

## **PR- GOOD PROGRESS ON AU-PRIVATE SECTOR EBOLA FUND**

### ***Chairperson's Message -17<sup>th</sup> November 2014***

#### ***Fellow Africans and global citizens,***

Less than 10 days ago, we gathered in Addis Ababa with captains of industry in Africa, who rallied to the call of the African Union to discuss common approaches to the Ebola crisis. We are grateful for their insights to this common African and global challenge.

We shared information on what the African Union and the private sector companies are doing in our efforts to ensure an Africa and world free of Ebola. We all agreed that there was an urgent need to coordinate ALL our efforts towards containing and ridding Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea of Ebola. We are aware that any continental and global fight against Ebola must start in the three most affected countries.

Ten days on, I am pleased to say the African Business Roundtable is well on its way in implementing the coordinated actions adopted at the meeting. To date:

- We are finalizing the AU-Private Sector Ebola Fund to assist with resourcing the deployment of an additional 1000 health workers.

We have shortlisted a Board for the fund, with strong private and civil sector participation, who will assist in managing the facility which will be hosted by the African Development Bank.

- We have collected more than \$35 million in cash and kind from the MTN Group, the African Development Bank, the Dangote Group and Trust, Econet Wireless, Coca Eurasia and Africa, Afrexim Bank, the Motsepe Family Trust, Kinnevik Group, Quality Group of Tanzania, Old Mutual Group, Nedbank Group, Barclays Africa, United Bank of Africa, Deloitte, Standard Bank Chartered, Africa Airtel and General Electric.

- The telecommunications companies who attended the Roundtable (Africa Airtel, Econet Wireless, Millicom, MTN, Safaricom and Vodacom) are working with other companies on a multi-media campaign. We will launch the campaign on 1 December 2014 in Addis Ababa and across the continent. This will raise awareness and resources from African citizens, the African Diaspora and others towards the fight against Ebola.
- We are encouraged by coordinated national private sector responses, such as those by the Ethiopian Private Public Consultative Forum, and wish to encourage other national business chambers and associations to follow suit.

To the companies that have pledged, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude for their leadership in Pan Africanism and corporate citizenship.

I urge those companies who are still considering the extent of their pledges to do so by 1 December, as we intend to deploy all the health workers by Christmas.

Let me also take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to the ECOWAS and the East Africa Community (EAC) for their leadership and solidarity in response to our call for the deployment of more health workers from Member States.

In particular, I thank the Governments of Nigeria, DRC, Ethiopia, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, who pledged health workers, and are working with us to ensure their deployment by December under the banner African Union Support to Ebola Outbreak in West Africa (ASEOWA).

Our interventions must strengthen healthcare services in the affected countries and on the continent, including urgent operationalization of the African Disease Control Centre.

We are conscious of the urgent need for all of us to do more, and to act faster. Only by acting together can we ensure that our continent and world is free of Ebola. We therefore repeat our call to all Africans to lead the global efforts of

solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

Asante Sane!! Karibu Afrika



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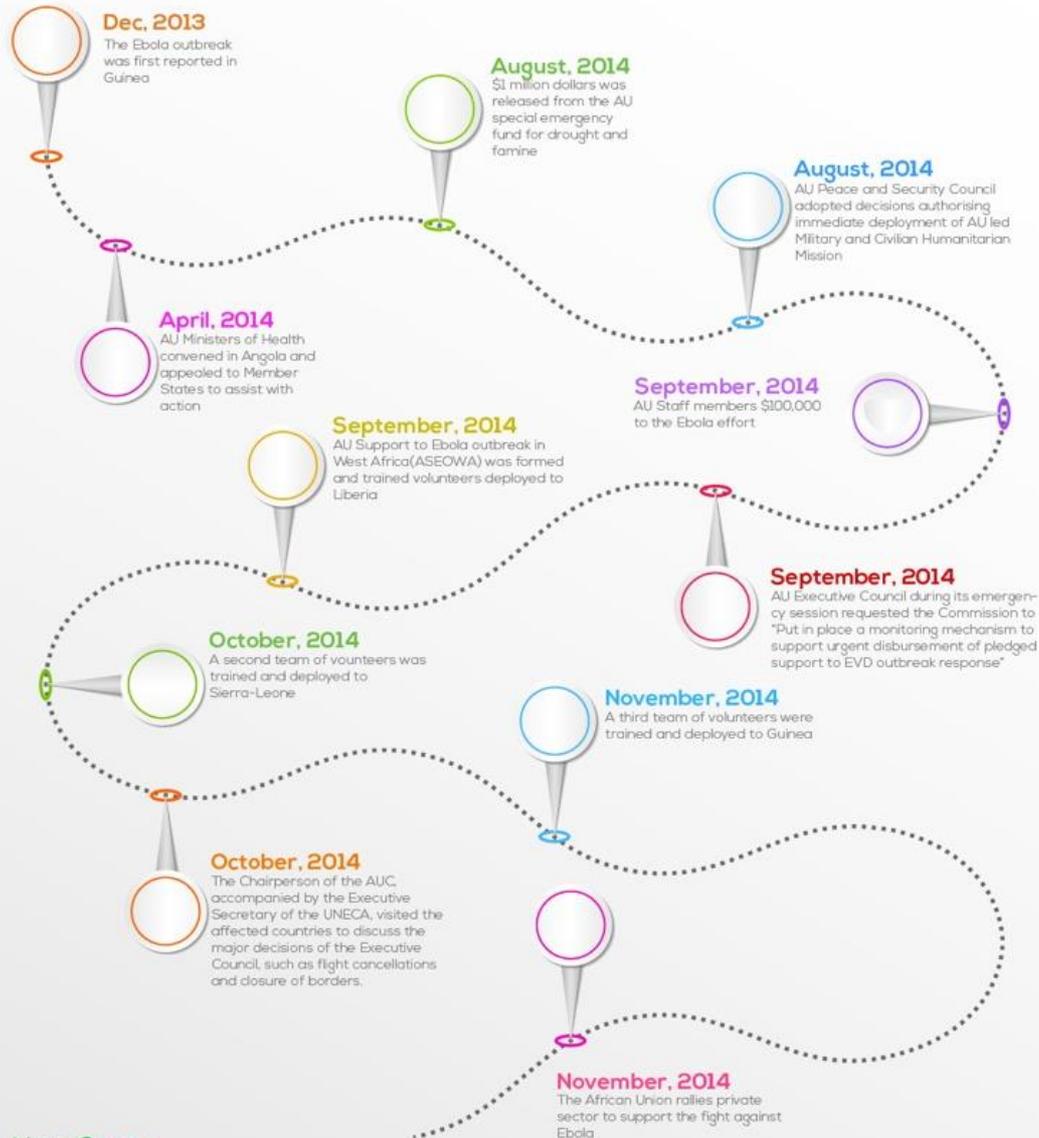
## ***Supplementary information***

Receive pledges and contributions to the AU-Private Sector Ebola Fund from the following companies:

- MTN Group, who donated 10 million US Dollars
- African Development Bank, 10 million USD
- The Dangote Group, 3 million US Dollars
- Econet Wireless, 2.5 million US Dollars
- Coca Cola Eurasia and Africa, 1 million US
- Afrexim Bank, 1 million USD
- The Motsepe family, 1 million USD
- Kinnevik Group, 1 million USD
- Quality Group of Tanzania, 500,000 USD
- Old Mutual Group, 500,000 USD
- Nedbank, 500,000 USD
- Barclays Africa, 500,000 USD; and
- United Bank of Africa, 100,000 USD



# Timeline of African Union Response to the Ebola Outbreak



## Next Steps

### Multisector Engagement

to facilitate a comprehensive and coordinated response

### Resource Mobilisation

to support volunteers and medical facilities in Member States

### Advocacy & Communication

to increase awareness and encourage engagement

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