TO: ALL AFFILIATES AND SUB REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

OATUU COMMEMORATES AFRICA-DAY

25th May 2021

My fellow African brothers and sisters, the annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) on 25 May 1963 is a very special day for Africa because the OAU was created to help bring about change, freedom and independence to many African countries.

For the second consecutive year we have been celebrating Africa-Day in the midst of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), however a united and solid Africa with its concerted efforts will defeat the pandemic. This requires a development approach based on the promotion of scientific knowledge and research, with a focus on education and health systems that do not sufficiently respond to the needs of our societies.

Today we celebrate 58 years of determined efforts for prosperity and unity among the African people, and socio-economic liberty from foreign domination and exploitation.

Africa Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of the peoples and governments of Africa. As we are celebrating the Africa-Day, the Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) continues to urge all African countries to integrate fully the African Union (AU) 2063-Agenda into our national policies, programmes and actions for comprehensive Africa’s economic transformation, emancipation and sustainable development.

The theme of the 2021-Africa Day is “the AU Year of the Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want”. The theme is in line with the “Aspiration 5: An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics”.

OATUU supports the theme and is aware that cultural identity is an important contributor to people’s wellbeing. African cultures give people feelings of belonging and security. Consequently, African cultures should provide support and shared values and hopes throughout the implementation of the AU-2063 Agenda: The Africa we want.

On this special occasion OATUU wishes all Africans a Happy Africa Day.


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