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1. The NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) held its 28th Session on 26 January 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia prior to the 20th African Union (AU) Assembly. H.E. Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia as the outgoing Chairperson of the NEPAD HSGOC, handed over to H.E. President Macky Sall of the Republic of Senegal following the election of the latter as Chairperson for a term of two (2) years.
2. H.E. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin and outgoing Chairperson of the African Union and H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma addressed the Session. The 28th meeting warmly welcomed the participation of the Chairperson of the Commission for the first time in her new capacity. Member Heads of State and Government as well as Chief Executives of the NEPAD Agency, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and partner institutions participated in the Meeting.
3. The NEPAD Session noted the optimism and opportunities of a rising Continent to better shape Africa's future taking into account the theme of Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the OAU and the second decade of NEPAD as the flagship programme of the African Union.
4. Based on the adopted Rules of Procedure of NEPAD Governance Structures, the 28th Session of the NEPAD Orientation Committee conducted elections for the HSGOC Chairperson, two (2) Vice Chairpersons and rotating members. H.E. President Macky Sall of the Republic of Senegal was unanimously elected as the new Chairperson of the NEPAD Orientation Committee for a term of two years. The HSGOC thanked Ethiopia for its sterling leadership in the NEPAD process through the tenure of late Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn.
5. Furthermore, the Orientation Committee elected two Vice Chairpersons and fifteen (15) rotating members. In this regard, H.E. President Mohamed MORSI of the Arab Republic of Egypt and H.E. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria were elected and re-elected, respectively as the Vice Chairpersons for a term of two years each.
6. The five (5) NEPAD initiating countries of Algeria, Egypt, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa continued their membership in the HSGOC. To promote broader ownership and inclusiveness of the NEPAD agenda, elections were conducted for the rotating membership of the HSGOC based on the outcomes of regional consultations among Member States, facilitated by the AUC and Ambassadorial Deans in Addis Ababa. The rotating members will serve for a term of two (2) years. Thus, current composition of the HSGOC reflecting the NEPAD initiating countries and rotating 15 members, in accordance with the five (5) regions of the Union, is as follows:

Central Africa	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	West Africa
1. Cameroon	5. Ethiopia	9. Egypt	13. South Africa	17. Nigeria
2. Congo	6. Uganda*	10. Algeria	14. Malawi	18. Senegal
3. Gabon	7. Tanzania*	11. Libya	15. Zimbabwe*	19. Mali
4. Chad*	8. Rwanda	12. Mauritania*	16. Zambia*	20. Benin

Note: * Newly-elected members

7. In particular, the NEPAD Orientation Committee Meeting discussed major agenda issues, relating to:

- a) Results-based Activities of the NEPAD Agency for January - December 2012;
- b) Sustaining the Momentum in the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP);
- c) Study on Mobilizing Domestic Resources for NEPAD programmes;
- d) Status of the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI);
- e) Update on Africa's Strategic Partnership Engagements.

**A. RESULTS-BASED PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES OF THE NEPAD AGENCY:
FOR THE PERIOD: JULY - DECEMBER 2012**

8. The NPCA Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki presented the highlights of the progress recorded for the period: July-December 2012 in implementing NEPAD, with emphasis of aggregated key results and evolving impact on Africa's development. In this regard, the HSGOC endorsed the progress and taking forward the specific NEPAD programmes and projects elaborated in the Activity Report of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) for the review period. The Session commended the intensive efforts and focus of NPCA towards achieving better results in its programmatic delivery and re-emphasized the need for direct impact of NEPAD programmes and projects on the livelihood of African people.

9. The 28th Session expressed appreciation for the support received from Member States, RECs, partners and stakeholders towards NEPAD implementation. Accordingly, the HSGOC re-affirmed the need for continued close collaboration between African governments, the Commission, NPCA, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and stakeholders for optimal programme impact and coherence to attain regional integration.

B. Sustaining the Momentum in the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)

10. In commemoration of a decade of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), the Session noted the opportunity provided to consolidate achievements and draw lessons to deliver more substantial results. The HSGOC therefore commended the “*Sustaining CAADP Momentum*” exercise conducted by the AUC and NPCA aimed at strengthening policy, institutions, local leadership and knowledge support with greater emphasis on investments to transform African agriculture, food and nutrition security.

11. In addition, the NEPAD Orientation Committee welcomed the commitment of the Government of Egypt and NPCA to jointly develop an integrated programme to address the recurrent food insecurity situation exacerbated by climate change and conflict in the Sahel region by linking food security and global security while noting the proposed design of a blueprint for rural transformation under the NEPAD Rural Futures Programme. The HSGOC meeting further noted the progress made in the Initiative to Empower Women in Agriculture (EWA) with priority areas of land reform, leadership, access to inputs and knowledge and pledged support for enhancing the role of gender in agriculture.

C. Study on Mobilizing Domestic Resources for NEPAD programmes;

12. On domestic resource mobilization, the NEPAD HSGOC recalled the conclusion of its 26th session which mandated NPCA and UNECA to undertake a comprehensive study on innovative mechanisms to fund NEPAD programmes. The Session commended the NEPAD Agency and UNECA for work done so far and urged the Agency, ECA and participating partners to finalize the comprehensive report by May 2013 for consideration by the next 29th HSGOC Session. Some of the innovative mechanisms identified include the setup of an African Infrastructure Development Fund; New financing model of Public-Private Partnerships for Emerging Markets, set up of a Regional Bonds Market and the establishment of a Credit Guarantee Facility among others.

13. In addition, the 28th Session re-iterated the call for continued collaboration between the Commission, NPCA, and African Development Bank (AfDB) in revamping the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Fund (IPPF) through domestic funding by Member States. The Orientation Committee also noted the efforts to increase the level of private sector involvement in infrastructure development in partnership with the World Economic Forum (WEF). The Africa Public Private Partnership Network (AP3N), an initiative of the Government of Nigeria to serve as a continental platform for peer-learning to strengthen the role of PPPs in Africa’s infrastructure development through the harmonization of PPP projects was lauded.

D. STATUS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CHAMPION INITIATIVE (PICI)

14. The meeting re-iterated that NEPAD continues to inspire the implementation of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa particularly, the major role assigned to NPCA as the executing agency for the Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa (IAIDA). Progress in the implementation of the projects under the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI) has been positive. The Session commended the Presidential Champions for their active commitment and thanked H. E President Jacob Zuma of South Africa for his sterling leadership in coordinating the PICI projects. The HSGOC meeting agreed to consider the inclusion of the West African Rail as a PICI project and energy and sanitation domains, which are currently not covered under PICI. The HSGOC reiterated the critical importance of national and regional infrastructure development.

15. Additionally, the 28th NEPAD meeting emphasized the critical need for PICI projects to advance inter-connectivity among African countries and sub-regions in order to address infrastructure deficits and boost intra-African trade and stressed the advantage of PICI in providing the strategic impetus for clear and effective communication and coordination. The HSGOC welcomed the PICI Ministerial Forum which will be convened in May 2013, prior to the 29th HSGOC.

E. UPDATE ON AFRICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS

16. The NEPAD Session welcomed the briefings by H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa on hosting the 6th Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Durban on 27 March 2013, for the first time ever on African soil and the update by H.E. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin on the outcomes of the G8 and G20 Summits of 2012. It also welcomed the Summit theme: 'BRICS and Africa - Partnership for Development, Integration and Industrialization' and the planned BRICS-African Leaders Dialogue Forum with focus on infrastructure cooperation. South Africa as host will invite the leadership of the AU, PICI Champions, Heads of RECs and regional and international institutions.

17. The need for Africa's development priorities to be placed on the 2013 agenda of the G8 and G20 was reiterated while the critical importance for the G8 to fulfill its past pledges and commitments to Africa was affirmed. In strengthening mutual accountability as a core partnership element, the HSGOC Session welcomed the ongoing work by NEPAD, AUC and UNAIDS on the Africa-G8 Accountability report on combating HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, which will be finalized by April 2013.

18. The NEPAD HSGOC further reiterated the need for stronger G20 support to Africa in ensuring resilience against the global economic crisis. A renewed call for adequate and effective African representation in global development processes especially the G20 and Global Partnership (GP) for Effective Development Cooperation was re-emphasized. Accordingly, the Session expressed deep appreciation for the

current role played by Nigeria and Chad as AU representatives on the current GP Ministerial Platform.

19. In this respect, the Session requested the AUC and NPCA to engage the next AUC/ECA Joint Conference of African Ministers of Economy, Planning and Finance in March 2013 to explore alternative representation models for Africa's representation in the Busan Global Partnership.

20. Additionally, the NEPAD HSGOC called for deeper engagement and increased level of interaction between African and G8 leaders at upcoming G8/Africa Outreach Sessions. It emphasized the need for adequate consultations amongst African leaders prior to the Outreach with appropriate preparations made through the NEPAD Steering Committee and the Africa Partnership Forum (APF) to assure value addition as platform for dialoguing on the Continent's priorities for the G8 partnership process.

21. Having acknowledged the exceptional leadership, high competency and improved performance of the Agency under Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Niger and Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency, appointed in January 2009, the HSGOC recommended to the Assembly the continuation of the services of Dr. Mayaki as NPCA Chief Executive Officer for a new term of four (4) years.

22. The Orientation Committee on NEPAD welcomed the set-up of a MELES ZENAWI CENTRE within the NEPAD Agency in tribute to the lasting legacy of the late Ethiopian Prime Minister and former Chairperson of the HSGOC. The Centre will serve as a research and knowledge generation hub to take forward the ideals premised on the NEPAD vision by late Prime Minister Meles Zenawi focusing primarily on African Ownership and Strategy for Growth and Transformation.

23. The next 29th Session of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee will hold on the eve of the 21st African Union Assembly and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Organization African Union.

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