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AUDA-NEPAD Africa Day Commemoration: Webinar and Live Band Performance

"Creating Conducive Conditions for Development & Health Security in the Context of COVID-19"

Monday 25 May 2020

OUTCOMES REPORT

BACKGROUND

Africa Day is an annual commemoration on May 25 of the 1963 founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). On this day, leaders of 30 of the 32 independent African states, at the time, signed a founding charter of the OAU in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In 2002 the OAU established its own successor, the African Union (AU).

However, the name and date of Africa Day have been retained as a celebration of African unity. Africa Day is celebrated in various countries on the African continent and by African diaspora communities.

Africa Day is intended to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU now the AU) in the fight against colonialism and apartheid, as well as the progress that Africa has made, while reflecting upon the common challenges that the continent face in a global environment.

AUDA-NEPAD Africa Day Webinar

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

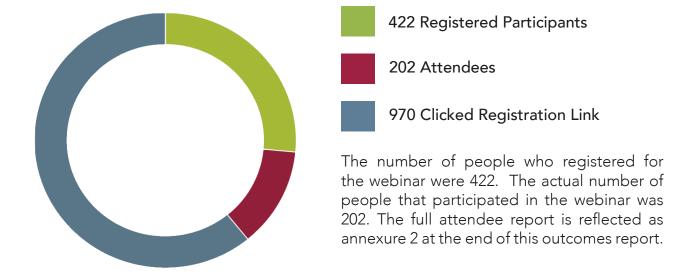
The AUDA-NEPAD theme for Africa Day was 'Creating Conducive Conditions for Development & Health Security in the Context of COVID-19.'

The purpose of convening the webinar was to engage with fellow Africans on the efforts to accelerate and amplify Africa's economic and social development as requisite conditions to not only silence the guns, but in also mitigating impacts of COVID-19.

The following were the objectives:

- (i) Highlighting the position that it is only through inclusivity and multi-sectorality that we will be able to address the economic, social and political root causes of instability.
- (ii) Currently, there are about 600 million young people in Africa that are not employed, are uneducated or are in insecure employment. The webinar therefore aimed at illuminating the need to invest in economic development and entrepreneurship.
- (iii) The commemoration on Africa Day in 2020 finds us in the time of COVID-19. While this is a challenging time not only for the African continent but for people worldwide, the webinar sought to highlight opportunities through which safety nets can be embedded in COVID-19 responses in order to ensure that peace and stability on the continent are maintained, and development is sustained.

WEBINAR DISCUSSIONS AND OUTCOMES



The Webinar was Moderated by Ms Moky Makura, Africa No Filter Executive Director. The following were the speakers:

- Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, the CEO of AUDA-NEPAD
- H.E. Mr Wamkele Mene, Secretary General of the AfCFTA
- Prof Patrick Lumumba, Professor of Law & Advocate of the High Courts of Kenya
- Mr Eddy Oketch, Founder of Ongoza and Obama Fellow
- Ms Yvonne Chaka Chaka, AUDA-NEPAD Goodwill Ambassador
- Ms Aya Chebbi, AU Special Envoy on Youth

Summary of discussions:

Dr Ibrahim Mayaki gave the opening remarks on the 'Commemoration of Africa Day & Health Security in the Context of COVID-19.' The following are some of the key points that he focussed on, while highlighting the AUDA-NEPAD footprint on the continent:

- Support to African Micro-Small-Medium Enterprises AUDA-NEPAD is identifying opportunities and innovative ways to support and protect MSMEs and job opportunities, especially in food and agribusinesses, technology start-ups, health specialized entities and those operating along with supply chain operations, noting that MSMEs account for an estimated 90% of businesses in most African economies
- Access to pharmaceutical and medical supplies in Africa AUDA-NEPAD in collaboration
 with AU member states and Regional Economic Communities is driving a continental and
 regional mechanism for the procurement of essential medical products and identifying
 credible local manufacturers from whom to procure.

Dr Mayaki also made the point that Africa has no choice but to rely on its own resilience, strengths, and agility, rather than wait for external aid and prepare for the next cycle of globalisation. He also highlighted the role that youth will play in finding solutions to Africa's challenges. "If the Youth is not part of the solution, the solution will fail", he said in his closing remarks.

In concluding his delivery, Dr Mayaki read out a message for Africa Day that was sent by H.E. Neville Gertze, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Namibia to the UN.

H.E. Mr Wamkele Mene, Secretary General of the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat, spoke on 'Opportunities for trade and the easier flow of medical supplies in order to enhance health care in Africa in mitigating the impact of COVID-19.' In his statement, he emphasised that key recommendations have been made by the AfCFTA which include:

- Elimination of taxes and duties on essential products, especially PPEs
- The recommendation that essential medical and pharmaceutical supplies as well as PPEs should be allowed to flow across Africa's borders
- The recommendation that the priority in the sourcing of essential medical and pharmaceutical supplies should be given to locally African produced ones.

Prof Patrick Lumumba, Professor of Law and Advocate of the High Courts of Kenya and Tanganyika, gave the key address on 'Pan-Africanism and the importance of commemorating Africa Day.'

- He urged Africans to reflect on the lessons from the past and to ensure that the ideals advocated for by past great leaders, which have not been fully realised, be realised with this generation.
- Prof Lumumba also remarked that the Spirit of Pan-Africanism is alive and well, and cautioned that if Africa is not united, we are going nowhere, and we must remain therefore become more united.
- He highlighted the need to have a coordinated approach to engage with Africans in the diaspora in order for them to play a greater role in the transformative agenda of Africa.
- He also spoke on the urgent need to silence the guns. "Conflict will stand in the way of unity", he said.

Mr Eddy Gicheru Oketch, Founder of Ongoza and Obama Fellow spoke on six points:

Rule of Law: We have seen significant progress in the rule of law across the continent.
In the spirit of African Unity, we are more and more moving away from personality cult
governance to strengthening institutions of governance. Courts systems and democratic
institutions are becoming stronger and ensuring more checks and balances. However,

larger continental bodies will need to move this further into mechanisms of keeping stakeholders accountable. In particular, key political players must be aligned to people-centered priorities. Hence, continental bodies must work with national bodies to develop clear matrices and indicators for monitoring, measuring and investing in collective success.

- Private sector and Public Sector partnerships: Policy alignments between the Private and Public Sector, especially with domestically bred companies, will be the ultimate redemption of the continent's neo colonial threats. However, area of improvements will need to be moving from just private-public partnerships to private-public relationships. This is where the primary stakeholders structures does not become profit oriented predominantly, but also people- and-planet oriented. Hence continental bodies like the AU can facilitate progress from shareholders value to people values.
- Food Security: More and more, we witness countries across the continent investment in food security, especially in terms of reserves and access. The progress however will be in moving agenda forward on increasing investments in Nutrition. As a continent, we cannot prevent floods and droughts, but we can prevent famine and lack of access to affordable quality food. Hence, we need to invest more in making the agenda of nutrition visible to grassroots communities.
- Commitment to Youth Engagement: Progress must be made from just youth inclusion to youth integration. Planning with youth as the main part of the solution rather than the main parts of the problem to be solved will be key going forward. Instead of seeing the youth as a mere workforce, we need to see the bulge as a serious market too. That way, we can advance policies that don't just bring survival jobs, but bring them decent and dignified jobs. We plan for engagement with the youth that not only just give them access to survival income, but integrates their energy, time and talent in creating new wealth for the continent.
- Mainstreaming women into leadership and governance: A lot of progress has been made across the continent in reclaiming the place of women in our society. But these

efforts have tended to stop at affirmative action efforts of giving cosmetic opportunities to women. We cannot move to prosperity as a continent if we keep on treating the bigger part of the population as the partakers of the second places. We need to progress towards mainstreaming women into main leadership and governance of African societies.

• Disasters readiness and preparedness: This past year, a number of complexities in terms of vagaries of nature plagued the continent. There is a lot to celebrate in the resilience and relative positive responses we have seen across the continent, that have made it possible for the different nations to remain economically bearable. However, as we celebrate Africa Day, this has been an area where continental institutions will need to invest in standardization policies and investments in innovation and technologies required to ensure countries can manage disasters adequately when they emerge.

Ms Yvonne Chaka Chaka, the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD Goodwill Ambassador for nutrition and TB gave brief remarks on 'Celebrating Africanness in the context of COVID-19.' She pointed out that:

- The COVID-19 global health crisis has impacted negatively the food supply chain, and food security at large, which ultimately affects the nutritional outcomes of the vulnerable people in Africa, particularly school-age children.
- According to ILO, informal employment is the main source of employment in Africa, accounting for 85.8 percent of all employment. That being the case, as governments in Africa are taking strict measures such as lockdowns and massive restrictions of labour mobility, the likelihood of most households suffering from hunger to escalate is extremely high.

Ms Yvonne Chaka Chaka concluded that we should celebrate our differences as a stepping stone to respecting one another, promoting unity, inclusiveness, peace, stability & development in Africa.

She also highlighted that COVID-19 has also displayed African Unity in curbing the pandemic.

Ms Aya Chebbi, the AU Special Envoy on Youth, gave commentary on intergenerational coleadership.

She stated that the average age of African leaders is about 66 years and the average age of the population is around 20, which leads to at least 40 years of a gap in the age range. The political system tends to see youth as a threat, while the young people feel they are not being listened to and their needs are not being met. She spoke on the concept of intergenerational coleadership to close this generational gap and create conducive conditions for development.

Live Band Performance

The webinar was followed by a live band performance on You Tube.

The following is a brief record on the challenges that were experienced with the live performance:

- The band's live performance event was scheduled and tested on YouTube on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at SUCU Media Studio in Cosmo City, Randburg.
- On Sunday evening at 22h48, SUCU Media received text from Eskom for scheduled electricity blackout in the area on Monday, May 25 from 10h00 to 14h30.
- On Monday morning the alternative venue was sourced at Eden Park, Alberton.
- Due to change in location, a trial version of streaming software, Wirecast, had to be used since the licensed version is only available on desktop machines at SUCU Media studios. The trial version only permits the livestreaming of an hour at a time.
- At 12h00 on Monday, the scheduled live link required authentication as per YouTube security policy and user requirements. There was difficulty in authenticating the link and at 12h05.

To salvage the situation, Teko used his personal YouTube account to broadcast the link which went live at 12:07. The link had 221 audience tuned-in for the first hour. At 13h06 the Wirecast link terminated as per trial version user terms and conditions. The second link went live at 13h13 and ended at 13h46 with 176 audience tuned-in.

Feedback from Participants

The Africa Day Celebration webinar meet your expectations?

- Six people agree
- One person Neither disagree/nor agree
- Two people strongly agree

What could have been done differently?

- Good format and well managed so I think a good formula;
- The organisation was quite okay however we could have added additional 30 to 40 minutes for answering questions from the audience;
- I would like to advise that in future you create a survey with a link for more accurate collection of information;
- I joined with the option to listen in only, maybe we could have had the option that enable us to post questions or comment in a chat box;

- Give participants enough time to ask questions and was not expecting that short time on a webinar
- I think if it would have been organised high level with Heads of Governments under guns firing and some conditions bringing and resolving the issues on table and sharing lessons learnt, African solidarity would be vital towards silencing the guns and decolonisation which still endures in many ways in this continent

What was most valuable take away from the webinar?

- The paramount connection being forged between average young African and their very much older peers in government. The nearly 45 years gap is a very wide one to successfully bridge, but it is so important that this is achieved;
- My takeaway is that I enjoyed Yvonne Chaka Chaka's very uplifting song;

- Eddie Gicheru Oketch provided very good insight for youth and women;
- Solid points I garnered from Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki was the history of the African Union and his insight of the future in same regard;
- Moky was very articulate;
- Insights shared by fellow panelists and I learned a lot from their different perspectives and fields;
- I missed some of the presenters but enjoyed the presentation on the ACFTA and the young entrepreneur Mr. Oketch who gave 5 areas that require attention to cater for the needs of youth;
- Congratulations to Moky and her facilitation was excellent;
- I think we as citizens of Africa are tired of great rhetoric argument of our politicians. I am even surprised that the representative of youths still talks politics than what we can or should do on the ground;

- The speaker (Prof Lumumba) from Kenya, has pointed out how rich we are in passing resolutions since 1963 but when it comes to its implementation and ratifications or adoptions by our member states there is still long way to go;
- Silencing the gun is pertinent in Africa;
- The show of eagerness to putting an end to the most pressing issues facing Africa today, however African people need to unite, build strong governments and economies

Do you have any comment/s?

- Would suggest that you use a link for survey to gather all the information;
- Enjoyed listening immensely to the different speakers;
- You met my expectations although I was anticipating Prof. Lumumba whom I did not see;
- Great job and looking forward to even more from your team;

- It was enriching celebration and I hope to participate in future ones;
- Thankyou for a beautiful commemoration of Africa Day;
- I would like to suggest for papers or summary of each presentation to be made available and I think institutions like AUDA-NEPAD and arms of the AU must now create platforms for engaging with citizens and not just engage around events;
- It is great initiative which I really support.
 Let us reach to the citizens and listen
 more than talking. Then we design a
 strategy on how to address the citizens
 concern. That means let us give a point
 of talk, then open for a discussion, you
 will really get something you never
 thought of; and

 Colonisation has affected all of us and still endures in many ways in the expense of fragile economies and governments, I believe Africa has all it can take to become an independent sovereign if the whole continent comes as one nation, we can employ hundreds of millions of unemployed youth, silence the guns because these labor forces are being financed by coloniser's and recover better from COVID-19

CONCLUSION

The general purpose of engaging with fellow Africans on Africa Day on the efforts to accelerate and amplify Africa's economic and social development as requisite conditions was achieved.

What went well?

- The general feedback from attendees, both from within and outside AUDA-NEPAD is that the webinar went well and added to the celebration of Africa Day in a meaningful way.
- All the speakers were engaging and spoke with confidence in their areas of specialisation.
- The mix of speakers, in terms of gender, age and background, showed inclusiveness brought out different perspectives on the topics covered.
- The videos played both at the beginning (AU Anthem) and the end (I Dare to Dream a song of unity during COVID-19 by Yvonne Chaka Chaka and Andre Schwartz) of the webinar were also well received and tied in very well with celebrating Africa Day in the time of COVID-19.
- On the technical front, the webinar platform GoToWebinar proved to be the ideal platform for sharing videos seamlessly. The webinar was also not met with any serious technical glitches.
- The AU Special Envoy on Youth accepted Dr Mayaki's invitation to visit AUDA-NEPAD as soon as circumstances allow.

What could have been done better?

- The number of speakers could have been reduced by at least two speakers, in order to allow for more time to engage with participants.
- Not all the questions that we were received were responded to. An effort will be made
 by the Communication Task Team to write back to the participants who sent questions via
 email with appropriate responses.
- Interprétation facilities were lacking- The proposal is that in future, captions should be availed to ensure that Francophone and Lusophone countries are not excluded in Webinars of this magnitude. Francophone West African countries and Lusophone countries were in essence excluded because of the language barrier
- Webinars that start around 1pm in SA have a greater number of attendance because it is a neutral time for most Country time zones

ANNEXURE 1: WEBINAR SPEAKERS' BIOS

H.E Dr Ibrahim Mayaki is the CEO of the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD. He was appointed to the position in January 2009. Dr Mayaki is also former Prime Minister of Niger.

Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki of the Republic of Niger is the Chief Executive Officer of the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD. He was appointed to the position in January 2009.



A former Prime Minister of Niger, from 1997 to 2000, Dr. Mayaki has a Master' degree from the National School of Public Administration (Enap), Quebec, Canada and a PhD in Administrative Sciences from the University of Paris I, France. He worked as a Professor of Public Administration in Niger and Venezuela. From 1996 to 1997 he was appointed Minister in charge of African Integration and Cooperation and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Niger. In August 2000, he set up the Analysis Centre for Public Policy in Senegal. From 2000 to 2004, Dr. Mayaki was a guest Professor at the University of Paris XI, where he lectured on international relations. He also led research at the Research Centre on Europe and the Contemporary World within that university. In 2004, he served as Executive Director of the Platform in support of Rural Development in West and Central Africa, the Rural Hub, based in Dakar, Senegal.

TOPIC & SUMMARY POINTS

Commemoration of Africa Day & Health Security in the Context of COVID-19

Support to African Micro-Small-Medium Enterprises – AUDA-NEPAD is identifying
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- Access to pharmaceutical and medical supplies in Africa AUDA-NEPAD in collaboration with AU member states and Regional Economic Communities is driving a continental and regional mechanism for the procurement of essential medical products and identifying credible local manufacturers from whom to procure.



H.E. Mr Wamkele Mene was elected by the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States & Government of the African Union, this year to the position of Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat.

Prior to being elected Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, he served as Chief Director: Africa Economic Relations, at the Department

of Trade & Industry of South Africa. In this role, he was South Africa's chief trade negotiator in the AfCFTA and Tripartite FTA negotiations. During his tenure as chief negotiator, South Africa ratified both the AfCFTA and Tripartite FTAs agreements, providing new export markets in fast growing and dynamic markets in East and West Africa.

Prior to assuming this position, H.E Mene was Director: International Trade Law & Investment Law at the Department of Trade & Industry, a role in which he was principal legal counsel on international trade law and international investment law. From 2010 until 2015, Wamkele represented South Africa at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. During his posting to the WTO, Wamkele was elected by over 130 governments to the position of Chairman of the Committee on International Trade in Financial Services, a committee comprising trade negotiators, financial regulators and financial policy makers from over 160 countries.

Prior to joining the government, he worked for the law firms Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in London and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP in Hong Kong. H.E Mene has written and lectured internationally on international trade law, international investment law and international business law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Law) degree from Rhodes University in South Africa, a Master of Arts in International Studies & Diplomacy (with specialization in International Economics) from the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), University of London and a LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Banking Law & Financial Regulation from the Law Department of the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE).

TOPIC & SUMMARY POINTS

Opportunities for trade & the easier flow of medical supplies in order to enhance health care in Africa in mitigating the impact of COVID-19

- What are the opportunities for regional trade now, and post-COVID-19
- The importance of the operationalisation of the free trade area to allow for the easier flow of medical supplies in order to enhance health care in Africa and mitigate impact of COVID-19.



Prof. PLO Lumumba is an Associate Professor of Public Law. He is an Advocate of the High Courts of Kenya and Tanganyika and a Certified Mediator.

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Ghana. He is also a holder of the Degree of Doctor of Science (DSc) (Honoris Causa) from Bells University of Technology in Nigeria. He has been trained on Humans Rights at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies University of London in England, Humanitarian Law at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of the University of Lund in Sweden and on International Humanitarian Law in Geneva, Switzerland. He is an Advocate of the High Courts of Kenya and Tanganyika and a Certified Mediator. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya FCPS (K), a Fellow of the Kenya Institute of Management (FKIM) and Honorary Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (FAAS). He is the Chairman of Farafina Investment Group in Monrovia, Liberia and Economic Strategic Growth and Development Initiative for Africa based in Nigeria.

TOPIC & SUMMARY POINTS

Pan-Africanism and the importance of commemorating Africa Day

- Celebrating Africa Day and what it means to the African Citizenry
- Some of our greatest achievements as Africa
- The resilience of Africans in face of COVID-19



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TOPIC & SUMMARY POINTS

Exchanging arms for business development: Bringing an end to civil violence by enabling youth to become economically independent and champions of peace

- Propelling the growth of entrepreneurship and start-ups, and not conflict
- What will it take to scale up high-potential youth-led small and growing businesses as a means of tackling the youth unemployment challenge in Africa?



Yvonne Chaka Chaka, internationally renowned singer and humanitarian. She is the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD Goodwill Ambassador for TB and nutrition.

Yvonne Chaka Chaka is considered a role model throughout the African continent and beyond, Yvonne has demonstrated compassion for others throughout her career. She has promoted literacy, women and children's rights, and is also a champion in the fight against malaria. Yvonne established the Princess of Africa Foundation in 2006 to complement her humanitarian work. Through this non-profit organisation, she has continued to advocate for various causes and mobilise resources towards projects for people in need.

As Goodwill Ambassador for AUDA-NEPAD, Yvonne Chaka Chaka's public policy advocacy focusses on the promotion of good health and nutrition as key response components in the fight against TB, as well as public awareness on the challenges and solutions to ending the TB pandemic in Africa. The public loves Yvonne. Her inimitable and distinctive alto voice is as warm as she is personable and gracious to her audiences. Yvonne states emphatically, "I love performing for my audiences." Her music awards include the SAMA, KORA, OKTV, Autumn Harvest, and a host of others for musical excellence. Yvonne's personal messages are woven throughout every song she's written. With musical beats that span afro-traditional to a world sound imbedded into several tracks, the power of the music equals the power of Yvonne's clear social and spiritual advice to her audience.

TOPIC & SUMMARY POINTS

Celebrating Africanness for the Africa We Want

• Now is the time for Ubuntu – a time for Africa to stand together



Ms. Aya Chebbi, an award-winning Pan-African feminist. She is the first ever African Union Special Envoy on Youth and the youngest diplomat at the African Union Commission Chairperson's Cabinet. She rose to prominence as a voice for democracy and shot to global fame as a political blogger during 2010/2011 Tunisia's Revolution. She recently received 2019 Gates Foundation Campaign Award. She is graduate of University of Tunis El Manar with Bachelor in International Relations, Fulbright scholar at George Southern University

and Mo Ibrahim Foundation Scholar for her Masters in African Politics at SOAS, University of London. She is the founder of multiple platforms such as Afrika Youth Movement (AYM), one of Africa's largest Pan-African youth-led movements, Afresist, a youth leadership program and multimedia platform documenting youth work in Africa and Youth Programme of Holistic Empowerment Mentoring (Y-PHEM) coaching the next generation to be positive change agents.



Webinar Moderator

#AfricaNoFilter Executive Director, Moky Makura joined the organisation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where she was the foundation's Country Representative to South Africa, responsible for government relations and oversight on program strategy. Previously, she was then Gates' Deputy Director for Communications Africa where she was responsible for building and managing the foundation's reputation on the continent. Before Gates, Makura was the

Communications Director for The Tony Elumelu Foundation in Nigeria.

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