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Hilary Clinton's visit to Addis Ababa reaffirms US re-engagement with ECA

The US government on Monday in Addis Ababa pledged to increase support to the work of United Nations in Africa by re-engaging and working closely with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and committing to the UN/AU Ten Year Capacity Building Programme (TYCPB), according to the Information and Communication Service of ECA.

Conveying the pledge during a working visit to the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa where she addressed a Special Session of the African Union Permanent Representatives Committee, US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton declared that the US would assist in the context of the UN support for the African Union, especially through the TYCPB.



(From left): Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Abdoulaye Jannet and Mr. Michael Battle

Mrs. Clinton received a huge applause when she announced the US decision to re-engage and work more closely with ECA. She later spoke on a wide-range of issues including democracy, economic growth, human rights as well as peace and security in Africa.

She also witnessed the presentation to Mr.

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Sub-regional training workshop on MDG-based planning

The Economic Development and NEPAD Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is organizing two sub-regional training workshops on "Millennium Development Goal-based planning". These workshops are scheduled on 15-16 June 2011 in Kigali, Rwanda, for anglophone countries and in Dakar, Senegal for franco-

phone countries. Both events build on the regional workshop to peer-review the training manual on "Millennium Development Goal-based planning" which took place on 24-25 May 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The training on Millennium Development Goal-based planning will be delivered to senior officials from the Ministries of Planning of UNECA Member States.

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NEPAD Agency, South Africa discuss Africa's economic emergence

On the eve of Africa Day, the NEPAD Agency in collaboration with South Africa's Department of International Relations Cooperation (DIRCO) participated in a discussion forum on 'Africa's Economic Emergence'.

Speaking on behalf of the NEPAD Agency, Prof. Richard Mkandawire (second from the right in the above photo) who heads the Partnerships, Resource Mobilisation and Communications Directorate at the Agency revealed that news of Africa's sustained economic growth is spreading despite residual concerns about the challenges of security, poverty and disease.

The discussants who included Cheryl Carolus, the Chairwoman of the SAA board (extreme left in the above photo) unpacked the 2010 McKinsey Report which attributed Africa's economic expansion to rising commodity prices, greater political stability

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Abdoulie Janneh, UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, of the letter accrediting Mr. Michael Battle as Permanent Representative to the ECA. Mr. Battle currently serves as U.S. Ambassador to the African Union.

Earlier, the Chairperson of the AUC, Mr. Jean Ping, said that he viewed Ambassador Battle's appointment as a concrete manifestation of the determination of the US to put its weight behind the actualization of the UN support to the African Union by working more closely with ECA.

Source: Special to ECA

aided by a reduction in violent conflicts, improved macroeconomic performance and market-friendly economic reforms.

The discussions attempted to place the debates on Africa's economic emergence in the context of economic diplomacy as a cornerstone of South Africa's foreign policy with a particular focus on Africa.

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The objectives of the training are to: heighten awareness among policymakers of the importance of designing national plans that are consistent with the MDGs in order to accelerate progress towards the goals, and share with policymakers, cross-country experiences and lessons learnt in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of MDG-consistent national development plans and (iii) equip policymakers with the skills to design, implement and monitor MDG-consistent national development plans.

Source: States News Service, June 13, 2011 Monday

Upcoming Event

- Governance Cluster Strategic Planning Meeting
27-28 June 2011 in Nazareth, Ethiopia
- World Conference of Science Journalists 2011
Jun 27 2011 - Jun 29 2011, Doha, Qatar
- Expert Group Meeting on "Coordinating Development"
6-7 July 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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