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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the African Union Commission in collaboration with HelpAge International is organizing three Regional Experts Group Meetings on the theme: ***Investing in Social Protection in Africa***. The meetings which will cover the five regions of Africa will be held as follows:

- Eastern and Southern Africa Regions: Uganda - 28 - 30 April, 2008
- Northern Africa Region: Egypt - 13 – 14 May, 2008
- Western and Central Africa Regions: Senegal - 9 – 11 June, 2008

In this regard, I have the pleasure to invite you to nominate your representative(s) to participate in the Regional Meeting for the Eastern and Southern Africa Region to be held in **Uganda from 28 to 30 April, 2008**. Participants will be expected to cover their travel and other related costs.

The meetings are being held within the framework of the AU Policy Framework and Plan of Action on Ageing which was adopted in 2002; follow-up to the Livingstone and Yaounde Calls for Action on Social Protection; and the Social Policy Framework which is being finalized by the AU Commission.

Prior to the Regional Meetings national consultations on social protection have been conducted in six selected countries, namely Burkina Faso, Rwanda, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Cameroon and Tunisia. The summary report and outcomes of the national consultations will be presented to each regional Expert Meeting. The outcome of the Regional Expert Meetings will subsequently contribute to the First AU Meeting of African Ministers in charge of Social Development to be held later this year.

The meeting will be held at the Speke Resort & Conference Centre, Wawamuno Road, Munyonyo, Kampala (P.O.Box No.7036, Kampala);Telephone number: 0414 227 432, 0414 227 443, 0414 227 44;7 Fax number: 0312 227 110, spekeresort@spekeresort.com

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The Provisional Programme of Work is hereto attached. The Concept note and other details will be posted on the AU Website :www.africa-union.org.

While looking forward to see you at the meeting,

Yours sincerely

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