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NEPAD urged to focus on addressing the needs of Africa's people

Erastus Mwencha, the Deputy Chairperson of AUC said the AUC and NEPAD Agency had made a lot of progress in terms of the institutional integration of NEPAD into the African Union.

However, he said focus should now turn towards the harmonisation of programmes and projects in order to more effectively address the needs of the African people.

“We work for Africa and we have a common cause towards Africa’s development. It is this synergy that underlines NEPAD’s integration into the AU and our joint work,”

Mwencha said “there should be close alignment between our strategies and our work programmes”.

In his welcome remarks, the CEO of the NEPAD Agency, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, said that the NEPAD Agency “was proud to be a member” of the AU family “because this has enabled us to improve our impact on development in Africa”.

Our joint programmes whether it is the work we are doing on CAADP, or in infrastructure as in the shape of the Programme for Infrastructure Development of Africa (PIDA), in the areas of science and technology and/or gender, has gained a new sense of collective political will as a result of NEPAD’s integration into the AU”, said Mayaki.

Mayaki said, was now turning towards a phase of putting in place regular consulta-

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AUC and NEPAD Agency to mobilize African voice ahead of next G8/Africa Summit

The AU and the NEPAD Agency on Tuesday hosted a consultation meeting of the NEPAD Steering Committee as part of the process of consulting and preparing the African position at the upcoming G8/Africa Summit in, Deauville, France in May 2011.

Members of the NEPAD Steering Committee, from over 15 African countries, along

with Maxwell Mkwezalamba, the Commissioner for Economic Affairs at the African AUC and Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, the CEO of the NEPAD Agency met in Midrand in order to consolidate the basis of a renewed partnership with the G8 / OECD partners.

Speaking at the start of the session, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, said that 2011 marks the 10 years of the inception of NEPAD and that this offered us all an opportunity to “revisit

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tive processes and systems that would enable it to better coordinate and align its programmes towards those of colleagues at the AUC.

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the challenges facing the G8 Africa partnership”.

“We need to take into account the new shift of paradigms whereby, for instance Africa is making more and more available domestic resources to finance its own development”, said Dr. Mayaki.

In his remarks, Commissioner Mkwelambamba reiterated the “constructive engagement between the AUC and the NEPAD Agency in preparing the upcoming G8/Africa meeting. He went on to add that it was important for Africa to speak as one with the G8.

The Deauville G8/Africa Summit will mark a turning point in consolidating the basis of a renewed partnership between the G8 and Africa. At the Summit the G8 members and their African partners will review the implementation of their respective commitments towards Africa's development and decide on how to improve their cooperation in the future.

It is expected that the G8/Africa declaration for 2011 will stress on issues concerning regional integration, sustainable access to energy, financial governance and transparency in extractive industries, access to education and e-health. Issues of mutual accountability, political issues including peace and security, economic development and aid effectiveness

will also be addressed at a thematic level.

Source: <http://www.modernghana.com/news/321003/1/auc-and-nepad-agency-set-out-to-galvanise-the-afri.html>

AUC signs CAADP compact agreement with the DRC

The event took place on Thursday, 17 March 2011, in Kinshasa, in the presence of Mrs. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, AUC Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture; Mr. Simon Bulupiy, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of the DRC, Mr. Stephen Karangizi, Assistant Secretary General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), as well as representatives of the NEPAD, international organizations and private sector.

During the compact signing event, which was preceded by a daylong roundtable discussion, the AUC was one among other key signatories that included COMESA, development partners, representatives of civil

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Upcoming Event

- AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development: Theme: Governing development in Africa.

24-29 March 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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

26-27 April 2011, Dakar, Senegal

- African Youth Forum
1-9 April 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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