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## Janneh says MDGs are consistent with NEPAD priorities



Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, UN Under-Secretary General and ES of ECA

Describing NEPAD as a framework for achieving the MDGs in Africa, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, said in New York that the MDGs and New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) were inextricably linked, have similar goals and rely on partnerships at global and regional levels for successful implementation.

Linking the two frameworks, Janneh said: “The MDGs aim to achieve objectives in poverty reduction, education, health, gender, and environment and serve as a reference for measuring development progress while NEPAD is at once a vision and strategic framework to increase the pace and impact of Africa’s socio-economic development”.

The MDGs and NEPAD thus have similar goals and both rely on partnerships at the global and regional levels for their successful implementation, he said in a statement read on his behalf by Emmanuel Nnadozie, ECA’s Director of Economic Development and NEPAD at the high level panel on MDGs and NEPAD.

NEPAD’s programmes, projects and targets are therefore consistent with and closely aligned to the achievement of the MDGs, Janneh said, stressing that NEPAD had identified agriculture and food security as one of its key thematic areas, and designed the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), whose aims are consistent with the objectives of MDG 1 to reduce poverty and hunger.

Similarly, said Janneh, the other MDGs that aim to achieve universal primary education, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health and combat communicable diseases all relate to different aspects of human development that are at the heart of NEPAD. “In other words, given their common purpose and mutuality of objectives, successes recorded on the MDG front also contribute to the achievement of the NEPAD vision and vice versa,” he said.

Generally Africa has made progress with

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## African leaders were right in establishing NEPAD, says Janneh

A review of the last 10 years and the concrete achievements made shows that African leaders were right in establishing NEPAD as a development framework for Africa, Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, told the African Group of Ambassadors in New York on Friday.

“Many initial challenges and constraints have been surmounted and the NEPAD ship is now sailing smoothly powered by the transition of the NEPAD Secretariat into a Planning and Coordinating Agency that has been fully integrated into the structures and processes of the African Union,” Janneh said during a briefing by officials including the CEO of NEPAD Agency, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, Mr. Cheick Diarra, Head of the Office of Special Adviser on Africa, and Mr. Assefa Shifa, the CEO of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

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some MDGs, even if performance has been mixed across indicators and countries. Africa made progress towards universal primary enrolment which increased significantly from 65% in 1999 to 83% in 2009, stayed on track with its goal of gender parity at primary school level, while women's representation in parliament increased in over 80 percent of African countries between 1990 and 2010.

Africa also made advances in stemming the HIV and AIDS pandemic both in terms of preventing new infections and in making Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) more readily available to infected people.

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Using partnership as its primary strategy, NEPAD effectively made progress with the issues of peace and security in Africa, effectively linking economic development and growth with peace and security on the continent, said Janneh.

NEPAD has greatly improved good governance and accountability across Africa, he said, adding that APRM has no equivalence anywhere in the world. “Of the 30 countries which acceded to the APRM since 2003, 14 have reviewed their policies and practices on democracy, political and economic governance,” said Janneh.

He said NEPAD had also mobilized international support and resources for Africa's development, raising millions of dollars through creative partnerships and cited NEPAD's push for African countries to dedicate 10 percent of their national budgets to agriculture; its promotion of African ownership and increased role of the private sector in the implementation of NEPAD, as evidence of progress over the last 10 years.

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### Upcoming Event

- NEPAD Week at the 66th UN General Assembly. 6 - 12 Oct 2011, New York, United States
- China Africa Business Forum 2011 20 Oct 2011, South Africa
- NEPAD Infrastructure Conference 2011 26 -27 Oct 2011, Johannesburg, South Africa
- High-level Colloquium and NEPAD Congress (TBC), 28 Oct 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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