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RCM Meeting: Governance Cluster Strategic Planning

The Governance Cluster Strategic Planning meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) will take place on 27-28 June 2011 in Nazareth, Ethiopia.

It will build on the on-going programme of support that cluster members continue to render to the African Union Commission (AUC) and NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) in the area of governance.

The principal goal of the meeting is to bring the cluster members together for purposes of joint planning and programming to ensure coordinated and coherent support to

the governance initiatives of the AUC and NPCA. The three main objectives of the meeting are as follows:

- To consider and agree on the cluster's business plan for the period 2011-2013
- To adopt the cluster's 2011 Annual Work Plan; and
- To explore collective resource mobilization/pooling strategies in support of AUC/NPCA

The meeting will bring together representatives of several UN agencies and organizations, AUC, NPCA, and Regional Economic Communities (RECs).

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The Maseru Declaration - in support of African media for development

African media representatives assembled in Maseru, Lesotho from 7-9 June 2011 for the second Africa Regional Media Dialogue. They discussed the role of the media in Africa's development and concluded discussions with the following declaration.

Recalling the 14th Ordinary Session of the AU Summit decision integrating the NEPAD into the structures and processes of the AU and establishing the NEPAD Agency;

Recognising that NEPAD is now fully integrated into AU processes and recognizing the role the African media have continued to play in keeping NEPAD in the public sphere;

Desirous to see the media play a more prominent role in the integration and development of Africa;

Hereby agree to:

- Define and develop a continent-wide

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framework for structured engagement with the media and the deepening of their involvement in informing about AU and NEPAD related programmes;

- Improve messaging and packaging and provide more regular dissemination of information to the media on successes and challenges in implementing AU/NEPAD programmes;
- Deepen knowledge about AU/ NEPAD programmes among African journalists/editors to facilitate media coverage of African initiatives and programmes;
- Ensure civil society organizations, women and youth own the NEPAD vision and programme;
- Adapt creative strategies for using Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and social media to improve the outreach to the public and also engage the youth about the African development agenda;
- Reinforce training for community media and media professionals as well as at the level of journalism training institutions;
- Develop capacity to monitor and evaluate media coverage of AU/NEPAD initiatives and programmes;
- Urge the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) to consider adopting media freedom and pluralism as one of its evaluation criteria.

We participants agree that these goals set out in this declaration and the recommendations we adopted be implemented within the next two years with a midterm review.”

Adopted in Maseru, the Kingdom Of Lesotho 9 June 2011.

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Obasanjo proffers solution to energy crisis in Africa

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has called for partnership among developed and emerging economies to address the energy crisis impeding the growth and development of African nations.

Obasanjo made the call in Vienna, Austria Tuesday, at the 2011 Vienna Energy Forum. According to him, “the cause of energy deficiency for domestic and industrial use in Africa is lack of fund. If three or more developed and emerging economies in a joint collaborative effort among them and their private sector work seriously together for 10 to 20 years, I strongly believe that the world will achieve a breakthrough in renewable energy.”

He said a revolution in renewable energy through cost-sharing and burden-sharing among those who could afford the initial cost of research and development was the solution to the problem.

For full story: <http://www.vanguardngr.com/2011/06/obasanjo-proffers-solution-to-energy-crisis-in-africa/>

Upcoming Event

- Governance Cluster Strategic Planning Meeting
27-28 June 2011 in Nazareth, Ethiopia
- World Conference of Science Journalists 2011
Jun 27 2011 - Jun 29 2011, Doha, Qatar
- Expert Group Meeting on “Coordinating Development”
6-7 July 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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