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Parliamentarians can foster regional integration

Speaking on at the fourth ordinary session of the Pan African Parliament (PAP), Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO of the NEPAD Agency expressed his willingness and commitment to work closely with the members of the PAP in developing viable synergies to support PAP activities.

"As law makers, parliamentarians are key to facilitating major national, regional and continental reforms. Our parliamentarians are key to championing those policies that can foster regional integration", said Mayaki during his report to PAP on the progress of NEPAD implementation.

In his remarks, Dr. Mayaki called for the set-up of a joint PAP-NEPAD Agency technical committee for the purposes of identifying joint activities and initiatives on emerging issues of relevance to African development.

He explained that the NEPAD Agency was making steady progress particularly around issues of food security and infrastructure. And that the Agency was working closely with the Regional Economic Communities in the roll-out of programmes and projects.

"Twenty six countries have signed the CAADP compacts and one regional com-

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Sierra Leone: Fisheries Ministry, NEPAD adopt Action Plan

Following a three-day retreat jointly organised by the ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and NEPAD in March this year, the two institutions have in collaboration with other stakeholders developed an Action Plan that would enable NEPAD assist the ministry in enhancing effective and efficient service delivery.

The adopted Action Plan seeks to address issues such as support to policy, legal and regulatory framework and needs, development of an operational framework for the

implementation of the plan and the establishment of the National Comprehensive African Agricultural Programme (CAADP) Sub-Committee on Fisheries.

Declaring the workshop opened, the minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Dr. Soccoh Kabia, thanked NEPAD for its effort in helping to identify areas that need to be developed in the country's fisheries industry. He noted that the retreat was in line with President Koroma's 'Agenda for Change' and desire to improve the fisheries

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pact by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) – thereby highlighting the roll-out of Africa's blue print for agriculture led development", said Dr. Mayaki.

"In infrastructure, the AUC and the NEPAD Agency have jointly provided technical coordination support for the take-off of the Presidential Infrastructure Initiative," he added.

Speaking on behalf of the PAP Committee for Transport, Industry, Energy and Technology, Honourable Mostefa Boudina, the Committee Chairperson, called for the fast-tracking of NEPAD programme implementation specifically around infrastructure. He reiterated the need for synergies between PAP and the Agency and he also called for the popularisation of the NEPAD agenda amongst PAP members.

Honourable Marie Rose Nguini Effa, Chairperson of the Committee on Health commended the progress being made by the NEPAD initiative on the African Medicines Registration and Harmonization (AMRH) which aims to promote the harmonisation of drug regulation in order to reduce barriers to research, registration, production of and access to safe essential medicines in Africa.

During a wide ranging discussion on Dr. Mayaki's report, the parliamentarians acknowledged the progress being made by the NEPAD Agency and they also called upon the Agency to carry on focusing on implementation and to more specifically address issues such as youth unemployment, resource mobilisation for development and the roll-out of practical development projects.

In his responses to the issues raised by the parliamentarians, Dr. Mayaki revealed that NEPAD continuously needs to be taken to the people and he also reiterated the Agency's commitment to work with PAP in framing out an enabling environment that can enhance focused, realistic and pragmatic development programmes and projects.

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sector and enhance wealth creation. He called on all participants to carefully discuss the various areas identified for the NEPAD/DFID support in order to come up with a tangible action plan that can be successfully supported and implemented. Dr. Kabia underscored the need to develop the ministry's sub-sector, including monitoring control and surveillance, aquaculture, inland fisheries, artisanal fisheries, industrial and semi-industrial fisheries, statistics and research, quality control and marketing, monitoring and evaluation, public relations and communication division and hoped the programme would continue.

For full story: Concord Times (Freetown), May 12, 2011 Thursday

Upcoming Event

- 2011 Annual Meetings of the Board of Governors of the African Development Bank (AfDB)

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- 2nd Africa – India Summit Forum

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27-28 July 2011 Midrand, South Africa

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