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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Ninth meeting of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD was held on the 9th of January 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, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda and Senegal

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

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The following agenda was adopted:

- i) Introductory remarks by the Chair of the Sub-Committee;
- ii) Adoption of the Agenda;
- iii) Annual Results Based Report for 2014 of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency:
 - a) Presentation of the NEPAD Agency Stakeholders and Partnerships Strategy 2015-2017;
 - b) Presentation of the NEPAD Agency M&E Framework;
 - c) Presentation of the NEPAD Agency Budget.
- iv) Briefing on Africa's Partnership for Development:
 - a) Africa's Global Partnership Platform (AGPP);
 - b) Outcomes of G20 Summit;
 - c) Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.
- v) Any other business.

IV. OPENING

5. In his opening address, His Excellency Momar Gueye, the honourable Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal and Chair of the PRC Sub-Committee on NEPAD thanked the participants for their presence, he appreciated the secretariat for its work and thanked H.E Dr Mayaki for the remarkable job he is doing as CEO of the NEPAD Agency.

V. PROCEEDINGS

1. 2014 Results Based Report of the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency

Presentation

6. H.E Dr Mayaki, CEO of the NEPAD Agency thanked the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee for his kind words and expressed his best wishes to all the members of the Sub-Committee for 2015. He congratulated the Chair of the Sub-Committee on his appointment as Ambassador of The Republic of Senegal to the AU and Ethiopia. He said it has become a well-established tradition that the CEO of the NEPAD Agency presents the activity report of the Agency regularly to the Sub-Committee.

7. Regarding the key results during the period under review, Dr Mayaki focused on the results achieved under the six thematic areas of NEPAD which include Agriculture Food and Nutrition Security; Regional integration and infrastructure; Climate Change and Natural Resource Management; Human Development (Science Technology, Health, Education and Youth; Governance and Cross cutting issues Gender and Capacity Development. The CEO proceeded to outline the major achievements of the Agency towards high impacts results.

8. **PIDA:** The program for infrastructural development in Africa saw significant milestone as the first ever financing Summit targeting trans-boundary regional infrastructure projects which was held in Dakar, Senegal. The Dakar financing summit (DFS) for Africa's infrastructure garnered support for the implementation of 16 identified projects of the PIDA Priority Action Plan. He pointed out that based on the outcome of the Dakar Financing Summit, the PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM) to support early-stage project preparation and development has been established. Also, infrastructure skills for development has been developed following an MoU between the government of Australia and the NEPAD Agency, with the core objective to facilitate the implementation of priority PIDA projects by capacitating the project personnel.

9. **Under CAADP,** the CEO ushered in the introduction of the CAADP results framework. This framework, he noted, serves as an instrument that will be used for tracking, assessing and reporting the progress made towards the AU Malabo Decision on Africa's Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation. He noted that the implementation strategy and roadmap of the framework will be presented for endorsement at the AU summit in January 2015.

10. **With respect to Gender and Climate change,** NEPAD Agency has developed an innovative Gender climate Change Agriculture Support Program (GCCASP) to support the integration of women smallholder farmers to mainstream economy and increase their productivity. The implementation of the program commences in 2015 in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Niger, Malawi and Cameroon.

11. Regarding efforts on Climate change Fund, he stated that the NEPAD Agency in partnership with AU Member States is implementing 11 projects in 10 African

countries. These projects are being implemented within the nexus of climate, agriculture and poverty eradication.

12. With regards to science and technology, he noted that the NEPAD Agency contributes enormously to Science, technology and innovation Strategy for Africa (2014 – 2024) which was adopted at the 23rd AU summit in Malabo in June 2014. This strategy outlines the need to consolidate African Initiatives and strategies on accelerated human capital development, science and technology and innovation with a focus on issues related to Food security, Build environment and water and energy. The strategy is part of the long-term Agenda 2063 which outlines the need to “consolidate African initiatives and strategies on accelerated human capital development, science and technology and innovation.

13. Within the framework of AU’s Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA), He reiterated that efforts are being made to achieve the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization Initiative which will set and improve the standards and requirements for regulation and access to quality and safe drugs for African citizens. Thrust will be placed on mobilizing African countries to put in place conducive and enabling environments for conducting clinical trials to test candidate vaccines.

14. On the issue of Governance the CEO mentioned that the APRM is the other side of the coin for NEPAD and the challenge faced by APRM is the level of implementation of the national plan of action (NPoA). Also the issue of synergy should be tackled and this can be achieved if the outcome of APRM is taken on board within the activities of NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA). The CEO also noted that the Agency has developed the NEPAD Governance Implementation Framework (GIF) 2015-2017 which serves as a program of support for the accelerated implementation of the NPoA of reviewed countries under the APRM.

15. The CEO noted that NPCA developed key institutional and cross-cutting interventions and strategies as follows:

- a) NEPAD Agency Stakeholders and Partnerships Strategy 2015-2017 in the context of the NPCA Strategic Plan of 2015-2017.
- b) Finalization of the REC’s Capacity Development Implementation plan 2015-2025 which highlights key priorities and estimates of resource requirements to implement programmatic activities at regional level.
- c) The NEPAD Spanish fund for African Women Empowerment which facilitated up to 25 grants with 500,000 Euros each disbursed to African bodies through the Second call of proposal projects.

16. The CEO then gave the floor to the Head of Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, Head of Programme Coordination and Management and Head of Finance and Budgeting to make their presentations as per the adopted agenda.

17. Regarding the Resource mobilization Partnership Strategy, it is the first time that NEPAD has come up with a strategy to guide the affairs of the agency for the next 3 years. This will enable a better internal coordination mechanism with partners.

In order to articulate this partnership, capacity building for resource mobilization is essential. This new cycle management program will begin rolling in the next three years and will be able to demonstrate projects achievement at the country and regional level. The presentation highlighted the four objectives of the strategy including the five core dimensions and the six results to be achieved by 2017. Emphasis was made on the need to recognize the private sector as stakeholders and partners in the implementation of NEPAD programmes and projects. To this effect, a resources mobilisation plan will be developed to accompany the implementation of the 3 year Stakeholders and Partnerships Strategy.

18. With regards to M&E, the head of M&E presented the tool on the NEPAD M&E Framework which will monitor the results based achievements of NEPAD programs and projects at continental, regional and national levels. The objective is to deploy an integrated industry value engineering solutions that will track program implementation, resources executed and results and impacts achieved. High impacts results will be accessible to the Member States.

19. Regarding the budget, it was explained to Members of the Sub-Committee that as of November, the total program expenditure is USD 9.5 million which is 36 percent of the annual revised budget and 40 percent of the income realized during the period. He noted that the rate of financial execution which is not linked to impacts evaluation needs to be explained within the following context. i) The Agency is providing support to national and regional partners whose capacities need to be improved for better consumption of resources. ii) the delay in commencing projects implementation due to the lengthy processes of consultation with stakeholders prior to implementation and iii) the lengthy reporting processes during implementation by the sub-grantees in their quarterly performances in cases where grant is provided by NEPAD as well as an arduous process to finalize high quality Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with the sub-contractors, states or governments. These issues point to the critical dimension of capacity building which is becoming more and more embedded in NEPAD project formulations.

Summary of Discussions

20. The Sub-Committee thanked H.E Dr Mayaki for his elaborate presentation and acknowledged the relevance of NEPAD in the continents socio-economic development and transformation.

21. As the discussions began the Sub-committee wanted to know how the Agency harmonizes its different actions to come up with better results for Africa in relation to partnerships. The CEO responded that the Agency's partnership Strategy is to ensure that a platform exist for engaging traditional partners and other non-state actors. This will help the Agency to evaluate and review if partnerships are beneficial or not.

22. Furthermore, the Sub-Committee asked to what extent the Dakar financing Summit was an innovation and what tangible outcomes are visible in the field to make sure the Dakar Plan of action is being implemented. In his response, the CEO said that the outcome of the Summit was the Dakar Agenda for Action which results have started to be realized from the 16 PIDA projects identified. He also noted that

platforms such as the Dakar Financing Summit should be held in the future to mobilize partners and resources for the implementation of AU flagship programs.

23. Moreover, the Sub-Committee expressed its concern about the nature of using private entities in financing NPCA's activities. The Sub-Committee stated that NPCA's should ensure that financial resources and contribution of private entities are in line with the interest of the AU.

24. The Sub-Committee asked if the software data on M&E can be made accessible to Member States to enable them know ongoing and future projects. The CEO responded that the work is an ongoing process and the software will be improved and made accessible to Member States and shared with REC's and AUC.

25. The Sub-Committee wanted to know what NPCA is doing to make Agenda 2063 a reality. The CEO noted that NEPAD Agency was involved in the preparation process of the Agenda 2063 and made huge contribution in drafting this Agenda. He also stated that the Agency is helping in the implementation of the ten year implementation plan of the Agenda.

26. The Sub-Committee asked for information about the level of integration of NEPAD into the AU structure and processes. Dr Mayaki responded that the integration process has already been completed.

27. The Sub-Committee asked also for information about the contribution of NEPAD Agency in the fight against Ebola. The CEO explained that within the framework of AU's Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA) efforts are being made to achieve the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization Initiative which will set and improve the standards and requirements for regulation and access to quality and safe drugs for African citizens. Thrust will be placed on mobilizing African countries to put in place conducive and enabling environments for conducting clinical trials to test candidate vaccines including that of Ebola. The strategy towards the fight against Ebola and other infectious diseases were developed. Based on the mandate of NEPAD Agency, areas of interventions where the Agency will contribute to the campaign and addressing the future of infectious diseases in Africa have been identified with clear indicative outcomes namely i) Spread of infectious diseases halted and or prevented, ii) Improved access to quality and safe health care products and technologies for treatment and prevention of diseases; and iii) Medical products, technologies and best practices emerging from research on infectious diseases in AU member States from domestic research enhanced; and iv) Strengthened public health delivery systems in the AU Member States.

28. The Sub-Committee was also concern about the level of implementation of NEPADS budget. The CEO responded that as of end of November, the total program expenditure is USD 9.5 million which is 36% of the annual revised budget and 40% of the income realized during the period. This rate of financial execution which is not linked to impacts evaluation needs to be explained within the following context : 1) the Agency is providing support to national and regional partners which capacities need to be improved for better consumption of resources 2) the delay in commencing projects implementation due to the lengthy processes of consultation with stakeholders prior to implementation and 3) the lengthy reporting processes during implementation by the sub-grantees in their quarterly performances (in case

where NEPAD provides grants) as well as an arduous process to finalize high quality Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with the sub-contractors, states/governments. These issues point to the critical dimension of capacity building which is becoming more and more embedded in NEPAD projects formulations.

Recommendations

29. Following the discussion, the Sub-Committee recommended that:

- a) The partnership activities undertaken by NPCA should be harmonized with the work of the PRC Sub- Committee on multilateral cooperation for more impact and benefit to the Union.
- b) Platforms such as the Dakar financing Summit should be replicated to mobilize resources for NEPAD's flagship programs.
- c) Contributions of the private entities should be in line with the interest of the AU.
- d) NEPAD Agency to work in consultation with AUC and REC's to make Agenda 2063 a dream come true.
- e) All Member States should make voluntary contributions to support NEPAD Agency activities and programs.
- f) Urged NPCA to make accessible its software data to Member States and REC's when it will be completed.
- g) Member States to help strengthen the national public health systems of the Ebola affected countries which were already fragile and now more weakened due to the outbreak.

2. Briefing on Africa's Partnership for Development

Presentation

30. Regarding the G20 summit, the CEO stated that three countries represented Africa in the Summit namely the Republic of Mauritania as the Chair of the AU, the Republic of Senegal as Chair of the NEPAD's Heads of States and Government Orientation Committee and Republic of South Africa which is already a Member of the G20. In addition to these three countries, the AUC Chairperson was also present.

31. The outcome of the summit raised the issue of infrastructure which was one of the key issues. The G20 pledged its support for the implementation of PIDA's Dakar Plan of Action (DPA). It also pledged its support to CAADP relating to accelerated Agricultural transformation in Africa as incorporated in the Malabo declaration.

32. Regarding the partnerships, the CEO noted that Africa should no longer count only on Aid but also mobilize its own domestic resources for its development. He stated that the Global Partnership for effective Development cooperation is a paradigm shift from aid effectiveness to Development effectiveness focusing on the domestic resource mobilization as the key enabler for African development.

33. After this, the CEO gave the floor to the representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit to update the Sub-Committee on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Process. In his presentation, the representative of the NEPAD Coordination Unit reviewed the structure and membership of the Global partnership.

He informed the Sub-Committee that the Membership of the steering committee of the Global Partnership has been reviewed with Africa getting three seats, Malawi, Egypt and AUC/NEPAD Agency. He also informed the Sub-Committee that the Global Partnership had one high level meeting held in Mexico in April 2014 and six Steering Committee meetings in London, Bali, Addis Ababa, Washington, Abuja and New York. The 7th meeting of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership will take place from 19-21 January 2015 in The Hague, Netherlands.

Summary of Discussions

34. There were no discussions on the above topic.

Recommendations

35. There were no recommendations on the above topic.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

36. The Sub-Committee wanted to know the expectations from NEPAD Agency on the upcoming AU summit. In response the CEO noted that the first expectation is to strengthen the implementation of the Dakar Plan of Action and support the Agency in the implementation of the CAADP framework with support from all countries.

VII. CLOSING

37. The Chair thanked participants for the massive participation and the fruitful discussions. He also thanked the secretariat for its role in the organization of the meeting. Finally, he thanked the translators for their indulgence in staying till the end.

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