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The African Union Commission (Department of Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining), presents its compliments to all **Non-African Embassies** in Addis Ababa, accredited to the African Union has the honor to refer to its Note Verbal Ref: ETIM/EDIT/NMS/141/2021 dated 26 April 2021 regarding the second edition of the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF) which was scheduled to take place 8 to 14 December 2021, Kigali Rwanda.

The second Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF2021) has been rescheduled to take place in **Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa from 15 to 21 November 2021**. The decision to move the Trade Fair to Durban was made by the Advisory Council of IATF2021 at its 10th meeting held virtually on 25 May 2021. This decision was arrived at after formal consultations with the Government of Rwanda, who indicated that logistical constraints related to the COVID-19 pandemic had adversely affected the progress of construction of a new facility to host the event.

IATF2021 will provide a platform that will allow trade under the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA). It will serve as a marketplace that will bring together continental and global buyers and sellers. It will enable stakeholders to share trade, investment and market information as well as trade finance and trade facilitation solutions designed to support intra-African trade and African economic integration. In addition to establishing a business-to-business and a business-to-government exchange platform for business deals and advisory services, IATF2021 will also operate IATF2021 Virtual, an interactive online platform accessible to all.

The IATF2021 is targeting USD40 billion in trade and investment deals, and will be attended by 10 000 visitors and buyers, 1 100 exhibitors, from over 55 countries from Africa and abroad. Member States and exhibitors are encouraged to **register early for participation**, through the online platform <https://www.intrafricantradefair.com/en>

The African Union Commission (Department of Economic, Development, Trade, Industry and Mining) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Non-African Embassies accredited to the African Union the assurances of its highest consideration.

Done in Addis Ababa, 23 July 2021

To: All Non-African Embassies Accredited to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

