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## Zuma says new Ethiopian Prime Minister will continue leadership in NEPAD support

**C**ongratulating new Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, South African President Jacob Zuma said he believes that Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn will follow in the footsteps of his friend and mentor, former Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, in continuing with the national policies of Ethiopia to enhance the development of the country.

Mr. Desalegn, was sworn in last Thursday after serving as the acting Prime Minister since Meles Zenawi's death in August 2012. "I also believe that he will continue



*Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn*

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## NEPAD says all Africans should have access to energy

**A** leading energy expert has called for maximizing clean and sustainable energy resources in sufficient quantity to accelerate economic growth and improve the living conditions for Africa's peoples.

Professor Mosad Elmissiry, head of the NEPAD's Energy Programme, speaking at a joint United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and NEPAD forum in Nairobi, said this acceleration could be achieved through the effective implementa-

tion of his Agency's Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA). The workshop from September 19 to 21 brought together leading experts in energy, African Union officials, governments, the private sector, development partners and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to explore how Africa can harness more of its own national resources to deliver sustainable energy for all Africans.

Key on the agenda of the three-day meeting is how best to make the PIDA mandate

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## Zuma says...



*Jacob Zuma, South African President*

Ethiopia's leadership role in Africa to support NEPAD and the various peace processes on the continent, especially the one between Sudan and South Sudan," said President Jacob Zuma.

The new prime minister was elected on 15 September 2012 by the Council of the rul-

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more effective and efficient, so as to support industrial growth in Africa. One of PIDA's objectives is to ensure universal access to sustainable energy in Africa by 2040. This objective ties in closely with the UN Secretary General's Energy for All by 2030 initiative under which the NEPAD Agency and UNDP are collaborating.

PIDA provides a common framework for African stakeholders to build the infrastructure necessary for more integrated transport, energy, ICT and trans-boundary water networks to boost trade, spark growth and create jobs. Implementing it will help to deliver a well-connected Africa, facilitate energy flows between African countries and realise the building of an African Economic Community, outlined in the 1991 Abuja Treaty.

ing Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) as its new leader. "South Africa is convinced that its strong and cordial historical relations with Ethiopia will be further strengthened and expanded under the leadership of Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn," International Relations and Cooperation spokesperson Clayson Monyela said.

In April, a Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) between South Africa and Ethiopia in Addis Ababa, an Implementation Plan was signed by South Africa's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, and the then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, Hailemariam Desalegn, which provides for the enhancement of the implementation of existing co-operation agreements between the two countries.

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"In the energy sector, for instance, more than 20 countries have national power systems below the minimum efficient scale of a single plant. The creation of power pools recognises that regional cooperation, by sharing large-scale, cost-effective energy resources across countries, will reduce the cost of electricity," Prof Elmissiry said.

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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
- RCM-Africa, November 14-15, 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, UNCC

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