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NEPAD targets \$1b for youth empowerment

NEPAD is to raise \$1 billion to support investments in agricultural research for development among unemployed youth.

The National Director, Information and Mobilisation, NEPAD Youth initiative, Prince Clement Enweremadu, made this known during the launching of CIS-Trade for Peace, Unity and Development and signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Youth Initiative, in Lagos. Enweremadu, who is the initiator of Collaboration, Initiation and Stabilisation (CIS) framework, said the NEPAD Youth Initiative would empower young and talented individuals through trade in agricultural produce and other commercial ventures.

According to him, NEPAD's emphasis on agricultural produce for trade among other commercial ventures, will enable Nigeria achieve food security as a nation.

He said the provisions of CIS trade for peace, unity and development framework was procedural, adding that it is the coming together of stakeholders in the identification of local products packaging agencies like the Federal Institute of Industrial Research, Oshodi (FIIRO), Nigerian Export Promotion Council, Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) and others.

"These collaborations shall enable us set industrial centres in all the states in Nigeria where youths shall be trained in different
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African leaders, officials pay tribute to PM Meles

Leaders of different African countries and officials of international organizations paid their respect to the late prime minister Meles Zenawi at the grand palace on Sunday.

"Meles Zenawi was a great leader, he was not only the leader of Ethiopia but he was also Africa's leader. He was also a peacemaker who has contributed a great deal for peace

and security of the region," said Somaliland President Ahmed Mohamoud Silanyo . "On behalf of the people and the government of Somaliland, I would like to offer my condolences to the people and government of Ethiopia."

President Ahmed said Ethiopia is a good neighbour of Somaliland hence the two countries have a very close relationship, and

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The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and the entire UN family express their heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia. We extend our sympathies to the government and the people of this great Nation.

Prime Minister Meles was a dedicated visionary and pan-Africanist, who worked tirelessly for the development and transformation of Ethiopia and the entire continent.

Together with our partners, we will continue to support his vision and efforts for a better Africa, free from the shackles of poverty. We will sustain his work on climate change and build on his vision for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) to be veritable tools for Africa's transformation.

We will continue to cherish his intellectual leadership which cast a critical eye on key issues pertaining to Africa's development trajectory and shaped policy discourse around them.

May he rest in eternal peace.

Signed,

Abdoulie Janneh, Under Secretary-General, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa and Staff

NEPAD Agency strengthens ties with Parliament of Benin

“Parliamentarians help increase ownership of NEPAD programmes. They are in their own right champions of NEPAD programmes.”

These remarks were made by Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of NEPAD this week, when he paid a courtesy call to Mr Mathurin Nago, Speaker of the Parliament of Benin, at the Embassy of Benin in Pretoria, South Africa yesterday.

Mr Nago was on a brief visit to South Africa to attend the annual conference of speakers of African Parliaments at the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) in Midrand, near Johannesburg.

At the meeting, where various parliamentary issues were discussed, Dr Mayaki pointed out the important synergy between legislators, who are representatives of the people and NEPAD, mandated and committed to working for the people of Africa.

Mr Nago said he was pleased with the

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internationally recognised systems of farming, and other economic oriented practice,” he explained.

The National Director of Information and Mobilisation, further disclosed that NEPAD Youth plans to embark on exchange programmes with the international community, especially the Federal Republic of Germany, which includes importation of equipment to enhance product handling and packaging to boost trade.

According to Enweremadu, NEPAD Youth shall embark on a sensitisation programme in Europe, Asia and America starting from November. He appealed to corporate organi-

progress made by NEPAD and stressed the need for the Agency to engage more with parliamentarians to enhance visibility of its programmes on the ground. “As the direct representatives of the people, parliamentarians are key to fast-tracking the implementation of NEPAD programmes,” he said.

The two executives stated that NEPAD and the Parliament of Benin will work closely together through a NEPAD Parliamentarian Forum, to involve more political representation and promote NEPAD at grassroots levels. The Forum, based in Benin, will help strengthen parliamentary capacities for policy advocacy and adequate responses to governance issues.

Dr Mayaki welcomed this proposal and called it “inspirational” and a “timely request” with a view to the Republic of Benin, holding the chair of the African Union for a period of 12 months, and leading and shaping the future of NEPAD.

Source: www.nepad.org

sations to support the CIS Project to enable it achieve its objectives.

He stated that the scheme would help provide sustainable framework on trade for peace, unity and development, which is about the identification, packaging and marketing of Nigerian products locally and internationally.

“CIS Framework was an all-encompassing product, which will identify made-in-Nigeria products, resources nationwide and markets locally and internationally as well as ensuring packaging that meets international standards,” Enweremadu said.

Source: <http://www.thenationonline.net/2011/business/money/59395-nepad-targets-1b-for-youth-empowerment.html?print>

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it is hoped that the relationship will continue and grow even bigger. "We've learnt a lesson from Meles that it is a good thing to bring people together and to work for the development of the region as a whole", he added.

South Sudan President Salva Kiir Mayardit on his part said the loss of Meles is very sad not only for the people of Ethiopia but also for the people of South Sudan, the region and for the whole Africa as well. "He was a great leader and he will be missed by the African people", the President added.

AfDB President Donald Kaberuka also said that it is not exaggeration to say that Meles was a transformation leader. He was a leader who devoted himself for his people and for Africa. The best way to acknowledge Meles is by continuing the work he did for Ethiopia and Africa. Donald further said "The African Development Bank is a sole partner of Ethiopia, I have worked closely with Meles on African and international issues and I will guarantee you that we will honor his legacy by showing what he has achieved."

The CEO of NEPAD, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki on his part said: "I am personally very sad because I lost a very intelligent boss for whom I had an immense pleasure to work for. So, his ideas will live with us and to make his ideas live will be our role. I can assure you that we will do our job in that regard"

Dr. Ibrahim added: "His intelligence helped NEPAD to bring about development in the region. He inspired us all in what we sensed as our main issues in our interaction internationally and at a critical moment of the integration of NEPAD into the African Union. He was fundamentally a key actor in

facilitating the integration. We will miss his intelligence, passion and inclusive Africanity." Meles was a key advocate of Africa's interest at the G8 and G20 summit and his ideas were always received with a lot of attention, he added.

Representing UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for the United Nations in New York said: "On behalf of the UN I would like to express my deepest condolences for the family of Meles Zenawi and also for the people and government of Ethiopia. The Prime Minister was a sole partner of the UN on behalf of peace and security and development in this region. We, in the UN vow to honour his legacy by continuing to work for the issues he stood for, for peace and security development in Ethiopia and the region."

Leaders and delegates of countries like Kenya, Benin, Rwanda and Tanzania, Republic of Sudan and Burundi have also offered their condolences to the family of the late Prime Minister, the Ethiopian people and the government.

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Upcoming Event

- AU/NEPAD Science & Technology Policy Workshop, 1- 5 Oct 2012, Nairobi, Kenya
- 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
- Establishment of Science, Technology and Innovation indicators in the ECOWAS region (national & regional level), 5-7 September 2012 TBC, Togo

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