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REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON RESULTS BASED MANAGEMENT CONCLUDES IN ABIDJAN

Abidjan, 22 August 2016: Staff from the African Union Commission (AUC) and Liaison Offices (AULOs) concluded a five-day training workshop on Results Based Management (RBM), with the aim of the workshop is enhancing performance and achieving a set of desired results during the implementation of development programmes and projects. The workshop is a follow-up to the retreat held in March 2016, for AUC Directors and Heads of AULOs in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia that was focused on reforming their respective Departments and Liaison Offices' performance management systems, measurement and reporting approaches using the RBM principles.

The workshop, which ran from 15-19 August in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, was jointly organized by the Peace and Security Department (PSD) and the Directorate of Strategic Policy Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Resource Mobilization (SPPMERM) of the African Union Commission, in conjunction with International Alert. Representing 13 countries, participants from the African Union Liaison Offices (AULOs), AU Regional Offices and affiliates, the AU Commission, members of Regional Economic Communities (RECs), including ECOWAS participated in the training.

In her opening remarks, Mme. Josephine-Charlotte Mayuma Kala, Special Representative of the chairperson of the Commission and Head of the AU Liaison Office in Côte d'Ivoire, welcomed the ongoing collaboration between the AU and International Alert in capacity-building initiatives for the AULOs. *"This training course could not have come at a more opportune time to improve the capacity of our AULOs in contributing, and increasing AU's profile as well as supporting citizens' demands for transparent and accountable institutions,"* she stated.

On his part, Dr. Lulseged Abebe, Senior Advisor to the AU at International Alert addressed participants on the core principles of RBM and emphasized the need for such trainings that provide organizations with adequate tools to better manage their projects. *"Better trained staff will be able to use their skills to help their organization in programming, monitoring and reporting processes during programme implementation,"* he stated.

The workshop focused on problem identification, addressed Key features of RBM and served as an opportunity to gather participants' views, inputs and experiences through the use of practical examples and projects.

At the end of the workshop, each participant was presented with a certificate. So far, three trainings have been held. Funding for the training is provided by the Government of Sweden through a three-year project.

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