, leadership and work programme, including an outline of the roadmap and thematic priorities. The Concept Note for the NeTT4Peace is hereby attached, for information and reference.

As a reputable African research body, your think tank has been nominated to serve as member of the Strategy Group of the Network. Accordingly, I also extend this invitation for your participation, **in person**, at the inauguration of the SG. Please note that the cost of your participation will be fully covered by the AU partner. Kindly confirm acceptance to serve in the Strategy Group and participation at the NeTT4Peace launch to **Dr. Isabela Warioba** ([WariobaI@africa-union.org](mailto:WariobaI@africa-union.org)) and **Sunday Imosemi** ([ImosemiS@africa-union.org](mailto:ImosemiS@africa-union.org)) with **Leonard Steinfeld** of GIZ ([leonardo.steinfeld@giz.de](mailto:leonardo.steinfeld@giz.de)) in copy.

Accept, the assurances of my highest regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bankole Adeoye'.

**Ambassador Bankole Adeoye**  
Commissioner