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**REPORT**  
**OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON NEPAD**

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### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Eighth Meeting of the Subcommittee of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) on NEPAD was held on 2 May 2014 at the Headquarters of the AU Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### II. ATTENDANCE

2. Present at the meeting were Representatives of the following Member States: Algeria, Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal and Chad.

3. The African Union Commission and the NEPAD Agency for Planning and Coordination were also represented at the meeting.

### III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The following agenda was adopted:

- i) Introductory remarks by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee
- ii) Activity report of the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency
- iii) Information on the preparation of the Dakar Summit on Infrastructure Financing
- iv) Information on the conclusions of the High-Level Meeting on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation held in Mexico
- v) Any other business

### IV. OPENING

5. In his opening address, His Excellency Bassirou SENE , Chairperson of the PRC Subcommittee on NEPAD welcomed all participants. He expressed satisfaction at the large number of Members of the Subcommittee at the meeting which, he said, was proof of the importance they attach to the implementation of NEPAD, flagship framework of the continent in order to exit from its lethargy. He congratulated Dr. Mayaki, Executive Secretary of the NEPAD Agency for the way he runs the Agency and reaffirmed the support of the Subcommittee in the accomplishment of his mission. He ended his speech by thanking the Agency on behalf of his colleagues of the Subcommittee for the warm welcome accorded them during their last visit to the Headquarters of the NEPAD Agency in South Africa.

## V. PROCEEDINGS

### 1. Activity Report of the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency

#### *Presentation*

6. The Executive Secretary of the NEPAD Agency for Planning and Coordination made a presentation of activities undertaken and key results achieved by the Agency during the year 2013 and the first half of 2014. After recalling the major activities during the period, he presented the monitoring-evaluation system established at the NEPAD Agency to effectively measure the impact of interventions thereof. He also provided the necessary information on the NEPAD initiative on the internship programme of African youth in the NEPAD Agency.

7. Regarding activities carried out in recent months, Dr. Mayaki mentioned the development of NEPAD's strategic plan which is in sync with the Commission's Strategic Plan and aims to speed-up the implementation of Agenda 2063 . He gave an overview of the programme " Rural future " aimed at bridging the limits of the CAADP programme(Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme) namely, lack of connection with rural transformation issues including aspects of territorial planning, integrating values such as equity, wealth creation and governance. Dr. Mayaki also spoke of the Ministerial Meeting on the definition of the strategy to be implemented at national and regional levels in the area of fisheries, particularly issues of illegal fishing. He recalled the programme for sustainable land management for which 36 projects are being implemented in 26 countries in pursuance of the initiative " Earth -Africa " for which the NEPAD agency provides the Secretariat. He concluded the first item by recalling the activities implemented under PIDA(Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa) and especially PICI (Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative) considered as a speed-up mechanism of PIDA . Under the PICI , the role of the Agency is to maintain permanent contact with the focal points of the seven projects , help mobilize resources and facilitate implementation. For PIDA , the NEPAD Agency acts as coordinating agency of the implementation. To this end, the NEPAD Agency had received \$ 2 million from GIZ(German Society for International Cooperation) to recruit Agencies for implementation and monitoring-evaluation for the 51 PIDA programmes distributed in various sectors..

8. Regarding the Young Professionals Programme of NEPAD, Dr. Mayaki presented the background and objectives of the programme. He emphasized that Africa's greatest resource is its youth and that through full and active participation of the youth in socio-economic life, Africa could overcome future difficulties . The logic behind the programme of young professionals of NEPAD is to establish a group of talented and multidisciplinary youth who could assist the NEPAD Agency to carry out its mandate. The youth are an integral part of the Agency's human development strategy. They are recruited on the basis of their knowledge of the various areas and sectors related to NEPAD for a period of twelve (12) months renewable. The programme offers young graduates the opportunity to develop their talents and leadership potential. The Young Professionals

Programme of NEPAD is supported by some partners, including GIZ. Dr. Mayaki enlisted the support of the PRC to this initiative.

**9.** Regarding the monitoring-evaluation mechanism established within the NEPAD Agency, Dr. Mayaki gave the floor to the senior officer in charge of the programme to make the presentation. In his presentation, the latter intimated that the monitoring-evaluation mechanism is based on results. The intervention logic goes in both directions from the overall objective to the project results through the impact and the objective. Every approach is contextualized at the national, regional and continental levels. The monitoring-evaluation mechanism focuses on long term results and impacts as well as coherence between the results. The challenge is the transposition of the monitoring-evaluation system established in the NEPAD Agency on continental programmes in regions and countries. The monitoring-evaluation system could also be used to improve planning cycles. In future, it is planned to integrate all monitoring-evaluation mechanisms in place at the NEPAD Agency, the AU Commission and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and establish a single unit that could manage the mechanism.

### ***Summary of Discussions***

**10.** The Sub-Committee took note of the progress report of the NEPAD Agency and thanked Dr. Mayaki for the clarity of his presentation. During the discussions, Members of the Subcommittee questioned the priority and strategic nature of the initiative especially since the ECA is also moving towards the possibility of using the Think-Thank for the realization of this task. But Dr. Mayaki reassured the meeting that the roles between ECA and the NEPAD Agency are well differentiated. ECA focuses on Think-Thank at the continental level with an aspect of knowledge management, whereas the NEPAD Agency's role is to manage the programmes. Dr. Mayaki also informed the Subcommittee that the ECA has made available to the NEPAD Agency an expert who had developed a very powerful software for the management of knowledge who will be of great use to the Agency.

**11.** The Sub-Committee discussed the issue of energy that had been raised at the last meeting of the Sub-Committee. Dr. Mayaki informed the Subcommittee that the energy issue was discussed at the Agency in accordance with the recommendation of the Subcommittee. He noted that the Chairperson of the AU Commission had requested the Agency to develop a 10-year strategy for the development of energy at the continental level.

**12.** The Sub-Committee expressed satisfaction at the implementation of the programme "rural Future" which enables the rural exodus to be curbed. It questioned whether the land problem due to the transfer of arable lands by the countries had been taken into account as part of this programme. The Sub-Committee also requested for further information on the programme of land management. Dr. Mayaki responded that the programme "Rural Future" was inspired by the Songhai Centre which is a center of excellence in rural development.

**13.** Another problem lies in the fact that Africa has arable lands , but a significant portion of those lands is deteriorating . The programme of land management aims to address those issues and assist States to implement good practices for sustainable land management.

**14.** The Sub-committee also expressed concern about the level of achievement of integration projects including those of PIDA and CAADP. The Sub-committee wanted to know more about the current status of the projects, what it needs in terms of funding, identified funding sources, deadlines, private partners etc.

**15.** Regarding the consideration of the assessments made by the APRM in the implementation of NEPAD projects, the Subcommittee was of the view that the Agency should develop synergies with the APRM to avoid duplication. Reacting to the concerns of the Subcommittee, Dr. Mayaki said it was not for the Agency to do what the APRM was doing, but rather to use the recommendations of the APRM to improve the implementation and impact of NEPAD projects on the ground. Regarding the level of project preparation, he informed the Subcommittee that for the PID , 16 projects had been identified and they would be examined at a conference in Dakar bringing together the private sector and Governments. He also presented to the Subcommittee profiles giving precise details of the implementation of each project. These profiles constitute the basis for a useful interaction with the private sector. He emphasized that those activities were carried out in conjunction with the Directorate of Infrastructure and Energy of the AU Commission.

**16.** Regarding the Young Professionals Programme of NEPAD, the Subcommittee requested that a more extensive popularization should be started. The Subcommittee sought clarification with respect to the mode of selection and funding of this programme. The Subcommittee suggested to the NEPAD Agency to establish a synergy with the Young Professionals Programme of the AU Commission. Dr. Mayaki acknowledged the limitations in terms of popularization and undertook to establish a new method of popularization so that information would be received by all. He briefed the Subcommittee on the approach adopted for the selection of candidates, two thirds of whom should come from Africa and one third from the Diaspora.

### ***Recommendations***

**17.** After discussions , the Sub-Committee made the following recommendations:

**18.** The NEPAD Agency should extensively popularize its programme for young professionals so that most young graduates will know about the programme.

**19.** The NEPAD Agency should establish a synergy between the Young Professionals Programme of NEPAD and that of the AU Commission.

## **2. Information on the preparation of the Dakar Summit on Infrastructure Financing**

### ***Presentation***

**20.** Dr. Mayaki briefed the Subcommittee on preparations for the Summit on Infrastructure Financing in Dakar. In his presentation, he informed the Sub-committee that President Macky Sall had confirmed the holding of the Summit which is scheduled for 14 and 15 June 2014 in Dakar. The objective of the Summit will be to examine the conditions of funding for 16 PIDA bankable projects. The Summit agenda will focus on three (3) key segments namely: (i) review of existing financing instruments including Africa " 50 " Fund of the AfDB ; (ii) the business environment and ( iii ) issues of project preparation . The Summit will facilitate practical interactions between the Heads of State themselves, and between the Heads of State and the private sector on the difficulties encountered in the implementation of projects. A roadmap will be developed at the end of the Conference, the implementation of which should be monitored. A team has been established for the preparation, organization and monitoring of the implementation of the roadmap of the Conference. This team is composed of the NEPAD Agency for Planning and Coordination, the African Union Commission, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the Government of Senegal. An expert meeting chaired by President Macky Sall is slated for Monday, 5 May 2014 in Dakar to discuss practical issues of organization and finalize the format of the Conference.

### ***Summary of Discussions***

**21.** The Sub-Committee took note of the information given by Dr. Mayaki on the preparation of the Summit on Infrastructure Financing in Dakar. The Subcommittee expressed satisfaction at the successful preparation of the Summit and reaffirmed its support to all stakeholders including the NEPAD Agency for Planning and Coordination for the proper preparation of this important event. The Subcommittee urged the NEPAD Agency to work toward resource mobilization for the implementation of those long-awaited projects by all Africans. The Subcommittee however expressed concern about the possible overlap between the preparation of the AU Summit and the Conference on Infrastructure Financing in Dakar. The Sub-Committee also expressed concern at the level of participation in the Dakar Conference.

**22.** Dr. Mayaki reassured the Subcommittee that President Macky Sall is in constant contact with his peers and the NEPAD Agency as well as with the private sector to ensure an adequate level of participation in the Conference, adding that countries like Norway and Denmark had expressed their wish to participate in the Dakar Conference.

### ***Recommendations***

- 23.** After discussions, the Sub-Committee made the following recommendations:
- 24.** The NEPAD Agency is doing its utmost to ensure that the Conference on Financing Infrastructure is a success since Africa expects a great deal from the realization of the continental projects.
- 3. Information on the Conclusions of the High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation held in Mexico**

### ***Presentation***

- 25.** Before giving the floor to the Representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit in the AU Commission to present the agenda item, Dr. Mayaki drew the attention of the Sub-Committee to the stakes of the Global Partnership on which due attention is not focused in order to make it one of the major fora for frank dialogue with development partners within the framework of the mobilization of resources for the Post 2015 Development Agenda.
- 26.** Taking the floor after Dr. Mayaki, the Representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit reviewed the structure and composition of the Global Partnership, as well as its practical organization at international and African level. He then outlined the message contained in the Final Communiqué of the High-Level Meeting held in Mexico. In his presentation, he recalled that the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation was a follow-up to the High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness held in Busan in November 2011, and its objective was to: (i) maintain and strengthen political momentum for more effective development cooperation; (ii) ensure accountability for implementing Busan commitments; (iii) facilitate knowledge exchange and sharing of lessons learned; and (iv) support implementation of Busan commitments at country level. The Structure of the Global Partnership was adopted in Paris in June 2012 by a working group established for that purpose by the Busan High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. The Structure comprises three levels, namely the Ministerial Meeting, the Steering Committee, and the Joint Secretariat composed of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The Ministerial Meeting is open to all, while the Steering Committee consists of eighteen (18) members appointed for a two-year term. The composition of the Steering Committee was extended to twenty-four (24) members, including three (3) for Africa, after the Mexico Meeting.
- 27.** The Representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit also informed the Sub-Committee that the term of office of African Representatives in the Steering Committee would end this year, 2014, and that it would be renewed in the same way as on previous occasions, through the Deans of African diplomatic missions in Addis Ababa. The nomination of African members to the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership should be based on the principle of rotation according to the AU regions, as well as

ownership and leadership by States. The list of AU representatives should be adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government. The regions that had already represented Africa in the Global Partnership process were:

- North Africa: Egypt
- West Africa: Ghana, Mali and Nigeria
- East Africa: Rwanda
- Central Africa: Chad

**28.** The Representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit concluded his presentation with a summary of the key messages of the Final Communiqué of the High-Level Meeting in Mexico. In the Communiqué, the Global Partnership undertook to:

- implement a paradigm shift from aid effectiveness to effective development cooperation;
- enhance country ownership and leadership by aligning and tailoring aid to the national development agenda and context;
- ensure the predictability of ODA flows in line with the commitments undertaken in Paris, Accra and Busan;
- provide further support to local and regional governments to enable them to assume their roles more fully;
- support fragile and conflict-affected States in their transition out of fragility and towards resilience;
- support strengthening of taxation systems and combat corruption, money laundering and illicit financial flows, including the return of stolen assets, strengthening and development of an inclusive domestic financial sector and sustainable management of natural resources, as well as the reduction of transfer costs of migrant workers' remittances;
- encourage the development of networks for knowledge sharing, and recognize the importance of South-South cooperation as a complement to North-South cooperation;
- promote an enabling business environment conducive to inclusive and sustainable development.

### ***Summary of Discussions***

**29.** Having thanked the Representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit for his presentation, the Sub-Committee expressed the need for further discussions on the issue in the future. Concerning the renewal of the African membership of the Global Partnership Steering Committee, the Sub-Committee requested the Commission to



immediately start the process in order to meet the deadline before the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government due to take place in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea in June 2014. Nominations should be made through the regional Deans of diplomatic missions in Addis Ababa. The Sub-Committee also pointed out that according to the principle of rotation, Southern Africa, which had never participated in the process, as well as North Africa which was the first to engage in the process, should be given priority.

***Recommendation***

**30.** Following discussions, the Sub-Committee recommended that:

**31.** The AU Commission should rapidly initiate the process for the nomination of African members of the Global Partnership Steering Committee through the Regional Deans of the diplomatic missions of Member States in Addis Ababa.

**VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**32.** No issue was raised under Any Other Business.

**VII. CLOSING**

**33.** In his closing remarks, the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, H.E. Bassirou SENE, thanked the NEPAD Agency for the work accomplished and the results obtained. He also thanked and commended his fellow members of the Sub-Committee for their rich and pertinent contributions. Finally, he thanked the interpreters for facilitating the conduct of the meeting.

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