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RCM-Africa initiates regular briefing mechanism

Responding to the recommendation of the 11th session of the RCM regarding the development of a comprehensive work programme on capacity development, the RCM-Africa Secretariat based at the ECA in Addis Ababa, has begun the publication of a regular bulletin aimed at informing stakeholders on progress made in the the implementation of the recommendation.

The first briefing note, which was released on 31 May 2011, covers the period from November 2010 to April 2011. According to it, the RCM-Africa Secretariat carried out the following:

- November-December 2010: Finalized the report of the first triennial review of the

Ten-Year Capacity Building Programme (TYCBP) for AU and the Outcome Document of the Eleventh Session of RCM-Africa.

- November 2010: Forwarded draft copy of the Report on the Review of the Ten-Year Capacity Building Programme to the Office of the UN S-G as input for the preparation of the S-G's report on the Review of the Ten-Year Capacity Building Programme for the AU.

- December 2010: Drafted an action plan for the implementation of the recommendations and circulated to all stakeholders for their inputs.

- December 2010: RCM secretariat attended technical workshop organized by UNDP on Comprehensive Development Strategic

Africa's first Innovation Outlook launched in Addis Ababa

The first African Innovation Outlook which captures major issues affecting Science Technology and Innovation, in the continent's has been launched with a call on leaders to invest more in the sector as a way of fast tracking the socio-economic development in Africa.

Speaking during the public presentation of the 136 pages document on Wednesday at

the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia NEPAD Agency, CEO, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki underscored the importance of planning and availability of relevant data that can ease the implementation of AU-NEPAD programmes

“As NEPAD is the technical execution organ of the AU; we have specific focus on implan-

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Framework (CDSF) with a view to developing a strategy to align the proposed work programme for the TYCBP to the CDSF.

- December 2010: RCM-Africa commissioned and completed a preliminary study of capacity building initiatives in Africa
- January-February 2011: Drafted the concept paper and TOR of the TYCBP Task Force and consultants and forwarded to AUC and all clusters for inputs.
- January-April 2011: Received revised business plans incorporating capacity building components from various clusters
- March-May: Prepared concept note for TYCBP sensitisation workshop and Information Note on TYCBP for AU July Extraordinary Summit
- Proposed Dates: July 6-7, TYCBP Sensitisation Workshop; November 20-21; Annual Session of RCM-Africa

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tation of policies and knowledge management. We at the African Union Commission consider Information Technology as flagship program, it has to be own, it need to have regional dimension", Mayaki said.

Thirteen African countries participated in the Research and Development (R&D) survey and ten countries conducted the Innovation survey, which form part of the Outlook. It provides information and inform on the state of science, technology and innovation. The survey was conducted in nineteen countries.

The second phase of the African Science Technology Innovation Initiative (ASTII)

was also launched at the ceremony. About ten countries have so far indicated their interest in participating in the next phase. Giving an overview of the ASTII phase 2 programmes, the director NPCA Programme Implementation and Coordination Directorate, Mrs Estherine Lisinge-Fotabong told the audience that for reason of resource constraints not all countries will participate. She however, urged the countries that have made their participation known to be committed to the project.

According to her, "being involved demands a lot of commitments. Therefore, countries which to participate should be ready to display high sense of commitment. The main thrust of the survey will include the training of personnel's at continental and sub-regional levels. The R&D survey will be annually, while that of innovation will be carrying out after three years".

Welcoming the participants on behalf of Professeur. Jean-Pirre-Ezin, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, Mrs. Vera Ngosi, said that "the Innovation Outlook was the direct response of recommendations from experts".

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Upcoming Event

- APDev: Case Studies peer review session

Jun 5 2011 - Jun 7 2011, South Africa

- Regional Media Dialogue on NEPAD

Jun 7 2011 - Jun 9 2011, Maseru, Lesotho

- Expert Group Meeting on "Coordinating Development"

6-7 July 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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