



**COORDINATION MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION (AUC) AND
THE AFRICAN OMBUDSMAN AND MEDIATORS ASSOCIATION (AOMA)**

**20 - 25 June 2012
Luanda - Angola**

Final Communiqué

IN PURSUANCE of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Ombudsman and Mediators Association (AOMA), on the 21st day of October 2011, in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia;

CONSIDERING the April 2010 Luanda Declaration by the General Assembly of AOMA, calling for tangible cooperation between AOMA and the African Union;

CONSIDERING the January 2011 Declaration by the African Union Assembly of Heads of State on shared values;

CONSIDERING the objectives of the African Union and the African Ombudsman and Mediators Association as defined by the Constitutive Act of the African Union and the Constitution of the African Ombudsman and Mediators Association respectively; and further

CONSIDERING the high potential for cooperation and mutual assistance in achieving these objectives

The Provedor de Justiça of the Republic of Angola, in his capacity as the President of the African Ombudsman and Mediators Association, hosted a Bilateral Coordination Meeting between high level delegations from both the AUC and the AOMA.

In conclusion of the Meeting, the delegations agreed to the following:

1. A Joint Operational Implementation Framework was adopted by the two parties. The framework consists of seven (7) strategic objectives, namely
 - 1.1. The establishment and strengthening of Ombudsman Institutions in all Member States of the African Union;
 - 1.2. The popularisation of the African Union Shared Values Legal Instruments within the African Union Member States and the Public;
 - 1.3. The ratification of the African Union Shared Values Legal Instruments;
 - 1.4. The domestication and implementation of the African Union Shared Values Legal Instruments;
 - 1.5. Monitoring the implementation of the African Union Shared Values Legal Instruments including through the peer review mechanism at the level of the African Governance Platform;
 - 1.6. The creation of synergy between the African Ombudsman and Mediators Association and other African Institutions; and
 - 1.7. Efficient management of the cooperation between the two parties
2. The two parties will meet at least twice a year in order to monitor the implementation of the seven strategic objectives.

3. The two parties commit themselves to organising regular bilateral conferences on issues of common interest.
4. The AUC shall invite AOMA to participate in the African Union Elections Observation Missions.
5. AOMA shall assist the African Union in preventing and resolving conflicts in collaboration with the African Union's Panel of the Wise.
6. The two parties shall jointly hold a conference with their respective development partners in order to efficiently use their resources, raise funds for their joint activities and avoid duplication of efforts and resources.

The delegation of the AUC was led by the African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, H.E. Mrs Julia Dolly JOINER and included the African Union Legal Counsel, H.E. Dr Ben KIOKO.

The delegation of AOMA was led by the President of the Association, who is also Provedor de Justiça of the Republic of Angola, H. E. Paulo TJIPILICA and included:

The Second Vice-President of AOMA, H.E. Dr Diango CISSOKO, who is also the Mediator of the Republic of Mali,;

The Executive Secretary of AOMA, H.E. Adv Thulisile MADONSELA, who is also the Public Protector of the Republic of South Africa;

The Permanent Representative of AOMA at the AUC, H.E. Honourable Judge Mohammed Abuzeid AHMED, who is also the President of the Public Grievances and Corrections Board of Sudan;

The Regional Coordinator for AOMA's Southern African Region, H.E. Mrs. Caroline SOKONI, who is also the Investigator General of Zambia;

The Regional Coordinator for AOMA's Eastern African Region, H.E. Mrs Foziya AMIN, who is also the Chairperson of AOMA's Constitutional Sub-committee and Chief Ombudsman of Ethiopia; and

The Regional Coordinator for AOMA's Indian Ocean Region, H.E. Adv Soleman HATTEEA, who is also the Ombudsman of Mauritius.

As a special guest, the newly elected Provedor de Justiça of the Republic of Mozambique, Dr José Ibraimo ABUDO, was also invited to participate in the discussions.

Luanda – Angola

22 June 2012