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## ECA supported NEPAD to the hilt before it became popular, says Mayaki

The CEO of NEPAD Agency, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki said in Addis Ababa on Monday that the support of ECA for NEPAD and the NPCA had always been “full, strong and constant” in spite of the “global pessimism” that characterized the initial stage of the programme.

In a remark to the joint ECA and NPCA meeting on **Multi Year Programme** of work covering 2011-2013, Dr. Mayaki said ECA’s support was never a conditional one, adding that the Commission had given invaluable support to NEPAD Agency in restructuring its communications programme, enhancing its knowledge management component and preparing the agency’s Business Plan and Strategic Direction document.

“The mood towards NEPAD has changed today,” said Mayaki, “but if we have be-



*Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO of NEPAD Agency*

able to build capacity today at the NEPAD Agency; if we now have a clear strategic direction, it is mainly due to ECA.”

The joint meeting later discussed the modalities for various ECA support to the African Union and its NEPAD Programme, including the Commission’s support to the commemoration of ten years of NEPAD.

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## Use AU Day to re-focus energies on Africa’s challenges – Mayaki

Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO of NEPAD Agency on Tuesday called on Africans to use the celebration of AU Day to take stock of their achievements and genuinely re-focus their energies on addressing the challenges facing Africans.

In an Africa Day Statement, Dr Mayaki

said “On May 25, 2011, I and my colleagues at NEPAD Agency will join the AU, the entire continent and indeed the Diaspora in celebrating yet another ‘Africa Day’ on the theme: “Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development”.

In thinking about ‘Africa Day’ and indeed

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## Use AU Day...

the related theme for this year it is clear that we should all use this Day to take stock of our achievements and to genuinely re-focus our energies on addressing the challenges that we are faced with as Africans.”

“The recent uprisings by our youth in some parts of the continent should work to remind us that we need to use this Day to critically look at our past in order to make a better tomorrow for all our people.”

“This particular ‘Africa Day’, is a rather special one for us as it falls in the 10th year – 2011– of NEPAD.”

“It is in this regard that I and my colleagues at the NEPAD Agency will use this Day to reflect on the role of NEPAD in Africa – past, present and future. The Day and indeed the entire week will also be used to kick-start a series of year-long events and engagements that are being organised to mark the 10th Anniversary of NEPAD.”

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The statement said it must be said that the 2001 formation of NEPAD as the Development Programme of the African Union and its African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), had helped to enhance the growth of the continent and its political and corporate governance.

Since the adoption of NEPAD, it said the Heads of State and Governments had used it as an entry point in their engagements on Africa at the global level and they had also used it as a platform for the coordination of development priorities at the continental level.

“NEPAD has focused on priority areas and has spearheaded the development of strate-

gic frameworks in areas such as the CAADP in agriculture, to the Short term Action Plan and Middle-to-Long-Term Strategic Framework in Infrastructure – that are crucial to enhance regional integration and development.

“Critically, NEPAD has also provided us all with the vision, platform and vehicle for domestic and external resource mobilisation for the development of the continent.”

“In 2010, the relevance of NEPAD took on new impetus when the NEPAD programme was fully integrated into the AU at the 14th AU Assembly. Now, for the first time, an African regional initiative has been institutionalised to establish a development agency within the AU family – the NEPAD Agency. The Agency, which I lead, implements the AU’s NEPAD development agenda.”

“The myriad of crises, particularly the escalating oil prices, the high food prices and subsidy distortions in the global market, may make it look like as if things are beyond our control.”

*For full story: [http://www.ghananewsagency.org/s\\_politics/r\\_29196/politics/use-au-day-to-re-focus-energies-on-addressing-challenges-dr-mayaki](http://www.ghananewsagency.org/s_politics/r_29196/politics/use-au-day-to-re-focus-energies-on-addressing-challenges-dr-mayaki)*

## Upcoming Event

- Launching of the Country Review Report of Mozambique

26 May 2011, Maputo, Mozambique

- Launch of the ECA’s 2011 Economic Report on Africa

May 27 2011, Pretoria, South Africa

- Freight Intra Africa 2011 Logistics for Sustainable Economic Development

27-28 July 2011 Midrand, South Africa

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