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## **MEDIA ALERT/INVITE**

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INVITATION TO JOURNALISTS, EDITORS AND BUREAU CHIEFS

### **Addis Hosts Resource Mobilization Conference for IGAD Regional Cancer Centre**

To mobilize resources for the establishment of the regional centre of excellence for cancer treatment and management, delegates from IGAD member states, development partners and other stakeholders will convene at the **Africa Hall, UNECA Compound in Addis Ababa on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016** starting at **9.00am**.

In response to the growing burden of cancer in the region, the IGAD Secretariat has been collaborating over the past few years with several partners including the African Diaspora in North America led by the Ethiopian North American Health Providers Associations (ENAHPA) and the UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). During a technical consultative meeting held in July 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, one of the main recommendations was the establishment of the IGAD Regional Cancer Centre of Excellence (IRCCE).

The goal of establishing this one-of-a-kind regional centre is to avail high quality cancer services to the people of IGAD member states. The overall objective of the two-day conference is to mobilize adequate technical and financial resources from across IGAD partner institutions and organizations to advance the establishment and operationalization of the IRCCE.

The resource mobilization conference is expected to develop a platform for strengthening collaboration and cooperation to realize the centre's objectives, as well as draw a regional approach for resource mobilization.

The conference will also identify the good practices in the region for generating the required support and coordinate the effort by linking the practices in the member states. Furthermore, the IGAD Secretariat plans to establish mechanisms for effective exchange of relevant information to generate adequate resources and provide assistance on the referral linkages among and by the member states.

**You are most welcome to attend the official opening and cover the two-day meeting. Please bring your press pass/card for identification and registration at the UNECA main gate.**

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