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NEPAD Steering Committee agrees on agenda for next HSGOC, Africa Partnership Forum meetings

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The NEPAD Steering Committee ended a two-day consultative meeting in Sandton, Johannesburg today with broad agreements on what should be discussed at the upcoming meetings of the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (its highest policy-making organ) and the Africa Partnership Forum.



The meeting was attended by Algeria, Egypt, South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Malawi, Cameroon, Benin as well as the strategic partners of NEPAD – ECA, UNDP, African Development Bank and ECCAS.

Amb. Mariam Aladji Boni-Diallo, Chair and NEPAD Agency's CEO, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki

Regarding the HSGOC agenda, the NEPAD Agency had submitted six thematic areas for consideration: Post 2015 development agenda; NEPAD's role in advancing Pan African renewal; Accelerating NEPAD implementation at REC level; Update on the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI); Results-based reporting on NPCA and Sustaining the CAADP momentum.

After rounds of intense debate, the Committee decided to recommend Food Security and Agriculture (CAADP momentum) as well as an update on PICI, "on the condition that pre-meetings of the various PICI focal points and that of the transport ministers

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ECA provides updates on Domestic Resource Mobilization study and Illicit Financial Flows from Africa

A 20-minute presentation by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to the NEPAD Steering Committee today in Sandton generated positive feedback and interests from Steering Committee members who requested to know more about issues related to domestic resource mobilization and illicit financial flows from Africa, which were the focus of the presentation.

ECA and the NEPAD Agency are leading the study, pursuant to a decision of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee, which would identify practical mechanisms for mobilizing domestic resources in Africa. It will also identify measures to boost domestic resource mobilization (DRM), identify best practices that facilitate DRM for national development and recommend strategies for national

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Images from NEPAD Steering Committee Consultative meeting in SA



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development and NEPAD programmes.

The presentation was made by ECA's Senior Regional Adviser, Adeyinka Adeyemi.

On the work of the High Level Panel on Illegal Financial Flows which is chaired by former President Thabo Mbeki, Mr. Adeyemi said that the Panel had conducted three subregional consultations on the issue and would hold the fourth one in Tunisia from 14-16 October.

He said by some estimates, about \$50 billion was illicitly transferred from Africa yearly and, if this were to be stopped, African countries would be able to improve the livelihood of their citizens without depending on aid or development assistance.

He said the ultimate goal of the campaign could be summed up in six words: "**Track it. Stop it. Get it**".

Adeyemi said the ECA was developing an **Illicit Financial Flow web tracker**, a visualization tool which could be used to track where the illicit monies are lodged; stop further illegal flows and suggest ways of repatriating the illegal funds to their countries of origin.

Members expressed great interest in following the work of the high level panel and said the Committee would explore ways of harmonizing the objectives of the next Africa Partnership Forum --- which would be on Illegal Financial Flows -with

those of the Mbeki Panel in order to build complementarity. The next APF will address transparency and curbing of money laundering.

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are held before the next HSGOC meeting" which is scheduled for January 2013.

The HSGOC meeting will also elect a new Chairperson who will take over from the late Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Mr. Meles Zenawi as well as the Vice Chairs and rotating members.

The Committee also decided that APF would address the issue of Illicit Financial Flows from Africa when it meets from 2-3 in December 2012 in Cotonou.

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Upcoming Events

- The Eighth African Development Forum (ADF VIII), 21-25 October 2012, UNCC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- The Annual Session of RCM-Africa, 14-15 November 2012, UNCC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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