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NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee: Working towards Africa's transformation

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 27, 2018 – “What brings us together on this day is the common goal of working for the transformation of Africa,” H.E Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) stated during the opening session of the HSGOC in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee held its 36th Session on 27 January. In his opening statement, H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of African Union Commission highlighted the fact that NEPAD now works in 52 of the 55 African countries.

The Chairperson of the HSGOC welcomed H.E Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe. President Mnangagwa expressed gratitude to the African Union and its bodies including the NEPAD Agency for their continued support to Zimbabwe. He also remarked that, “Zimbabwe is ready for business with the rest of the continent.”

H.E Macky Sall stated that NEPAD is a true realisation of the vision of its founding fathers in realising the goals of Agenda 2063.

“Areas that need more focus and investment include infrastructure and energy. These must remain priorities for NEPAD, as well as the rural electrification fund that must become a reality. The process of agricultural transformation and growth of 6 per cent per year also remains a priority. The dream of our founding fathers has become a reality in NEPAD under the leadership of Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki,” President Sall said. - *continues on the next page*

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The President of Rwanda and African Union Chairperson, H.E Paul Kagame

In his statement, the President of Rwanda, H.E Paul Kagame thanked NEPAD for being forward looking in positioning itself within the African Union even before the current reform was on the agenda.

“NEPAD is about the development of our continent – delivering to African citizens. Let us look forward to working together in building a strong organisation for delivery of results on the continent,” President Kagame stated.

The results-based performance report of the NEPAD Agency was presented by the NEPAD Agency’s CEO, Dr Mayaki. During the session, Dr Mayaki gave a presentation on the NEPAD Agency’s Results Based Development Dashboard, which displays the organisation’s results at national, regional and continental levels. He also brought to the fore the application of a territorial approach to development. The dashboard captures the NEPAD Agency’s programmatic results delivery of Agenda 2063.

Also at the session, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Dr Vera Songwe stated that the ECA has been a long standing partner of NEPAD, collaborating in various thematic areas.

The Minister of Works and Transport, Hon. Alpheus !Naruseb, on behalf of H.E Mr Hage Geingob, the President of Namibia, formally accepted Namibia into the NEPAD Presidential Infrastructure Championship. The Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative was born out of a proposal by President Zuma to accelerate regional infrastructure development through the political championing of projects.

The Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee session also intensely deliberated on the reform of the NEPAD Agency and its governance model.

In the closing session of the HSGOC, President Sall urged delegates to continue to support NEPAD in its efforts to attain Africa's common development goals.

Aviation to be included in PIDA

Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia, January 28, 2018 -

Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of the NEPAD Agency, held a meeting with the President of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu in Addis Ababa.

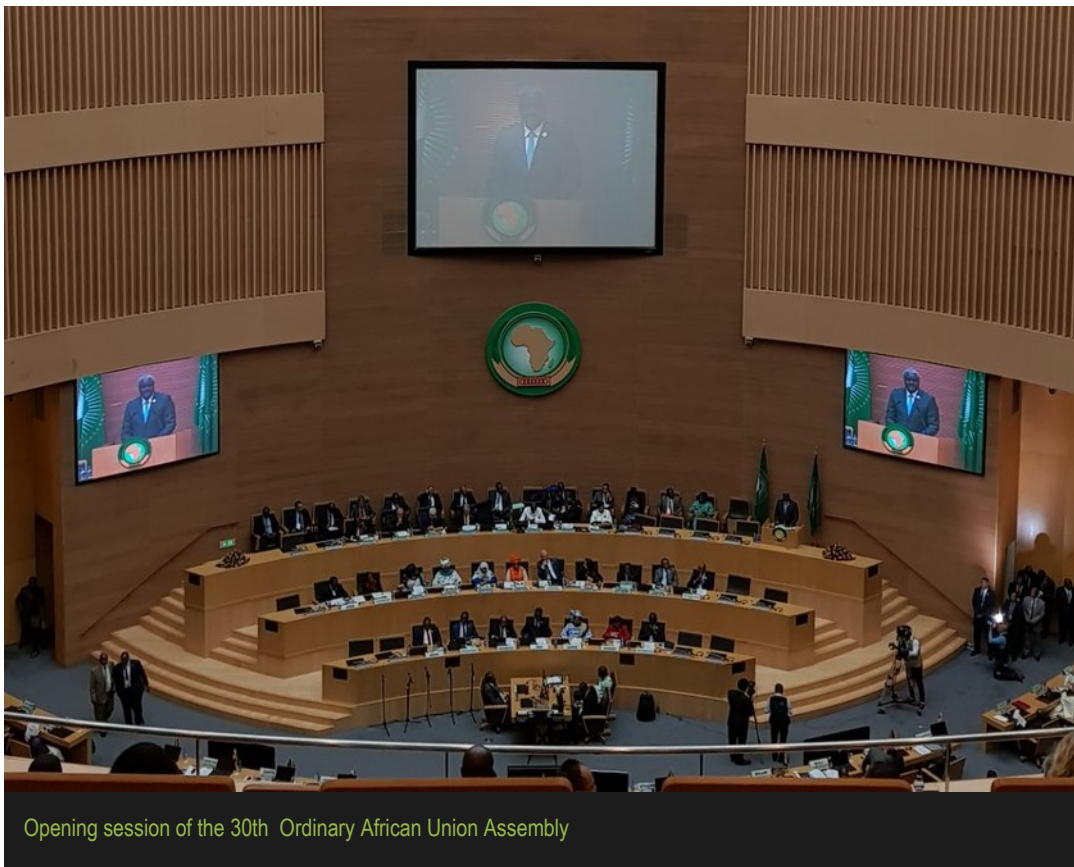
The meeting was held to deliberate the design of an aviation programme under the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), that both the NEPAD Agency and ICAO could support.

During the meeting held between Dr Mayaki and Dr Aliu, the following areas were agreed upon:

- Capacity building on aviation policy, regulation and advocacy of air transport being a mass transportation medium for regional connectivity will have to be developed soonest with all relevant African institutions and ICAO.
- Discussions and a roadmap to include aviation in the design of PIDA 2020-2030 will also commence soon as agreed in the requisite action plan.
- NEPAD Agency’s MoveAfrica Initiative will have to expand to strongly include aviation as part of the initiative.
- NEPAD is ready to host a Senior Officials meeting on the formulation of an action plan which will map out a concrete set of projects for consideration by ICAO and partners. This project will be centred on a Continental Aviation Master Plan and capacity building for policy makers and practitioners in the aviation sector.



Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of the NEPAD Agency with the President of ICAO, Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu in Addis Ababa



Opening session of the 30th Ordinary African Union Assembly

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H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat

Chairperson of the African Union Commission

30th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly

Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia, January 28, 2018 – During the opening session of the 30th African Union Summit, H.E Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea and outgoing Chairperson of the African Union congratulated the African continent for making strides towards transforming the continent. He also commended the efforts made in implementing the Continental Free Trade Area.

Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat said, “The AU will continue in its efforts to foster a united, peaceful and prosperous Africa and to promote the dignity of Africa’s people. Tolerance and reconciliation are required if the African continent is to move forward.”

“These values are major prerequisites for ‘Silencing the Guns by 2020’. We can no longer stand by at the indescribable cruelty of the violence that belligerents continue to inflict on a population that has suffered far too much, for far too long. The time has come to impose sanctions on those impeding peace,” said the AU Commission Chair.

He also urged AU Member States to reinforce the fight against illicit financial flows as a step to fighting corruption in the continent.

In his acceptance speech as African Union Chairperson, Rwanda’s President Paul Kagame declared that he promises to do the best job he can. President Kagame’s message to Africa’s youth and women was that the continent cannot be built without them. Speaking on the current AU reforms, he stated that real reform has to start from within.

“In just one year, we have entered a new era of partnership with the African Union. We held the first United Nations–African Union Annual Conference at summit level. Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat and I signed the UN-AU Framework on Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security. Yesterday, we signed a second framework, on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union’s Agenda 2063. Our solid partnership is also grounded on sound principles of human rights and good governance,” António Guterres, UN Secretary General stated in his opening remarks.

The 30th AU Summit welcomed new African Presidents from Angola, Benin, Liberia, Somalia and Zimbabwe to the Assembly.

The President of Zimbabwe, H.E Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa assured the Assembly that former President Robert Mugabe is safe and well, and that he shall continue to honour his legacy as one of the founding fathers of Zimbabwe.

The President of Nigeria, H.E Muhammadu Buhari launched the African 2018 theme of the year - **“Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation.”** He urged synergy amongst leaders to instil good governance towards *The Africa We Want* in the vision of Agenda 2063.



Launch of the highly anticipated Single African Air Transport Market

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 29, 2018 - A historic event at the 30th African Union Summit took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, when the AU Commission launched the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM).

The SAATM is the first AU Agenda 2063 flagship project, which aims to create a single unified air transport market in Africa, to liberalise civil aviation on the continent and to advance Africa's economic integration agenda.

Speaking ahead of the launch, Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy at the AU Commission stressed that the aviation industry currently supports eight million jobs in Africa.

The Commissioner stated that, "The launch of the Single African Air Transport Market will spur more opportunities to promote trade, cross-border investments in the production and service industries, including tourism resulting in the creation of an additional 300,000 direct and two million indirect jobs contributing immensely to the integration and socio-economic growth of the Continent."

The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), developed by the African Union Commission, NEPAD Agency, African Development Bank, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and Africa's Regional Economic Communities, promotes regional economic integration by building mutually beneficial infrastructure and strengthening the ability of countries to trade and establish regional value chains for increased competitiveness.

PIDA's 2020-2030 Action Plan highlights the need to increase Africa's participation in the global market, giving special attention to aviation and air transportation in Africa. In addition, NEPAD Agency's MoveAfrica Initiative will support the activities of the Single Africa Air Transport Market.

"The importance of air transportation in Africa cannot be understated. Even though Africa contributes to only 1 per cent of global air cargo, this figure also accounts for 35 per cent of the value of goods transported to the continent. In addition, 85 per cent of Africa's tourism market depends on air transport," stated Mr Symerre Grey-Johnson, NEPAD's Agency Head of Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade.

Today, 80 per cent of air traffic in Africa is carried by non-African airlines and African airlines carry less than 3 per cent of the global air traffic, even though the continent constitutes over 17 per cent of the world's population.

In 1999, the Yamoussoukro Declaration was adopted to provide for full liberalisation of market access between African countries; free exercise of traffic rights; elimination of restrictions on ownership, and full liberalisation of frequencies, fares and capacities. It represented the most important air transport reform policy initiative by African governments.

The launch of the SAATM, almost two decades after the adoption of the Yamoussoukro Declaration, marks a major milestone towards accelerating its full implementation.

Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO of the NEPAD Agency remarked that, "Africa is the world's second-largest and second most-populous continent. It is therefore critical that we create a fully connected continent and find ways of integrating and simplifying transport infrastructure. The realisation of the Single African Air Transport Market will be dependent on progressive policy and regulatory reforms that will stimulate growth in Africa's aviation industry."

"The NEPAD Agency has been working together with the African Civil Aviation Commission to implement the Yamoussoukro Declaration and will continue to do so to ensure the success of the Single African Air Transport Market," said Dr Mayaki.

To date, 23 African countries have subscribed to the Single African Air Transport Market whilst 44 have signed the 1999 Yamoussoukro Decision.



Dr Ibrahim Mayaki with H.E Desalegn, Ethiopian Prime Minister opening the breakfast meeting on the Malabo Declaration Biennial Review and Africa Agriculture Transformation Scorecard



Africa Agriculture Transformation Scorecard

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 29, 2018 – H.E Hailemariam Desalegn, Ethiopian Prime Minister congratulated the African Union and NEPAD Agency on the Biennial Review and Africa Agriculture Transformation Scorecard. He called for more efforts to track the progress of agriculture in Africa.

The Prime Minister maintained that this is because he would like to see the momentum of agricultural transformation maintained through more frequent scorecards that allow for sharing of best practices, as well as move the agenda of transforming agriculture faster.

The Prime Minister of Ethiopia was speaking at the breakfast meeting of the Malabo Declaration Biennial Review and Africa Agriculture Transformation Scorecard, at the 30th African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of the NEPAD Agency, who chaired the meeting stated that, “The scorecard will help us to monitor progress and implement vital lessons to ensure we achieve our goal of agricultural transformation on the continent.”

At the meeting, the Rwandese Minister of Agriculture, Gérardine Mukeshimana shared the Rwandan experience in implementing the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) for growth in agriculture. “CAADP is already embedded in Rwanda’s Strategic Plan for Agriculture Transformation,” the Minister reported.

During the breakfast meeting, President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, Dr Agnes Kalibata congratulated the African Union Commission and NEPAD Agency on the Biennial Review and Scorecard. She also made the call for Heads of State to take more action towards accelerating growth in agriculture

In closing the session, Dr Mayaki underscored that CAADP, the Biennial Review and scorecard speak to Agenda 2063, Africa’s strategic framework for socio-economic transformation.

He ended with three points: Firstly, he reiterated that “We know how to track growth on the African continent, especially in the important sector of agriculture.” Secondly, he pointed out that implementing the Malabo Declaration for the transformation of the agricultural sector is a collaborative effort. Thirdly, Dr Mayaki underscored that partnerships are of utmost importance in the continued work of turning the sector around.

The *Inaugural Biennial Review Report on the Implementation of the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation* was lauded by the African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities and partners at the breakfast meeting as having come at the right time.

Thus far, 47 countries have submitted their reports for the Agricultural Transformation Scorecard. Twenty six countries are on track in establishing inclusive institutionalised mechanisms and platforms for mutual accountability and peer review. These countries include Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, DR Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda and Zambia.



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Drafting of the first African Fisheries Report

Naivasha, Kenya, January 26, 2018 - A group of fisheries and aquaculture specialists from the continent gathered in Naivasha, Kenya, from January 22-26 2018, to begin crafting the first edition of the African Fisheries Report.

The African continent is well endowed with natural resources and our fisheries resources play a critical role in food security and economic development. Approximately 200 million of Africa's total population of 1.2 billion depend on fish as a source of protein.

Furthermore, 10 million Africans derive income from small-scale fisheries while inland fisheries alone contribute an estimated 2.7 million tonnes towards Africa's total fish capture production. The fisheries and aquaculture sector is identified as a priority component for accelerating agricultural growth and transformation for creation of wealth and improving livelihoods of the citizens.

During the Malabo Summit in 2014, the Heads of State and Governments affirmed their commitment to enhancing Africa's capacity to generate, analyse and manage data and information to facilitate evidence based policy development and tracking of implementation progress. Consequently, the Ministers of Fisheries and Aquaculture charged the African Union to provide information on specific aspects of Africa fisheries and aquaculture.

The development of a comprehensive African report for fisheries and aquaculture, produced by the African Union, will contribute to meeting this commitment. In addition to providing more accurate and timeous information towards the longstanding biennial report produced by the FAO that outlines the global Status of Fisheries and Aquaculture, the African Fisheries Report will support the development of information on the status of fisheries and aquaculture in Africa, by Africa.

As a first step towards this goal, the AU-IBAR and NEPAD Agency, through the EU-funded Fisheries Governance project, organised a Consultative workshop on the development of the first edition of 'Africa Fisheries Report' in September 2017 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Participants comprised mainly members of the Working Group of the Africa Fisheries Reform Mechanism (AFRM) and some additional experts. An outline of the report was developed at the meeting, based on the Policy Arenas of the Policy Framework and reform Strategy for Fishery and Aquaculture in Africa (PFRS). Sources of information and data were identified and mechanisms for ensuring quality assurance established. Participants also agreed on the composition of the editorial and drafting teams.

It was against this background that the writers retreat was held to begin drafting the first edition of Africa Fisheries Report. During the week, the experts worked to elaborate on the identified key issues within each thematic area of the PFRS by analysing available and collected data, information and knowledge.

It is clear that many activities are ongoing on the continent to improve governance of fisheries and aquaculture and to optimise the wealth generated by this sector for the benefit of Africa's populations. The good practices, experiences, challenges, lessons learnt and new developments from around the continent will be packaged in this report for building institutional knowledge.

The African Fisheries Report will therefore serve as an important advocacy document to further fast track the reforms in the sector, as well as a tool for monitoring and reporting on policy change in Member States. It will also bolster efforts by the NEPAD Agency and partners to facilitate the alignment of the reforms outlined by the PFRS document with continental priorities within Agenda 2063 and with national and regional governance reforms.

N EPAD Agency's engagements during the 30th AU Summit

At the just ended 30th AU Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the leadership of the NEPAD Agency held several bilateral meetings with Heads of States and heads of various institutions, towards fast tracking the Agency's various regional and continental programmes.

During the Summit, Dr Mayaki held a bilateral meeting with the President of Namibia, H.E Dr Hage Geingob and the Namibian Minister of Works and Transport, Hon. Alpheus !Naruseb. The meeting focussed on the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative and the important role that the Republic of Namibia will play as an international logistics hub for the SADC region.

Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Dr Vera Songwe also received Dr Mayaki at the ECA offices in Addis Ababa, where the two leaders firmed up decisions that will see their organisations collaborating even more, in implementing various programmes on the continent.

Highlighting the fact that investments in agriculture and food systems are key to ending hunger in Africa, FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva also met with NEPAD Agency's leadership during the Summit.

Other events that the NEPAD Agency participated in include the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows, led by H.E Thabo Mbeki, former President of South Africa, where it was revealed that Africa is losing approximately USD50 billion each year. Of great concern is that this amount exceeds what Africa receives in financial aid.

At the launch of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights report on human rights and HIV in Africa, Dr Mayaki stated that, "The HIV and Human Rights report reminds us of the importance of dignity, human rights and social justice in the context of health and development - values that are at the core of the NEPAD Agency."

In his opening remarks at the launch, UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe declared that "We need to pay attention to stigma and discrimination and not leave anyone behind. It is about social justice." He also informed delegates that people like Dr Mayaki and others on the continent who genuinely care about fighting the scourge in Africa have made his job easier.

Below are some of the pictures taken during the above-mentioned events and meetings:



Meeting between the NEPAD Agency and the President of Namibia, H.E Dr Hage Geingob



Meeting between the NEPAD Agency and FAO



Meeting between Dr Vera Songwe and Dr Mayaki at UNECA

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Proverb

Clay pots are meant to be
fragile, yet they survive
the heat of the kiln

~ Ugandan proverb



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