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ECCAS, CEMAC, UN System gear up to review progress on NEPAD in Central Africa

Agencies of the UN System and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) of Central Africa are expected to review progress of and gear up towards boosting the AU's NEPAD programme in the sub-region during a multi-stakeholder meeting billed for Okoume Palace hotel in Libreville on 17 October 2012.

The encounter, convened by the Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA/SRO-CA), will be the fourth follow-up meeting of the Sub Regional Coordination Mechanism of the UN System-wide support

to the AU's NEPAD programme in the sub region.

The meeting will particularly seek to draw a balance sheet of the Common Indicative Programme for the implementation of the AU/NEPAD programme in Central Africa, covering the period of 2010-2012 while projecting into future programmes.

The said programme that is based on the first Multi Year Programme of cooperation between ECA, CEMAC and ECCAS with contribution from other UN agencies and partner institutions comprises six major

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Rwanda to host seventh African Economic Conference

Rwanda will host the seventh African Economic Conference (AEC) which will take place from the October 30 to November 2.

The objective of this Conference is to provide a platform for experts on Africa, both within and outside the continent.

They will also reflect and dialogue on new directions for growth policy on the conti-

nent in order to determine the best approaches to attain the Millennium Development Goals, achieve the objectives of NEPAD and accelerate Africa's sustainable.

Running under the theme "Fostering Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa in an Age of Global Uncertainty", hundreds of high-level participants includ-

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components: (1) Infrastructure, Transport, Energy, ICT, Water and Hygiene infrastructure development coordinated by BDEAC, (2) Governance, Peace and Security led by UNDP, (3) Commerce, Industry and Access to Markets overseen by UNIDO, (4) Agriculture, Food Security and Environment followed up by FAO, (5) Science & Technology, Human Resource Support, Employment and HIV/AIDS coordinated by ILO, and (6) the Development of Institutional Frameworks supervised by ECA/SR-CA.

Meanwhile, the Libreville SRCM meeting will be followed on 18 October 2012 by an ad hoc expert group meeting to review 2011-2013 the Multi Year Programme of cooperation between ECA/SRO-CA, CEMAC and ECCAS (MYP II) in order to recommend the course of action for the remaining period of the current lap of the Programme. The first lap of the Programme, which ran from 2007 to 2010, scored an 88% implementation rate in spite of setbacks such as the short supply of appropriate human resources.

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ing eminent academics, political leaders, representatives of international organizations, CEOs, civil society organizations and the media will participate in the event.

The theme gives delegates the opportunity to debate Africa's inclusive growth and

sustainable development agenda and the role of the African Development Bank Group in promoting development in times of global economic turmoil.

Delegates will take part in wide-ranging discussions, including the possibility of engineering people-oriented growth that enhances environmental protection, poverty reduction, the creation of jobs and investment opportunities.

They will exchange views on how to strengthen Africa's economic institutions and build infrastructure to leverage economies of scale and integration.

The AEC is co-organized by the AfDB, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

It has become a major forum that brings together leading academics and development practitioners from across the globe towards fostering dialogue and exchange of knowledge that contributes to the search for solutions to the development challenges of Africa.

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Upcoming Event

- NEPAD Briefing at the UN General Assembly 16 Oct 2012, New York, United States
- African Development Forum (ADF VIII), 23-25 October 2012 "Governing and Harnessing Natural Resources for Africa's Development", Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- RCM-Africa, November 14-15, 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, UNCC

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