

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE ON NEPAD
Assembly/AU/8 (XV)**

The Assembly:

1. **WELCOMES** the Report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Meles Zenawi Prime Minister of Ethiopia;
2. **RECALLS** the Assembly Decision of February 2010 on the integration of NEPAD into the African Union (AU) structures and processes, which approved the establishment of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) and **REAFFIRMS** the NEPAD vision and core objectives as adopted by the AU in 2001 and the NPCA mandate and status as the technical body of the AU;
3. **WELCOMES** the progress made on the integration of NEPAD into the AU structures, particularly NPCA transition towards adopting AU rules, regulations and practices for Human Resources, Administration and Finance systems; and the work program harmonization between the Commission and the NEPAD Agency;
4. **COMENDS** the Chairperson of the Commission and the NPCA Chief Executive Officer for the progress on NEPAD integration into the AU towards implementing the Assembly Decision;
5. **NOTES** the NPCA Strategic Direction based on the Strategic Plan of the African Union Commission: 2009-2012, including the Agency's thematic priorities, operating model and organizational design, and **CALLS ON** NPCA to ensure that its thematic and programmatic work fully encompasses the sectoral priorities identified in the NEPAD framework;
6. **REQUESTS** NPCA to re-focus on concrete delivery of its mandate and the key objectives of NEPAD especially in coordinating the implementation of Africa's regional and continental priority programs/projects and mobilizing partners and resources;
7. **ENDORSES** NPCA's activity report for February to June 2010, noting in particular the increasing support for the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Compact signing and bankable investment projects by countries and RECs; technical support for the Great Green Wall (GGW) initiative; transformation of the e-Africa Commission into the "NEPAD e-Africa Programme" to drive the ICT sector priority; NPCA's role as regional coordinator for the setup of the Africa Platform on Development Effectiveness in conjunction with AUC; and the launch of NEPAD Regional Centre for African Bio-safety in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso;

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8. **REQUESTS** NPCA to scale up technical support to AU Member States on agriculture and food security by providing necessary technical guidelines on access to global financing to boost CAADP's implementation;
9. **RECALLS** the intrinsic importance of infrastructure to realizing Africa's growth and development goals and existing African Union and NEPAD infrastructure initiatives, particularly the AU/NEPAD African Action Plan: 2010-2015 as endorsed by the 21st NEPAD HSGOC and the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), and **RE-EMPHASISES** the urgent need to overcome challenges relating to regional and multi-country infrastructure projects including limited technical capacity, financial resources and political ownership at the highest level;
10. **NOTES** that primary responsibility for implementing NEPAD priority programmes/projects outlined in the African Action Plan (AAP) lies with national governments and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and **UNDERSCORES** the overriding need for sponsoring regional infrastructure projects, through political leadership and championing of specific regional infrastructure projects as a key prerequisite for success;
11. **NOTES** the participation of African Leaders and the conclusions of the G8/Africa Outreach and G20 Summit held in Muskoka and Toronto Canada respectively in June 2010 and **WELCOMES** in particular the G8 Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Under-5 Child Health, the G20 enlargement of Africa's participation to two seats, and the G20 inclusion of development of low income countries in its mandate for the first time and for this purpose the decision to setup a Working Group on Development with South Africa and South Korea as co-chairs;
12. **AFFIRMS** that the Decision on Africa's representation in the G20 should be made by Africa itself, and in this regard **RECOMMENDS** that the Chairpersons of the AU and the NEPAD Orientation Committee be designated as Africa's representatives in the G20. Furthermore, **CALLS FOR** Africa to participate in all levels of consultations and decision-making processes of the G20;
13. **REITERATES** the call for the two (2) seats reserved for the Continent in the G20 to be based on membership and **FURTHER EXPRESSES** support for additional individual African countries to become members of the G20;
14. **UNDERSCORES** that Africa's partnership with the G20 should be based on the key priorities of NEPAD as presented in the summary Report of the HSGOC Chairperson;
15. **FURTHER REITERATES** the critical need for delivery on commitments by development partners and in this regard **URGES** G8 Partners to fully fulfill their commitments to Africa for the sustainability of the partnership;

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16. **ALSO UNDERSCORES** the paramount importance of the partnership principle of mutual accountability and **WELCOMES** mutual accountability mechanisms being put in place within Africa's partnership processes and **EMPHASIZES** that the Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness (MRDE) should form the primary basis of Africa's monitoring of G8 partnership commitments, jointly coordinated by the AU Commission and NPCA, in consultation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other African partner institutions;
17. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission and NPCA to finalize the Assessment Report on G8/Africa partnership commitments by the Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January/February 2011 for presentation by African Leaders at the 2011 G8/Africa Outreach.



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