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Mayaki receives France's Order of Agricultural Merit

On 18 April 2011 the French Embassy in South Africa, on behalf of the French Ministry of Agriculture, awarded Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki with the National Order of Agriculture Merit for his commitment and achievements in African development particularly within the context of Agriculture.

At the award ceremony, the French Ambassador to South Africa, Jacques Lapouge, said: "Dr. Mayaki has devoted his professional life to public administration, academia and development. He has put the up-liftment of the lives of African citizens at the forefront of his work".

According to Lapouge, the work done by Dr. Mayaki between 2004 and 2009 as an

Executive Director of the Platform in support of Rural Development in West and Central Africa, the Rural Hub, based in Dakar, Senegal, has gone on to map out the Hub as one of the foremost, proactive and inclusive rural development entities in the region.

"The Hub is now at the forefront of the development of agricultural policies in West Africa and Africa," said Lapouge.

"Your efforts to revive the progress of NEPAD are also recognised here today. Since your inception as the CEO of NEPAD, there has been acceleration in the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme, the Programme for the Infrastructure

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Mayaki's visit to Algeria is timely and important, says Messahel

The visit of CEO of NEPAD Agency Ibrahim Assane Mayaki is "timely and important" since it is part of the coordination of major development programmes in Africa, Deputy Minister for Maghreb and African Affairs, Abdelkader Messahel said in Algiers after he received Dr. Mayaki as part of a three-day visit to Algeria.

In this regard, the minister stressed that the President Abdelaziz Bouteflika had been instructed by the recently appointed heads of state committee, for monitoring of sub-regional development projects such as the Trans-Saharan gas pipeline coupled with a fibre-optic cable.

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Development of Africa and the roll-out of your ICTs programme”, he added.

In his acceptance remarks, Dr. Mayaki revealed that “Africa has been a passion for me especially in the last 15 years”. He welcomed the award from France and thanked his family, friends and colleagues from his various postings for their strong support in his work.

“I am extremely proud of this recognition, I am pleased and recognise your presence and I thank you”, said Dr. Mayaki.

Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, a former Prime Minister of the Republic of Niger, is the CEO of NEPAD Agency, head-quartered in Midrand, South Africa.

The National Order of Agriculture Merit is awarded to people whose work has contributed to improvements in agriculture services.

Source: <http://www.nepad.org>

APRM undertakes Follow-up mission in Sierra Leone

An African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) delegation undertook a Follow-up Mission in Sierra Leone. The Mission, which commenced its activities on 12 April 2011, is led by Barrister Akere Muna, a member of the APRM Panel of eminent persons appointed in March 2011 to supervise the review of this West

African country in the areas of Democracy and Political Governance, Economic Governance and Management, Socio-economic Development and Corporate Governance.

In Freetown, the capital, Barrister Akere Muna will hold talks with His Excellency Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone. He will also meet with local authorities in charge of the APRM, particularly Alhaji Alpha Kanu, Minister of Political and Public Affairs, who also serves as the National APRM Focal Point.

Barrister Akere Muna will have a working session with Dr. Osman Gbla, an experienced academic, Chairperson of the National Governing Council, the structure that was officially launched on 15 September 2008 by the Head of State of Sierra Leone.

The various exchanges will enable the APRM Delegation to prepare for the Review Mission scheduled for May 2011 in Sierra Leone.

For full story: <http://www.nepad.org>

Upcoming Event

- Conference on mobilising investment in infrastructure and agriculture in Africa - NEPAD-OECD Ministerial Conference, 2011.

26-27 April 2011, Dakar, Senegal

- World Economic Forum

3-5 May 2011, Cape Town, South Africa

- 2nd Africa – India Summit Forum

20 -25 May 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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