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ECA and NEPAD Agency take stock of progress and partnership

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Officials of ECA and NEPAD Agency (NPCA) met yesterday in Durban, South Africa to review progress made in the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme (MYP) which was developed in May 2011 to operationalize the Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions.

Reporting on behalf of ECA, MYP Coordinator, Mr. Robert Lisinge said the two institutions had collaborated in strategic planning and programme management, development strategy, macroeconomic analysis and statistics; agriculture, food security, climate change and sustainable development; regional infrastructure; human develop-

ment; economic and corporate governance; capacity development; gender and ICT/Science and Technology.

He said for the purpose of budget and implementation, MYP activities were classified as (1) Activities budgeted in ECA or NPCA programmes; (2) Activities for which funds had to be raised (3) Activities implemented with available ECA/NPCA expertise and (4) Activities implemented using ECA technical advisory services.

Officials of both institutions agreed that ECA had achieved a lot in its support to NPCA, especially with regards to the

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NEPAD 10th anniversary, the high-level anniversary NEPAD colloquium, the production of 10th anniversary commemorative video documentary and the production of the Media handbook on reporting NEPAD.

ECA also gave substantive support to various NEPAD statutory meetings and global events, including the meetings of the NEPAD Steering Committee, the heads of state and government coordination commit-

tee, the 4th high level forum on aid effectiveness in Busan and the 18th Africa Partnership Forum.

The Commission also gave support to NPCA in the South Sudan Development Initiative, the Rural Futures Programme, the Programme on Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), the NEPAD e-School Programme and the Africa Platform for Development (ApDev).

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The group, however, agreed that emerging issues such as Post-Busan agenda, Post-2015 agenda, the outcomes of Rio+20, the ongoing study by the two institutions on the resource mobilization for NEPAD projects and the implementation of various RCM recommendations should be included in future MYP.

ECA's Chief of Partnerships and Technical Cooperation Office, Anthony Nwanze, said the two institutions should also consider harmonizing their business plans and collaborate in more concrete joint projects in order to improve the chances of resource mobilization.

NPCA Directors who reported on progress and challenges in their respective sectors said while much had been achieved, there was need to increase the quality and quantity of collaboration especially in technical development areas, such as agriculture/food security, analytical work on NEPAD cities, climate change and gender as well as in the preparation of flagship publications such as the Status of Capacity Development in Africa and the recurrent ECA/OECD report on Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness which NPCA's Director of Corporate Services, Bankole Adeoye describes as a

“mandate from NEPAD Heads of State”.

NPCA's Director of Programmes and Programme Implementation, Ms. Estherine Fotabong, said the two institutions should leverage their respective mandates to collaborate and work closely together for the benefit of Africa. “NPCA should be ECA's natural ally in areas such as developing Africa's common position and messages for Rio+20 and agriculture/food security,” she said.

NPCA officials identified NEPAD Today as a useful product which has been assisting in spreading the news about the activities of NPCA and the implementation of NEPAD at various levels. They commended ECA for the newsletter and urged that it be strengthened to include best practices and stories about NEPAD impact.

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Upcoming Events

- Regional Dialogue on Enhanced Coordination towards NEPAD Implementation
6 - 7 June 2012, Durban, South Africa
- RIO+20, 20 -22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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