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Opening

1. The NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) held its 36th Session on Saturday, 27 January 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, prior to the 30th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU).

2. H.E. Macky SALL, President of the Republic of Senegal and the Chairperson of the HSGOC presided over the session. In his statement, the HSGOC Chair recognized Agenda 2063 as the translation of the vision of the founding Member States of NEPAD. The Chairperson requested Member States to remain optimistic and support the NEPAD Agency in accelerating regional integration to drive inclusive growth and sustainable development in the areas of infrastructure and energy (in particular the support of the Rural Electrification Fund), innovation, science and technology (the introduction of drones) as well as GROW Africa in support of women and youth in agriculture. President Sall also lauded the NEPAD Spanish Fund in increasing the technical capacity and economic well-being of women. The HSGOC Chairperson congratulated the African Development Bank on the Africa 50 and the “High Fives” which constitute an agenda for effective development. President Sall noted that Africa has inscribed its priorities on the G-20 with respect to illicit financial flows (IFFs). The Decision by the African Union to finance its operations through 0.2% on imports was mentioned as an important step in the financing of NEPAD projects and structures. In conclusion, President Macky Sall thanked the members of HSGOC for their support during his term, and expressed continued support to the incoming HSGOC Chairperson.

3. H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki MAHAMAT, Chairperson of African Union Commission (AUC) addressed the session for the first time. The AUC Chairperson noted the HSGOC takes place in a challenging socio-economic context and that NEPAD constitutes the African Union’s developmental response to these challenges. He stressed the fact that NEPAD can be viewed as both a “philosophy” and a “brand”, and that the proposed transition of the NEPAD Agency into the African Union Development Agency (AUDA) will both reflect this strength and build upon this legacy. The AUC Chairperson constituted a Technical Working Group in line with the recommendations of the Kagame Report on AU reform, which produced a number of recommendations related to programmatic, governance, legal and communications modalities. H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat acknowledged the leadership provided by HSGOC in the activities of the Agency since its inception, and called on HSGOC leaders to provide the necessary resources for the implementation of programmes. He looks forward to this continued support as we move towards the establishment of AUDA in support of Agenda 2063.

4. H.E. Mr. Emmerson MNANGAGWA, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, was requested by the HSGOC Chairperson to offer words of welcome as a new member of HSGOC. President Mnangagwa underscored Zimbabwe’s continued support for the NEPAD programme and that he looked forward to engaging on the critical issues of development that NEPAD has so effectively championed. He praised his predecessor,

H.E. Robert G. Mugabe for his pan-Africanist vision, and President Mnangagwa expressed his belief that the NEPAD Agency and AU at large will continue to support Zimbabwe in its attainment of the goals of Agenda 2063.

5. The Representative of H.E. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia reminded the HSGOC that Algeria was one of its founding members, and he acknowledged the achievements made by NEPAD highlighting the necessity for its preservation. The Prime Minister affirmed the recommendations by the NEPAD Steering Committee and shared information on a number of infrastructure projects being championed by Algeria.

6. H.E. President Paul Kagame of the Republic of Rwanda thanked President Macky Sall for his leadership of HSGOC and the NEPAD Agency for the tremendous work in support of various important projects in agriculture and infrastructure, amongst other sectors. He commended NEPAD for its foresight in initiating the discussion on the repositioning of NEPAD in 2016, even prior to the current discussion on reform. President Kagame highlighted the role of NEPAD as the development arm of the AU with its role becoming more significant over time. The President suggested that an independent assessment of the work of the organization would be useful and should be seriously considered. The NEPAD HSGOC's success is reliant on the personal involvement of Heads of State and Government for high-level advocacy, and it will be critical to find an appropriate way to share this responsibility, taking diversity of the African continent into consideration.

7. The Representative of H.E. President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Ambassador Khalid Emara, Assistant Foreign Minister and Personal Representative of the Egyptian President in the NEPAD Steering Committee presented the apologies of the President who was Chairing the AU Peace and Security Council. He outlined the importance of NEPAD to Egypt especially in the realm of project implementation, specifically with respect to infrastructure. Egypt, as one of the 5 founding members of NEPAD, attaches great importance to the value of the AU. In-depth studies concerning the financial aspects of reforms should be conducted by the AUC and the ideas of reform must be done in a transparent manner to enable countries to respond taking into consideration the values of the African Union.

8. Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ms. Vera Songwe, addressed HSGOC for the first time. She detailed areas in which the NEPAD Agency and UNECA has successfully collaborated. The UN Secretary-General signed an agreement with the AUC Chairperson on a framework for the implementation of Agenda 2063 and UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which can serve as a basis for further support towards AU and NEPAD.

9. High level participants at the 36th Session included: Heads of State and Government of the HSGOC, Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), AU Commissioners; Members of the NEPAD Steering Committee (SC); Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA);

Director-General of UNAIDS; UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, and the heads of partner institutions.

10. The 36th NEPAD session deliberated on the topic: NEPAD's role in the Implementation of Agenda 2063 with a particular focus on the reform of NEPAD. Specifically, four (4) substantive agenda issues were discussed, namely:

- a) Overview on the 2017 Results-based Performance Report of the NEPAD Agency;
- b) Progress on NEPAD Presidential Infrastructure Championship Initiative (PICI);
- c) The Reform of NEPAD;
- d) Africa's Global Partnerships.

Presentation of the 2017 Results-based Performance Report of NEPAD

11. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NEPAD Agency, Dr. Ibrahim A. Mayaki, presented an audio-visual Dashboard of NEPAD, giving indication of the NEPAD Agency programmes in Member States and actual progress on implementation, which highlighted the results that the Agency achieved in 2017. The Dashboard which is GIS-based was also designed to generate information and data to support Member States in strategic planning. The NEPAD Agency, now with a footprint in 52 out of the 55 African Union Member States, adopted a results-based approach and aligned its interventions to the First Ten Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063. The results of the NEPAD Agency's contribution to Agenda 2063 for the year 2017 were presented at the continental, regional and national level, and they were organised around five major outcome areas: a) Skills Revolution and Entrepreneurship; b) Sustainability and Resilience; c) Improved Health and Nutrition Services; d) Transformed Agriculture and Food Systems; and e) Integrated Corridor Infrastructure, Trade and Markets.

12. The visualised dashboard of the Agency's results framework presented by the NEPAD Agency CEO utilised real data to present an overview of the NEPAD footprint, driven by the 7 aspirations, the 20 goals and the 37 priorities as outlined in Agenda 2063, with the associated targets and indicators also highlighted. In terms of project implementation, an example of STISA was used, where the implementation of projects in number of countries were displayed, and where various indicators contributed towards the realisation of targets. Overall this approach helped countries to diversify their economies and become more resilient, with the ultimate goal being the realisation of a skills revolution and the realisation of *Aspiration 1* of Agenda 2063, which is *A Prosperous Africa based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development*.

13. The presentation also focused on a territorial approach to development, exemplified by a corridor-based development approach which has enhanced the NEPAD Agency's capacity to monitor indicators. Dr. Mayaki drew examples from the Central Corridor and from West Africa (East-West Corridor) to highlight the interface between infrastructure corridors, agriculture, water, forestry and human settlement. This application of geo-spatial planning will be used increasingly to improve integrated

planning and precision in implementing transformative results, and this will ensure that delivery is not fragmented, but rather integrated and coherent.

14. In the conclusion of the visualised dashboard presentation, the NEPAD Agency CEO demonstrated the Agency's capacity and capability in monitoring impact-based indicators such as child mortality, the incidences of malaria, access to clean water and electricity, as well as per-capita income of all Member States. Examples were drawn from the countries of Senegal and Angola in order to display a trend analysis in each country.

Progress on NEPAD Presidential Infrastructure Championship Initiative (PICI)

15. H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, was absent and therefore could not present the PICI Report;

16. The Representative of H.E. President Hage Geingob of the Republic of Namibia, Minister Alpheus !Naruseb, Minister of Works and Transport, underscored the value that Namibia places on economic integration and African unity. Namibia is honoured to accept a leadership role in PICI, in the promotion of Namibia as an international logistics hub. In particular the Minister listed the Baynes Hydro Power Project, the Trans-Kalahari Railway (TKR), and the Trans Orange Corridor: Port of Luderitz as key projects to be developed.

17. In response to Dr. Mayaki's presentation, the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee noted with appreciation and endorsed the NEPAD 2017 Results-based Performance Report. The Committee further congratulated Dr. Mayaki for his leadership and encouraged the NEPAD Agency to continue in its stride towards the development of the continent.

18. The HSGOC welcomed Namibia as a member of PICI and appreciated its commitment.

High-level round table: The Reform of NEPAD

19. H.E. President Macky Sall, Chairperson of HSGOC introduced the subject of the reform of NEPAD.

20. The NEPAD Agency CEO read the Conclusions and Recommendations of the 58th NEPAD Steering Committee Meeting held in Midrand, South Africa on January 10, 2018 (attached as Annexure 1)

21. Ambassador Khalid Emara, noted that that these recommendations were unanimously agreed-upon by the NEPAD Steering Committee. Assistant Minister Emara stressed the fact that the AUC Chairperson H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat in his opening statement referred to the international and continental brand of NEPAD as successful and delivering on its mandate due to the political guidance of the HSGOC, including its 5 permanent members. Egypt is supportive of retaining this global reputation which strengthens and unifies the African continent.

22. The Representative of H.E. President Jacob Zuma of the Republic of South Africa, Minister Faith Muthambi, Minister of Communications, read a statement on behalf of the President. The Minister stated that it was important for the Assembly to note that the Decision made by the Retreat of the Assembly of the AU on the institutional reform of the African Union did not follow the normal channels as stipulated by Article 9 of the Constitutive Act. The Minister stated that all such Decisions should be held in abeyance pending extensive consultations with Member States.

23. The HSGOC concluded as follows:

- i) The governance structures of NEPAD, namely the HSGOC and Steering Committee, be retained as currently structured in order to maintain the political leadership and strategic orientation which has defined NEPAD;
- ii) Requests the AU Commission to initiate the formal withdrawal of AU Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.651(XXIX) on the disbanding of HSGOC;
- iii) Emphasized the need for the respect of the Article 9(b) of the AU Constitutive Act, in respect of the Decision-making process of the Union;
- iv) Further emphasized the need for extensive consultations prior to any Decisions on NEPAD;
- v) Urged Member States to provide the necessary resources for the implementation of NEPAD programmes.

Update on Africa's Global Partnerships

Outcomes of G20 Summit (Hamburg, Germany)

24. HE President Macky Sall of Senegal, Chairperson of the HSGOC updated the Committee on the African participation at the G20 Summit held in Hamburg, Germany, in July 2017. The HSGOC Chairperson elaborated on the G-20 Compact With Africa (CWA) initiative, to promote private investment on the continent, including in infrastructure. President Sall invited African Heads of State to provide comments on the G-20 Africa Report.

25. The following reports were also distributed at HSGOC:

- i) Report 2017 UN Climate Change Conference-COP 23 (Bonn, Germany);***
- ii) Outcomes of AU-EU 2017 Summit (Côte d'Ivoire);***
- iii) Report on UN system-wide support to NEPAD (Africa-NEPAD Week at 72nd UN General Assembly).***

Any Other Business

26. H.E. President Macky Sall declared that his term as HSGOC Chairperson has come to an end and in conformity with the Rules and Procedures of the NEPAD governance structures and the principle of rotation. In the absence of any comment from the representatives present, President Macky Sall undertook to consult with the Heads of State and Government on the election of the new Chairperson of NEPAD HSGOC.

Closing

27. The HSGOC thanked H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the government, and people of Ethiopia, for their hospitality in hosting the 36th Session of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee and the facilities provided for the meeting.

28. Overall, the HSGOC Chairperson expressed profound gratitude to the Chairpersons of the African Union and the AU Commission along with the NEPAD Agency Chief Executive Officer and his team for the steadfast support for the implementation of NEPAD.

29. The 37th Session of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee will take place on the eve of the 31st African Union Assembly in June 2018, in Nouakchott, Republic of Mauritania.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 58TH NEPAD
STEERING COMMITTEE (JANUARY 10, 2018), PERTAINING
TO THE AU REFORM AND NEPAD**

The 58th meeting of the NEPAD Steering Committee, which took place in Midrand, South Africa, on January 10, 2018, deliberated on the process of AU reform as it pertains to the NEPAD programme. The discussion focused on the Kagame Report recommendation that the NEPAD Agency be fully integrated into the African Union. The Steering Committee made the following Conclusions and Recommendations:

- a) Welcomes the processes of AU reform currently being implemented, emphasizing the importance of supporting any initiatives which help Africa advance and deepen development on the continent;
- b) Unanimously reaffirms the attachment of Member-States to the vision and guiding principles of NEPAD, and highlighted the necessity to build upon the notable achievements of NEPAD, which is well known as a credible Agency and an international brand in order to attain the objectives of Agenda 2063;
- c) Affirms the principles of inclusiveness and full consultation which must be maintained in the framework of the process of reform of the NEPAD Agency;
- d) Notes the importance of the principle of ownership by the Member-States of the reform process;
- e) Underlines the critical importance of maintaining the governance structures of NEPAD, namely the Steering Committee and the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC). These governance structures have been instrumental in providing political leadership and strategic direction for the NEPAD Programme;
- f) Took note of the conclusions and current recommendations of the Technical Working Group established by AUC on the transformation of NPCA into the African Union Development Agency, and agreed that the views of Member-States should be taken into account prior to the distribution of the final report of the Technical Working Group;
- g) Recommends a financial impact and evaluation study of the resources required to implement the activities of the Agency;
- h) Notes the importance of a more clear division of labour as well as mechanisms for regular consultations between the departments of the AU Commission and the NEPAD Agency;
- i) In the framework of this reform, the Steering Committee equally underlines the importance of deepening relations with other institutions, most notably the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), as well as Strategic Partners namely the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

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The Assembly,

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the Report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Thirty Sixth Session of the NEPAD HSGOC Meeting;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the continued relevance and uniqueness of accelerating the implementation of Agenda 2063 and, the vehicle to enhance multi-sectoral and integrated approach to deliver transformative results as enshrined in the NEPAD Programme and the role that the NEPAD Agency plays and that will be reinforced in the proposed transition of the NEPAD Agency into the African Union Development Agency;
4. **REASSERTS** the essential role played by the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) in the provision of political leadership and strategic direction to the NEPAD programme;
5. **ENDORSES** the implementation of key national, regional and continental programmes and projects as reflected in the NEPAD Agency Results-based Performance Report for January-December 2017 **SPECIFICALLY NOTING** the progress of implementing key continental policies and frameworks such as Science, Technology, and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA), Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), Capacity Development Strategic Framework (CDSF), Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan of Africa (PMPA), and Rural Futures;
6. **COMMENDS** the NEPAD Agency for the development and implementation of the Blueprint (policy framework) to Implement Rural Development Policies in Africa” and **FURTHER REQUESTS** the NEPAD Agency, with the support of development partners, to develop projects and programmes for the operationalization of the Blueprint through the application of geo-spatial planning and remote sensing technologies;
7. **RECOGNIZES** sustainable tourism as one of Africa’s engines of growth and development and **APPRECIATES** the contributions of the NEPAD Agency and its partners towards sustainable tourism in Africa, through the implementation of the NEPAD Tourism Action Plan (TAP) of 2004 the progress made in the development the NEPAD Policy Framework on Youth Employment in Africa. **REQUESTS** the NEPAD Agency and development partners to update the Tourism Action Plan, as well as to create programmes and projects to support the domestication of the tourism-related sections of Agenda 2063;

8. **RECALLS** the Decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.488 (XXI) and Assembly/AU/Dec.508(XXII) and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the NEPAD Agency's 5% Agenda campaign by the Continental Business Network (CBN), aiming to increase investment allocations by African institutional asset owners, like Pension and Sovereign Wealth Funds, into African infrastructure from its current low base of about 1.5% of assets under management to a more impactful 5%;
9. **WELCOMES** and **ENDORSES** the final version of the Model Law for Trans-boundary Infrastructure Projects in Africa (PIDA Model Law) developed by UNECA in response to the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 563 (XXIV) and calls on Member States to consider the PIDA Model Law as part of the tools for enhancing private sector investment in transboundary infrastructure in Africa and **REQUESTS** NEPAD Agency, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the Regional Economic Communities to assist Member States in domesticating the Model Law within their respective national legislative bodies;
10. **RECALLS** the Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.601 (XXVI) of January 2016, in which the year 2017 was themed "Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through investments in Youth", and **TAKES NOTE** of the ongoing development of the Skills and Employment for Youth (SEFY) strategy by the NEPAD Agency, strategy for implementing various continental policy frameworks and to support national development policy planning, as well as engage private sector to drive inclusive economic growth and wealth creation;
11. **COMMENDS** the NEPAD Agency and the African Union Commission, in cooperation with the Government of Germany, for establishing the Skills Initiative for Africa Finance Facility hosted at the NEPAD Agency in 2017, **INVITES** other African Member States to work with the NEPAD Agency for the extension of the Skills Initiative for Africa Funding Facility for funding of projects related to Technical Vocation and Education Training (TVET), including development and rehabilitation of TVET facilities;
12. **COMMENDS** the NEPAD Agency for establishing the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI) and **WELCOMES** the efforts by African Heads of states and government to become actively involved in the development and implementation of regional and continental infrastructure projects; **WELCOMES** Namibia's accession into PICI;
13. **COMMENDS** progress made on the efforts initiated by Member States and partners to tackle TB as a multi-sectoral regional challenge such as the Southern Africa TB and Health Systems Support Project which is galvanizing efforts of Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia, and other SADC countries. **WELCOMES** efforts towards establishing regional centres of excellence on TB control and setting up a recognition scheme for private sector's contribution to TB control. **CALLS UPON** Member States and partners to expand such efforts to cover more countries in order to enhance impact. **EMPHASIZES** on the need for increased financial and technical commitment, and accountability for disease surveillance, innovative prevention, detection and treatment of TB from both domestic sources and international partners. **COMMITTS** to target efforts towards fighting TB where it matters most, in the vulnerable communities and hot spots

for the spread of the diseases such as mining communities, transport corridors, correctional facilities, migrants and refugees towards ending TB by 2030;

14. REQUESTS the NEPAD Agency to strengthen its monitoring and evaluation function in order to effectively deliver tangible and visualized results and guide the implementation of continental development frameworks as stipulated in Agenda 2063;

15. DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:

- i) The governance structures of NEPAD, namely the HSGOC and Steering Committee, be retained as currently structured in order to maintain the political leadership and strategic orientation which has defined NEPAD;
- ii) Requests the AU Commission to initiate the formal withdrawal of AU Assembly/AU/Dec.651(XXIX) on disbanding HSGOC;
- iii) Emphasized the need for the respect of the Article 9(b) of the AU Constitutive Act, in respect of the Decision-making process of the Union;
- iv) Further emphasized the need for inclusive consultations on the constitution prior to any Decisions on the establishment of the African Union Development Agency;
- v) Urged Member States to provide the necessary resources for the implementation of NEPAD programmes;

16. IN GENERAL EXTOLS the enriched quality of the technical work of the NPCA team under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki.

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