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**43<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE NEPAD STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**24-25 JANUARY 2012**  
**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

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1. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the NEPAD Steering Committee (SC) was held at the Sipopo Conference Centre, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 25 June 2011 on the eve of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the AU Executive Council and prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> NEPAD HSGOC Meeting.
2. The meeting was chaired by Ambassador Hadid Rabah, Algerian Representative on the Steering Committees on behalf of the Ethiopian Co-Chair who was unavoidably absent. In his short opening statement, Ambassador Rabah welcomed the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of NEPAD as a key milestone and stressed the importance of the 42<sup>nd</sup> SC Meeting in fully discussing the agenda items. Welcome remarks were also delivered by Dr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, AU Commissioner for Economic Affairs, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD Agency and Ambassador Ekoome Hononine of Equatorial Guinea, on behalf of the host country.
3. The draft agenda was adopted as presented with the following key decisions and conclusions reached:

**Consideration and Adoption of Report of 41<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting**

4. NEPAD CEO, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki presented highlights of the report of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the SC Committee held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from the 22-23 January 2011. **The SC:**
  - a. **Noted and welcomed** the report as a true reflection of the outcomes of the 41<sup>st</sup> SC meeting;
  - b. **Commended** the efforts of AUC and NEPAD Agency in adopting of AU rules, regulations and practices for Finance, Human Resources and Administrative systems as part of the finalization of NEPAD integration into the AU structures and processes.

**Presentation of the Activity Report of the NEPAD Agency for January-June 2011**

5. An update on programmatic activities undertaken by the Agency during the review period: January-June 2011 was presented by NPCA CEO. In particular, the SC was briefed on the proposed 2012 Budget for NPCA and subsequently
  - a. **Commended** NPCA for presenting a very elaborate report on NEPAD implementation status relating to the NEPAD Agenda and thematic priorities of the Agency;
  - b. **noted** the excellent working relations, new collaboration spirit and institutional interface between the AUC and NEPAD Agency; and in this regard, **commended** the direct efforts of AUC Chairperson and NEPAD CEO;
  - c. **further noted** the proposed NPCA 2012 budget of **US\$32.9m** for operational and programmatic activities to be presented to the 17<sup>th</sup> AU Assembly through PRC and Executive Council for approval;
  - d. **appreciated** the progress recorded in the implementation of the AU-NEPAD Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative through the work of HSGOC High Level Sub-Committee;
  - e. **Expressed concern** about inadequate funding of the NPCA and **urged** AU Member States to provide adequate financial resources for ownership and sustainability of NEPAD implementation, given that most of the funds for the Agency's programs are provided by development partners.

**NEPAD Implementation at Regional level – ECOWAS and ECCAS**

6. Representatives of ECOWAS and ECCAS shared the status of progress and experiences on implementation of NEPAD related programs and projects in their sub-regions. The SC **welcomed** the briefings and:
  - a. **Emphasized** the importance of RECs' participation in NEPAD governance processes including SC meetings, **noting** that NEPAD programs will be successfully implemented

through the full and active participation of RECs as building blocks for regional integration, and thus **requested** NPCA to re-engage the RECs accordingly.

### **Key Activities 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NEPAD Programme**

7. NPCA briefed the SC on key events and activities planned to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NEPAD. Specifically, it was noted that NEPAD had been given a new lease of life following its integration into the AU and called for continued support of AU Member States to consolidate NEPAD implementation and the desired impact. Accordingly, the SC meeting
  - a. **Welcomed and endorsed** the pertinently sized activities for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, namely the special commemorative session at the 25<sup>th</sup> HSGOC; NEPAD Colloquium and Congress in Addis Ababa, and the holding of 'NEPAD Week' during 66<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly in New York and the review of NEPAD: 2001 to 2010; and
  - b. **Recommended** the scale up of the anniversary to the possible highest political level for buy-in, ownership and greater awareness and an extension of the anniversary period to 2012;

### **Overview and preparations for the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the NEPAD HSGOC:**

8. SC **discussed** the draft 25<sup>th</sup> NEPAD HSGOC agenda and **endorsed** the draft agenda with amendments for presentation to HSGOC and AUC Chairpersons for approval and circulation to HSGOC members.

### **Update on Africa's partnership engagements**

9. The 42<sup>nd</sup> SC was briefed on outcomes of Africa's major engagements with development partners, specifically relating to the 16<sup>th</sup> APF of April 2011 in Paris, G8/Africa Partnership Summit of May 2011 in Deauville and the outlook of the G20 Summit billed for Cannes in November 2011. NEPAD CEO also presented the assessment report on G8/Africa partnership. In this respect, the SC meeting:
  - a. **Acknowledged** the key conclusions of the Paris APF relating to economic growth, private investment and job creation and the key steps towards consolidating the continent's good progress in peace and security, economic growth and mutual accountability;
  - b. **Welcomed** the newly established practice of negotiating the G8 joint declaration on Africa issued at the end of the G8/Africa Summit, **commending** French Presidency for the initiative and urged its continuation at subsequent G8/Africa outreach;
  - c. **Further welcomed** NPCA participation at the G20 food security session in Paris and **underlined** the necessity for Africa to continuously engage G20 countries on food security and reserves, price volatility as well as infrastructure;
  - d. **Commended** AUC and NPCA for working closely to produce the first ever Accountability Report on Africa-G8 partnership commitments, which was circulated to SC members; and **expressed deep appreciation** to partner institutions especially UNDP, UNECA and Oxfam for the technical support provided for the review report;

### **Any Other Business**

10. South African delegation briefed the SC on preparations for the UNFCCC COP 17 scheduled for Durban in Nov/Dec. 2011, while NPCA provided update on the continent's preparations for the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-IV) in Busan, South Korea. Consequently, the SC meeting :
  - a. **Noted with appreciation** the efforts of South African Government in organizing COP 17, **observing** that the goal was to make commendable progress towards a post Kyoto regime following up on Cancun while striving to overcome the persistent challenge of concluding a binding agreement on climate change;

- b. **Welcomed** the G77 and China support for the Bali roadmap as mentioned by South Africa and **commended** developing countries for initiating post Kyoto agreements as well as the planned convening of a leaders dialogue by Mexico and South Africa;
- c. **Highly commended** the coordination of an African common position under CAHOSCC chaired by H.E. Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia and **stressed** the significance of Africa's strong message to the international community on CC in Durban;

11. On Aid Effectiveness, the 42<sup>nd</sup> SC meeting:

- a. **Welcomed** the joint coordination of Africa's preparations by AUC and NPCA under the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) which was launched in March 2011 and **emphasized** that African voice and consensus on the beyond aid approach focusing on Development Effectiveness should be clearly articulated in Busan;
- b. In this respect, **also commended** the support provided to the AUC and NPCA from African stakeholders and regional bodies including UNECA, UNDP and ACFB.

#### **Date and Venue of the 43rd Meeting of the NEPAD Steering Committee**

12. The SC Committee:

- a. **directed** the NEPAD CEO to further consult with the SC leadership on convening the 43<sup>rd</sup> SC meeting at a period and venue to be agreed upon in the near future;
- b. Finally, **expressed** through the Chair, profound appreciation to the Government and people of Equatorial Guinea for hosting the meeting and excellent facilities provided, as well as the AUC for facilitating the logistics process for SC members' participation in the 17th AU Summit processes.