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**Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
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**Invitation to a Webinar on
 Informal Economy Work and the Right to Work in Africa**

I have the honor to invite all Non-governmental Organization (NGOs) granted observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, to a Webinar on Informal Economy Work and the Right to Work in Africa being organized by the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (WG-ECOSOC) of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), in collaboration with the Solidarity Center. The Webinar is scheduled to take place on 30th May 2023.

Informal work plays an important role in the African economy. A large percentage of people in Africa, especially youths, women and children are involved in informal work, in order to provide for their needs and those of their families. The African Charter to which fifty-four (54) Member States of the African Union are parties, provides that every individual has the right to work, howbeit, under equitable and satisfactory conditions, with equal pay for equal work [Article 15]. However, a number of factors remain to be addressed to enable informal workers transit to formal contributors in the continent's economy.

The overall objective is to sensitize and create awareness on the cause and consequences of informal economic work, in light of the respect, protection and realization of human and peoples' rights on the African continent, and to suggest solutions and way forward within the African regional instruments and national legal systems.

The Webinar will bring together State Representatives from all the regions on the continent, representatives from the African Union Organs and Sub-Regional Organizations, National Human Rights Institutions, Non-Governmental Organisations, UN Organs, Academia and other stakeholders.

We kindly request each NGO to nominate a representative to participate in the Webinar, and would be grateful to have the confirmation of the representative's participation sent preferably by 24 May 2023 to: MeriboleE@africa-union.org; MangaA@africa-union.org; au-banjul@africa-union.org; achpr.reception@africa-union.org, to enable the Secretariat finalize preparations for the Webinar. The Concept Note and Programme are herewith attached for your kind attention.

Please accept my best regards.


 Sincerely
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 Ag. Secretary to the ACHPR
 Secretariat of the ACHPR