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Launch of the 2nd call for proposals for the NEPAD/Spanish Fund for African Women's Empowerment

The goal of the NEPAD/Spanish Fund is to promote gender equality and increase the capacities and autonomy of African women in order to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) in particular the MDG3.

Established in 2007 between the government of Spain and the then NEPAD Secretariat, the Fund's aim is to empower women in sub-Saharan African.

During its first phase in 2008, 46 projects were financed from 23 countries. A total amount of 6.285 million Euros was disbursed to the approved projects. Three

regions were beneficiaries to this in sub-Saharan African. These included Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone Africa. Out of 46 projects, 31 have ended and the remaining projects are ongoing.

In addition, 2 million Euros has been earmarked for establishing Business Incubators for Women (BIAWE) projects to be implemented by the Common Market of East Africa (COMESA) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) regions.

About 8.4million Euros will be disbursed during the second phase of the Fund over a

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AU's Department of rural economy discusses work programme with PRC

The retreat of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission (AUC-DREA) and the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) of AU Member States was held in Maputo, Mozambique, on Monday 11 April 2011. The opening plenary session was co-chaired by AUC Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, Mrs. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace and by the minister of agriculture of Mozambique as well as the Chair of the PRC.

Commissioner Tumusiime Rhoda Peace underscored that "Maputo is of great significance to the DREA considering that it was the place where in 2003 the AU Heads of State and Government adopted CAADP".

She indicated that in the framework of CAADP, the DREA has been able to coordinate, learning from the food crisis associated with the high food prices of 2007-2008, its efforts with other pan African institutions,

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period of 3 years with a new focus in three strategic sectors which are: women's economic empowerment; strengthening civil society and institutional strengthening, in order to increase the impact and cost effectiveness of the Fund in supporting interventions aimed at promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa.

The NEPAD/Spanish Fund is aligned with AU/NPCA priority programs such as the AU Fund for African Women and eight out of the ten themes of the African Women Decade.

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principally Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the NEPAD Agency as well as the AfDB, among others and collaborated with other strategic partners including UNECA, to follow through the resolve reaffirmed by the African leaders at their Summit in Sirte, Libya in July 2009 which was dedicated to the Theme: Investing in Agriculture for Economic Growth and Food Security.

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Ethiopia joins IHA

Hydropower for Sustainable Development 2011 concluded with an announcement that the Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EEPCo) has become a member of the International Hydropower Association (IHA), and an IHA Sustainability Partner.

"EEPCo has been privileged to welcome so many hydropower stakeholders and other

valued participants to Hydropower for Sustainable Development 2011, paving the way for successfully harnessing Ethiopia's hydropower potential. EEPCo is also very pleased to be collaborating with the IHA by becoming a Sustainability Partner and member, and looks forward to sharing knowledge, experience and understanding through this partnership." Mr Mihiret Debebe, CEO, (EEPCo).

Offering a vote of thanks to guest of honour His Excellency Mr Meles Zenawi Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee, for taking the initiative to organize and host the conference and deliver the keynote address, the Recommendations recognize the major benefits of hydropower at the local and regional level as a source of renewable energy and a multi-purpose tool for poverty alleviation.

Providing practical guidance on achieving sustainable hydropower development in Africa, the Recommendations address four areas: Encouraging Regional Development, Enabling Finance and Investment, Advancing the Role of Hydropower and Delivering Sustainable Hydropower.

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Upcoming Event

- Conference on mobilising investment in infrastructure and agriculture in Africa - NEPAD-OECD Ministerial Conference, 2011.

26-27 April 2011, Dakar, Senegal

- World Economic Forum

3-5 May 2011, Cape Town, South Africa

- 2nd Africa – India Summit Forum

20 -25 May 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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