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NEPAD Initiators speak at 10th Anniversary Colloquium

Two key NEPAD architects, ex Presidents Mbeki of South Africa and Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria as well as Jerry Rawlings of Ghana will address NEPAD Colloquium on 28 March in Addis Ababa. PM Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia and the AUC Chairperson will also



H.E. Prime Minister Meles Zenawi

As the Special Guest of Honour, H.E. Meles Zenawi, the Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), will declare open the Colloquium. He will be presenting a keynote statement on “**Unlocking Africa’s Growth Potential**”. Prime Minister Zenawi is a leading advocate of the developmental state in promoting effective inclusive growth in Africa. As Chairperson of the African Union Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), Zenawi has championed Africa’s positions on global

climate change as well as development effectiveness.



H.E. President Olusegun Obasanjo

Former Nigerian President H.E. President Olusegun Obasanjo played a pivotal role in the regeneration and repositioning of the African Union through NEPAD. He will deliver a keynote address on “**NEPAD - Inspiring Change in Africa**”.



H.E. President Thabo Mbeki

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Africa's second post-apartheid leader. Largely credited with championing the "African Renaissance", Mr. Mbeki is one of the key architects and major forces behind NEPAD. Mr. Mbeki will deliver a speech on "**African Renaissance, New Solutions**"



H.E. President Jerry Rawlings

H.E. Jerry John Rawlings is former President of the Republic of Ghana and now the African Union's Special Envoy to Somalia. He will chair the Panel Session 1 on the "**Relevance of the NEPAD vision for Africa's present and future**"



H.E. Dr. Jean Ping, AU Commission Chair

In his capacity as AUC Chairperson, Dr. Ping will deliver the opening remarks with focus on building an integrated and prosperous continent and mobilising domestic financing for AUC and NEPAD programmes and projects.



Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, UNECA

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh is the UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Addis Ababa-based Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

Mr. Janneh, will be speaking on "10 years of dedicated UN system-wide support to NEPAD" and is also a high-level panellist.



Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki is the Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Agency. Dr. Mayaki welcomes participants to the Colloquium with the message: "**Africans must take charge of their own development**".

Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki - Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Agency

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Upcoming Events

- High level NEPAD Colloquium and Congress, 28 March 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Young People, Farming & Food: The Future of the Agrifood Sector in Africa, 19 -21 March 2012, Ghana
- 5th Joint Annual Meetings of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, 22-27 March 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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