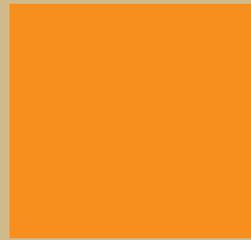




African Union Assembly Decisions on NEPAD
Resulting from the Conclusions of NEPAD Heads of
State and Government Orientation Committee
2001 - 2014



Introductory note

I am highly pleased to present the compendium of Decisions of the African Union Assembly on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) based on the conclusions of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) for the period: July 2001 to July 2014.

From inception in 2001, African Leaders have provided strategic direction and impetus to NEPAD as the flagship development programme of the African Union. The first decade of NEPAD reveals the adoption of the necessary all-inclusive political and socio-economic reforms by African governments under the auspices of the African Union. 'Africa's Decade of Change' as this era has been referred to, signifies the momentous changes in governance policy and economic development landscape of the continent, while acknowledging the significant contributions of NEPAD. The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) as an innovative governance instrument adopted by NEPAD testifies to the transforming continent.

Inspired by the ideals and spirit of Pan-Africanism and Renaissance as enshrined in the Constitutive Act of the African Union and the adoption of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) through Declaration 1 (XXXVII) of July 2001 in Lusaka, Zambia, African Leaders represented in the AU Assembly and the HSGOC have steadfastly championed Africa's renewal. The NEPAD vision and mission of promoting sustainable growth and development by African countries, individually and collectively, continue to receive due priority and highest level consideration.

With the approval of the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2010, the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) serves as a sub-committee of the Assembly. The Committee provides political leadership and strategic guidance for the coordination of NEPAD programmes and priority sector objectives. The NEPAD Steering Committee which is the intermediary body between the HSGOC and the NEPAD Agency, supports the work of the Orientation Committee and contributes to its deliberations, feeding into the relevant Decisions and Declarations of the AU Assembly on NEPAD.

Operating as the technical body of the African Union, the NEPAD Agency promotes the implementation of NEPAD through the facilitation and coordination of Africa's priority regional programmes/projects. The Agency mobilises both domestic and external resources by actively engaging African Leaders and Governments, AU Member-States, AU Commission, other AU Organs, Regional Economic Communities, African stakeholders and the global community. The NEPAD Agency replaced the NEPAD Secretariat which functioned from 2001 to 2010.

The compendium reflects the strategic outcomes of the deliberations of the NEPAD HSGOC (previously known as the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee – HSGIC). It spans over twelve (12) years of close interaction and engagement by Africa's highest level decision and policy makers on Africa's inclusive growth trajectory, sustainable development initiatives and international partnerships.

This maiden volume marks the policy pronouncements, orientation and direction by African Leaders to shape the second decade in the implementation of NEPAD whereby all stakeholders and partners work in harmony to achieve greater results and impact. To this effect, NEPAD continues to propel new African thinking on development approaches to achieve the vision of 'an integrated, prosperous and peaceful continent driven by its citizens', to make transformation real.

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July 2001



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DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS

DECLARATION ON THE NEW COMMON INITIATIVE
(MAP AND OMEGA)

1. WE, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting at the 37th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Lusaka, Zambia from 9 to 11 July 2001, have undertaken an in-depth and critical review of the political, economic and social situation in our continent as presented in the report of the Secretary General to the 74th Session of the Council of Ministers:
2. ARE FULLY AWARE of the fundamental changes, which have occurred in the world since the beginning of the 1990s. These include the establishment, enlargement as well as strengthening of economic and trading groupings, the conclusions of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the creation of WTO, and the rapid progress in information and communication technology. Consequently, Africa needs to take urgent and effective steps to avoid marginalization and ensure that it becomes an active partner in the emerging world economic order. To this end, Africa must adopt a new vision for its revival and development, and translate this vision into an appropriate and coherent Programme of Action;
3. REAFFIRM that the Revival and Development of Africa are primarily the responsibility of our Governments and Peoples. Consequently, we are determined to establish the conducive political, economic and social environment and create the required structural economic transformation in our countries with the objective of achieving a human centered and sustainable development.

4. RECALL the endorsement of the 5th Extraordinary Summit of the OAU, held in Sirte, Libya, from 1-2 March 2001, of the work done regarding the Revival and Development of Africa by Presidents Mbeki of South Africa, Obasanjo of Nigeria, Bouteflika of Algeria, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Wade of Senegal, respectively;
5. COMMEND the efforts of the five Presidents for producing a single coordinated and inclusive Plan for Africa's renewal based on the two initiatives, namely, the Millennium Partnership for the African Recovery Programme (MAP) and the OMEGA Plan, complement each other;
6. REITERATE our commitment and determination to uplift the living conditions of our people through the promotion of collective self reliance as stated in the Lagos Plan of Action, the Abuja Treaty and the Cairo Agenda for Action;
7. FURTHER COMMIT ourselves to the objectives of the Declaration which we adopted at the Fourth Extraordinary Session of our Assembly in Sirte, The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 9.9.99 in which we decided to establish the African Union;
8. RECOGNIZE the need to reassert and revitalize the existing continental development strategies in order to achieve self sustained development of our continent;
9. ADOPT the Strategic Policy Framework of the New African Initiative as well as its Programme of Action and REAFFIRM our commitment to the provisions of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community and the Constitutive Act of the African Union,

10. DECIDE to present the consolidated Plan for African Revival and Development to the UN General Assembly in its Session of September 2001 for endorsement and CALL UPON. We call upon the international community and particularly our development partners and the United Nations system to support this Plan and to assist Africa in its implementation;
11. DECIDE to convene in Dakar from 15 to 17 November 2001 a Summit of Heads of State and Government with the participation of international economic and financial institutions as well as the private sector on the theme: Financing the New Common Initiative;
12. DECIDE to set up a Follow-up Committee comprising five (5) Heads of State, promoters of the New Common Initiative and of ten (10) other Heads of State to ensure a continuous follow-up on this Initiative, particularly the establishment of management institutions for the New African Initiative;
13. DECIDE to enlarge the African delegation to the G8 with the inclusion of the President Abdoulaye Wade

DECLARATION ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE LAND
QUESTION IN ZIMBABWE

1. The Summit recalled Declaration AHG/ST/1 (XXXVI) adopted by the 36th Assembly of Heads of State and Government held in Lome, Togo, in July 2000.
2. REAFFIRMED that the resolution of the land issue is central to ensuring durable peace, stability and economic development in Zimbabwe.
3. TOOK NOTE of the tireless efforts being coordinated by His Excellency President Olusegun Obasanjo of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to mediate between Zimbabwe and Britain in respect of resolving the land issue in Zimbabwe.
4. REITERATED its demand for Britain to honour its colonial obligation to fund the land resettlement programme in Zimbabwe in accordance with the Lancaster House Agreement.
5. CALLED UPON Britain to cooperate fully and enter into dialogue with the Government of Zimbabwe with the purpose of finding a final solution to this colonial legacy.



July 2002



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DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS ADOPTED BY THE
FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF
THE AFRICAN UNION

**DECLARATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW
PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD)**

1. **WE**, the Heads of State and Government of Member States of the Organisation of African Unity, meeting at the 38th Session of our Assembly in Durban, South Africa on 8th July 2002:
2. **RECALLING** our decision regarding the then New African Initiative taken at the 37th Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in Lusaka, Zambia from 9 to 11 July 2001 (AHG/Decl. 1 (XXXVII));
3. **NOTING WITH APPRECIATION** the report provided to us by the Chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee, H.E. President O. Obasanjo of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, describing the developments in the NEPAD process over the course of the past year;
4. **FURTHER NOTING** the document submitted to us by H.E. President Obasanjo entitled "Towards the Implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) - Summary of Progress Report and Initial Action Plan" (hereinafter referred to as "Progress Report and Initial Action Plan"), elaborating the first phase for the implementation of NEPAD;
5. **FURTHER NOTING** the Declaration on Democracy, Political, Economic and Corporate Governance submitted by H.E. President Obasanjo, which seeks to foster a strong statement of reaffirmation by African leaders of their commitment to the principles and core values of democracy and good political, economic and corporate governance;
6. **FURTHER NOTING** the document submitted by H.E. President Obasanjo on the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) which is an instrument that will be voluntarily acceded to by Member States of the African Union for the purpose of self-monitoring, and which aims to foster the adoption of policies, standards and practices that will lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development and accelerated regional integration in the continent;
7. **EMPHASISING** the long term nature of the NEPAD programme and our determination to use all available resources to ensure its successful implementation;
8. **ENDORSE** the Progress Report and Initial Action Plan and **RECOMMENDS** that Member States wishing to do so, should submit written comments to the Chairman of HSIC;
9. **CALL** for the detailed documents relating to each priority area of the Progress Report and Initial Action Plan to be distributed to all Member States of the African Union;
10. **URGE** that the programmes in each priority area be urgently implemented and that each Member State provide assistance in the further development and implementation of these programmes and in

the continued popularization of NEPAD amongst all sectors of society on the African continent;

11. **REAFFIRM** our commitment to the principles and core values contained in the Declaration on Democracy, Political, Economic and Corporate Governance;
12. **ENCOURAGE** all Member States of the African Union to adopt the Declaration on Democracy, Political, Economic and Corporate Governance and accede to the African Peer Review Mechanism;
13. **MANDATE** the Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee of NEPAD and its Steering Committee to continue the vital task of further elaborating the NEPAD Framework and ensuring the implementation of NEPAD Initial Action Plan until reviewed at the 2nd Assembly of the African Union in Maputo, Mozambique, in 2003;
14. **DECIDE** to increase the number of the members of the Implementation Committee by one per region of the African Union, thus bringing the total number of members of the Committee to twenty;
15. **CALL UPON** the international community to provide continued and enhanced support for our efforts to regenerate the continent.



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DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS

**DECLARATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR
AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD)**

We, the Heads of State and Government of Member States of the African Union, meeting at the 2nd Ordinary Session of our Assembly in Maputo, Mozambique from 10 to 12 July 2003;

Recalling our decision regarding the then New African Initiative, now the *New Partnership for Africa's Development* [NEPAD], taken at the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the Organisation of African Unity in July 2001 in Lusaka, Zambia [AHG/Decl.1 (XXXVII)] where we adopted the Strategic Policy Framework and a new vision for the revival and development of Africa;

Recalling Further our decision on the Implementation of the *New Partnership for Africa's Development* [NEPAD] made at the Inaugural Session of the African Union Assembly in Durban, South Africa from 8 to 10 July 2002 [Assembly/AU/Decl. 1(I)], mandating the Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee [HSGIC] and its supporting structures to ensure the implementation of the NEPAD Initial Action;

Reiterating our commitment to the principles and objectives set out in the Constitutive Act of the African Union and our common conviction that peace, security, democracy, good governance, political and social stability as well as sound economic policies are essential conditions for the sustainable socio-economic development of the African continent;

Re-Emphasising our common resolve to eradicate poverty, confront underdevelopment and arrest the marginalisation of the African continent;

Noting that the challenges and problems that prompted us to develop NEPAD as the socio-economic development programme of the African Union aimed at regenerating and reviving the African continent, have not changed;

Noting With Appreciation the Progress Report presented to us by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee, H.E. President O. Obasanjo of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, describing the developments in the NEPAD programmes and activities since our last meeting in July 2002 in Durban, South Africa;

Noting Also the progress made in the areas of agriculture, especially in the preparation of detailed and costed country and region-specific agriculture projects for implementation under the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), and also in the implementation of infrastructure high priority projects in energy, transport, water and sanitation, and information and communication technology (ICT) identified under the revised NEPAD Infrastructure Short-Term Action Plan [STAP], as well as progress in developing the Medium to Long-Term Infrastructure Action Plan;

Recognising the high-level political will and involvement of African Heads of State and Government in creating conditions for sustainable development and implementing Africa's socio-economic development programmes and the crucial role played by the HSGIC and its supporting structures in ensuring the implementation of the NEPAD programmes;

Recognising Further that the primary purpose of the *African Peer Review Mechanism* [APRM] is to foster the adoption of policies, standards and practices leading to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development and accelerated regional and continental economic integration;

Taking Cognisance of the need for the formal integration of NEPAD into the African Union structures and processes and the need to sustain the momentum, genuine interest, support and solidarity created by NEPAD;

Noting With Appreciation the strong support of the international community, especially as expressed in the United Nations General Assembly Declaration (A/RES/57/2) and Resolution on the NEPAD (A/RES/57/7) affirming the United Nations system's support for the implementation of the NEPAD and recommending that the NEPAD be used as the framework for supporting Africa's development by the international community, including the United Nations system;

Welcoming the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on "Strengthening of the United Nations: an Agenda for Change" (RES/A/57/300) wherein, amongst others, the Assembly endorsed the decision of the Secretary-General to establish the Office of the Special Advisor on Africa [OSAA] with the responsibilities to coordinate the United Nations support to Africa, guide reporting on Africa and coordinate global advocacy in support of NEPAD;

Noting With Satisfaction the work-in-progress in the five Clusters of UN Agencies established by the United Nations system with a view to operationalising the renewed interaction, collaboration and co-operation with Africa on the established Clusters (Infrastructure Development: Water and Sanitation, Energy, Transport, and ICTs; Governance, Peace and Security; Agriculture, Trade and Market Access; Environment, Population and Urbanization; and Human Resource Development, Employment and HIV/AIDS);

Welcoming Further the continued support by the international community and the structured engagement and dialogue by the African leaders with the leaders of the Group of Eight Most Industrialised Countries [G8] at their last Summit held from 1 to 3 June 2003 in Evian, France where the implementation of NEPAD as well as the G8 Africa Action Plan were reviewed and, amongst others, the issues of international trade and debt relief for African countries were highlighted to G8 leaders;

Noting With Encouragement the building of linkages by NEPAD, on behalf of the African Union, with other partners, initiatives and organisations such as the European Union, Nordic countries, the Tokyo International Conference on African Development process [TICAD], Association of South-East Asian Nations [ASEAN], the *Economic Community of the Southern Cone* [MERCOSUR] amongst others;

Re-Emphasising the long term nature of the NEPAD programme and our determination to use all available resources to ensure its successful implementation and to sustain the interest and momentum created by the NEPAD process in the African continent and internationally and the need to retain the leadership and co-ordination role of the HSGIC, as a sub-committee of our Assembly, dedicated to the implementation of NEPAD;

Recognising the need to provide sustainable financing for the NEPAD programmes:

Progress Report

1. **ENDORSE** the Progress Report and **COMMEND** the HSGIC and its supporting structures for their co-ordination and catalytic role in facilitating the implementation of NEPAD priority programmes and projects across the African regions and more specifically through co-operation and collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities [RECs];

African Peer Review Mechanism

2. **WELCOME** the progress made with respect to the APRM in particular the accession of a number of Member States of the African Union to the APRM as well as the appointment of the Panel of Eminent Persons and **ENCOURAGE** other Member States of the African Union to accede to the APRM as well;

Programmes Implementation

3. **URGE** that the programmes identified in each priority area, such as infrastructure and agriculture, be urgently implemented and that each region and Member State, through the RECs, provide assistance in the further development and implementation of these programmes and in the continued popularisation of NEPAD amongst all sectors of society, including and in particular the youth, women, private sector and the civil society at large, on the African continent;
4. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the linkage between the work of the Committee of African Ministers of Public Service and the programmatic thrust of NEPAD and **REQUEST** the incorporation of their work as an important element of the overall AU programme.
5. **CALL UPON** Member States and the RECs to promote and implement these priority programmes and projects as well as to develop detailed and costed action plans in the areas of health, education, culture, science and technology, environment and tourism;
6. **DECIDE** that the co-ordination of all NEPAD sectoral programmes, initiatives and related activities continue to be undertaken through the NEPAD HSGIC and its supporting structures;
7. **ENCOURAGE** the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee to explore adequate funding mechanisms for sustainable financing of NEPAD programmes and projects, including the possibility of a NEPAD Trust Fund;

Integration of NEPAD into the AU Structures and Processes

8. **MANDATE** the Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee of NEPAD, supported by the NEPAD Steering Committee and the NEPAD Secretariat, to continue their vital work of ensuring the implementation of NEPAD programmes;
9. **MANDATE** the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, in consultation with the Chairperson of the HSGIC, to operationalise the following, with the flexibilities as may be required:
 - (i) establish appropriate linkages between the NEPAD Steering Committee with the relevant organs of the African Union including the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Executive Council in order to ensure integrated inputs into the work of the HSGIC;
 - (ii) enter into a temporary host agreement with the Government of the Republic South Africa with a view to providing the NEPAD Secretariat with a legal status of an AU office operating outside the African Union Headquarters for a *transitional period* of three (3) years as from July 2003, or until such time the relevant structures of the African Union are fully operational, whichever comes first;
 - (iii) formalise the working relations between the AU Commission and the NEPAD Secretariat, especially for programme co-ordination and harmonisation;
 - (iv) align and harmonise the conditions of service, rules of recruitment and accountability with those of the AU Commission; and
 - (v) develop a sustainable funding mechanism for NEPAD after its complete integration into the AU structures and processes.

10. **MANDATE** the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, in consultation with *the Chairperson of the HSGIC*, to appoint the Executive Head of the NEPAD Secretariat during the *transitional period*;
11. **ENCOURAGE** voluntary contributions from all Member States of the African Union towards the operational budget of NEPAD and its structures during the *transitional period*;

International Support

12. **CALL UPON** the international community to continue its enhanced support towards the implementation of NEPAD, and on the HSGIC to further intensify its efforts in engaging Africa's development partners in both developed and developing countries.



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DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS

**DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW
PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD)**

The Assembly:

1. **WE**, the Heads of State and Government of Member States of the African Union, meeting at the 3rd Ordinary Session of our Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 6 to 8 July 2004;
2. **RECALLING** our decision regarding the then New African Initiative, now the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), taken at the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in July 2001 in Lusaka, Zambia (AHG/Decl.1(XXXVII));
3. **RECALLING FURTHER** our decisions on the Implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) taken at the Inaugural Session of the African Union Assembly in Durban, South Africa from 8 to 10 July 2002 (Assembly/AU/Decl.1(1), and at the 2nd Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly in Maputo, Mozambique from 10 to 12 July 2003 (Assembly/AU/Decl.8(II));
4. **NOTING WITH APPRECIATION** the Progress Report presented to us by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), H.E. President O. Obasanjo of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, describing the developments in the NEPAD programmes and activities since our last meeting in July 2003 in Maputo, Mozambique;

Progress Report

5. **ENDORSE** the Progress Report and **COMMEND** the HSGIC and its supporting structures for their coordination and catalytic role in facilitating the implementation of NEPAD priority programmes and projects across the African regions and more specifically through cooperation and collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs);
6. **MANDATE** the Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee of NEPAD, supported by the NEPAD Steering Committee and the NEPAD Secretariat, to continue their vital work of ensuring the implementation of NEPAD programmes;
7. **URGE** that the programmes identified in each priority area be urgently implemented and that each region and Member State, through the RECs, provide assistance and financial support in the further development and implementation of these programmes and in the continued popularization of NEPAD amongst all sectors of society on the African continent;

Programme Implementation

8. **NOTE** the progress made in the implementation of the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), in particular:
- The Multi-country Agricultural Productivity Programme (MAPP), for which the World Bank has committed to supporting by providing US\$500 million,
 - The development of a tracking mechanism to monitor the commitment by African governments to allocate 10% of national budgets to agriculture.
 - The FAO is providing funding to 49 countries for medium-term investment programmes to fast-track the implementation of CAADP,
 - A CAADP companion on forestry, fisheries and livestock is being developed, as well as a nutrition programme,
 - The review on the Food Reserve System has commenced.
9. **FURTHER NOTED** the progress made in the implementation of the short term action plan for infrastructure (STAP), particularly the fact that:
- The African Development Bank (ADB) has approved financing for 9 investment projects amounting to US\$580 million;
 - The World Bank has approved financing for STAP projects amounting to US\$570 million;
 - The fibre-optic submarine cable on the East Coast of Africa, and the e-Schools projects have reached advanced levels of implementation.

African Peer Review Mechanism

10. **NOTE** the significant progress that has been achieved in implementing the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), particularly the fact that nineteen member states have now acceded to the APRM and another three have expressed interest in joining, and the fact that the country review process has started in Ghana and Rwanda and will shortly commence in Mauritius and Kenya;
11. **CALL** on all member states that have not yet done so to acceded to the APRM;

Development of Priority Sector Strategies

12. **NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** the work done to develop the Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy and **MANDATE** AU Commission and the NEPAD

Secretariat to work closely with partners, in particular the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction, the World Bank, the UNDP, and UNEP and other international organizations to develop a programme of work in this regard that will enable member states to use the strategy as a framework for integrating disaster risk reduction into national development processes;

13. **ENDORSE** the Tourism Action Plan developed by the NEPAD Secretariat and adopted by the African Ministers of Tourism and the Executive Council;
14. **CALL** on African Ministers of Tourism to form a Steering Committee of Ministers of Tourism to guide the AU Commission and the NEPAD Secretariat, as well as RECs and Member States in the implementation of the Tourism Action Plan;
15. **WELCOME** the African Productive Capacity Initiative (APCI) and the African Productive Capacity Facility (APCF) adopted by the 16th Conference of African Ministers of Industry and **CALL ON** the AU Commission and the NEPAD Secretariat, with the support of development partners, particularly UNIDO, to assist member states in the implementation of the strategy;
16. **FURTHER WELCOME** the development of a NEPAD Science and Technology strategy by the African Ministers of Science and Technology;
17. **CONGRATULATE** UNESCO for the work that has been done in support of the Human Resource Development aspects of the NEPAD programme;

Millennium Development Goals

18. **NOTE** that, at current rates of development, many African countries are unlikely to meet the Millennium Development Goals due to lack of resource flows and, therefore, **RESOLVE** to undertake the necessary measures to enhance the development of expanded and integrated national development plans and related policies, as well as fast-track the adoption of NEPAD programmes, including reforms and increased investments in key areas such as agriculture, infrastructure, health, human resource development and education, as a means towards achieving the MDGs;
19. **NOTE FURTHER** the centrality of Agriculture in Africa's Development and the multiple constraints associated with this sector, **AND REAFFIRM** our commitment and determination to raise food production, reduce hunger and transform rural Africa by way of developing and launching Africa's Green Revolution;
20. **WELCOME** the support provided by international partners and **CALL UPON** the international community to significantly scale up support and



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DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON NEPAD
Assembly/AU.3 (IV)**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report presented by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee, H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
2. **WELCOMES** the Africa Commission as an important step towards the mobilization of international assistance for the implementation of NEPAD and commends its efforts in this regard;
3. **CALLS UPON** the international community to support NEPAD and in particular calls on the G8 countries to:
 - a) cancel all debts of African countries and take practical steps to urgently implement such cancellation;
 - b) double development assistance to Africa and improve its quality *inter alia* by channeling such increase through multilateral development institutions and by augmenting the budgetary support component of it;
 - c) take the necessary steps to complete the Doha round of trade negotiations at the earliest possible time so as to provide free and non-reciprocal access to their markets for African countries and eliminate export subsidies for agricultural products.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF NEPAD HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
(Doc.Assembly/AU/3 (VI))**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee;
2. **WELCOMES** the initiative to convene a Brainstorming Conference in Dakar, Senegal to further review the achievements of NEPAD and on possible improvements of its programmes and operations;
3. **REQUESTS** the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee to submit a report on the outcome of the Brainstorming Conference at its next ordinary session in July 2006.

**DECISION ON THE INTEGRATION OF NEPAD INTO THE STRUCTURE
AND THE PROCESSES OF THE AFRICAN UNION
DOC. ASSEMBLY/AU/8 (VII)**

The Assembly:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC);
- 2. DECIDES** to extend the deadline of three years set in Maputo in July 2003, to January 2007, that is, an additional of six months;
- 3. FURTHER DECIDES** to set up a committee comprising the Chairman of the Union, the Chairperson of the Commission, the Chairman of the HSGIC and President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, the Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD Secretariat as well as the Vice-Chairpersons of HSGIC to:
 - i) Finalize the proposal on the integration of NEPAD into the AU structure and processes;
 - ii) Conduct an evaluation of NEPAD at its current stage;
 - iii) Propose a realignment of NEPAD to its original objectives, mandate and philosophy.
- 4. REQUESTS** the Committee to report to the Assembly at its next ordinary session in January 2007.



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2. **WELCOMES** the initiative to convene a Brainstorming Conference in Dakar, Senegal to further review the achievements of NEPAD and on possible improvements of its programmes and operations;
3. **REQUESTS** the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee to submit a report on the outcome of the Brainstorming Conference at its next ordinary session in July 2006.



REPORT OF THE 14TH SUMMIT OF THE NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

KHARTOUM, SUDAN

22 JANUARY 2006

INTRODUCTION

1. The Fourteenth Summit of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), was held in Khartoum, Sudan, on Sunday, 22 January 2006, at the invitation of H.E President Omer El Bashir, President of the Republic of Sudan. The Summit was chaired by H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairperson of the HSGIC.

2. The following dignitaries attended the HSGIC Summit:
 - I. His Excellency, Mr. Ahmed Ouyahia, Prime Minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria;
 - II. His Excellency, Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana;
 - III. His Excellency, Mr. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo;
 - IV. His Excellency, Mr Armando Emilio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique;
 - V. His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
 - VI. His Excellency, Mr Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ethiopia;
 - VII. His Excellency, Hon. Bernard Makuza, Prime Minister of Rwanda

- VIII. His Excellency, Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal
- IX. His Excellency, Mr Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of Sudan;
- X. His Excellency, Alpha Omar Konare, Chairperson of the AU Commission
- XI. Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Mauritius and Tunisia were also represented;
- XII. Partner institutions including ADB, OSAA, UNDP, and UNECA were in attendance;
- XIII. Regional Economic Communities (RECs) including COMESA, ECCAS, EAC, CEN-SAD and SADC were also present;
- XIV. Several members of the NEPAD Steering Committee also attended
- XV. .(Please check)

OPENING CEREMONY

- 3. H.E President Omer El Bashir welcomed his colleagues to Khartoum, Sudan, with the reiteration of Sudan's commitment to the AU vision of unity, solidarity, and prosperity for all.
- 4. Referring to Sudan's just- concluded signature of accession to the APRM, President El Bashir affirmed his country's commitment to the African Declaration on Democracy, Political, Economic and Corporate Governance and NEPAD, including the combating of discrimination against women. He also highlighted the critical role that NEPAD could play in defining the development process of the continent. He lauded the comprehensive peace agreement signed in 2005 as a demonstration of Sudan's commitment to democracy and equality. He concluded by acknowledging the important role played by the African Union in the Sudanese peace process and called on the international community to support the African Union Mission in Sudan.
- 5. The Chairman of the Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), H.E. President Olusegun Obasanjo, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to President Omer El Bashir and the Government and People of Sudan, for the warm reception that he and his colleagues had received as well as the hospitable arrangements for the Summit.
- 6. Referring to the progress made by the APRM, President Obasanjo welcomed the accession of more countries, including those of Sudan, Zambia and São Tomé & Príncipe. President Obasanjo emphasised that the APRM was a mechanism for

African countries to learn from each other and take corrective measures with the view to ensure the sustainable development of individual countries and the continent as a whole within the framework of NEPAD. To this end, the Chairman of the HSGIC acknowledged the support of development partners and called on Africa not to relent in achieving its mission.

7. Moving to the business at hand, President Obasanjo informed his colleagues of the departure of Prof. Nkuhlu from the NEPAD Secretariat and explained that as a result of this development, as Chairman, he was compelled to request Prof. Mucavele to act as CEO pending the finalization of the consultation process.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

11. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CEO

8. Prof. Mucavele presented his report in which he highlighted progress in implementation in the following areas: capacity building, infrastructure, agriculture, education, health, science and technology, environment and tourism, reinforcement of partnerships, mobilisation of domestic resources and integration of NEPAD into the AU structures and processes.
9. The Summit noted the report and welcomed the progress made so far. The Summit, nevertheless, expressed concern with the slow pace of progress and reiterated the need to ensure adherence to the original principles that led to the establishment of NEPAD. This included the need to ensure enhanced collaboration and alignment between NEPAD, AU structures, RECs and national governments, particularly in areas in which NEPAD had a comparative advantage. The Summit, thus, agreed to convene a brainstorming retreat on NEPAD, at Heads of State level, to review the progress made and define a strategic way forward. The retreat has been scheduled to be held in Dakar, Senegal by April 2006. A report on the outcomes of this retreat will be submitted to the 7th Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly. The Summit also recognized the need for self-reliance, through, among other means, the mobilization of domestic resources and enhanced cooperation within Africa.
10. With regard to the integration of NEPAD within AU structures and processes, the Summit reiterated the view that NEPAD is a programme of the AU. The Summit was also informed that discussion on the matter was still ongoing between the Chief Executive of the NEPAD Secretariat and the Chairperson of the AU Commission. To this effect, a report would be submitted to the 7th Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly scheduled for 1-2 July 2006 in Banjul, The Gambia.

REPORT ON THE G8 GLENEAGLES SUMMIT AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION

11. The Chairman briefed his colleagues on developments and highlighted some of the outcomes of the G8 Gleneagles Summit of 2005, such as debt relief and the allocation of additional resources to Africa. This was followed by a presentation on follow-up actions undertaken by NEPAD, including the development of the African Action Plan and other engagements through the African Partnership Forum (APF). The Summit noted these developments and called on Africa to prevail upon the development partners to fulfil their commitments.

REPORT ON PEACE AND SECURITY

12. The Chairman noted progress in the normalisation of the situation in Sierra Leone, Togo, Liberia and reiterated the need for continuous engagement in other affected areas such as Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Côte d'Ivoire, Chad and DRC. He noted that a more detailed report would be submitted at the 6th Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly.

DATE OF NEXT SUMMIT

13. The venue and date of the next Summit would be determined at a later stage.

CLOSURE

14. In his closing remarks, the Chairman stressed that it was imperative to ensure that NEPAD succeeds. He called on the Chief Executive of the NEPAD Secretariat to report on progress achieved on the question of integration at the next session and stressed the need for increased attention to the issue of resources mobilization.



June 2006



**DECISION ON THE INTEGRATION OF NEPAD INTO THE STRUCTURE
AND THE PROCESSES OF THE AFRICAN UNION
DOC. ASSEMBLY/AU/8 (VII)**

The Assembly:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC);
- 2. DECIDES** to extend the deadline of three years set in Maputo in July 2003, to January 2007, that is, an additional of six months;
- 3. FURTHER DECIDES** to set up a committee comprising the Chairman of the Union, the Chairperson of the Commission, the Chairman of the HSGIC and President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, the Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD Secretariat as well as the Vice-Chairpersons of HSGIC to:
 - i) Finalize the proposal on the integration of NEPAD into the AU structure and processes;
 - ii) Conduct an evaluation of NEPAD at its current stage;
 - iii) Propose a realignment of NEPAD to its original objectives, mandate and philosophy.
- 4. REQUESTS** the Committee to report to the Assembly at its next ordinary session in January 2007.



**DECISIONS OF THE 15TH SUMMIT OF NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGIC)
BANJUL, THE GAMBIA, 30TH JUNE 2006**

**1. PROGRESS REPORT ON NEPAD ACTIVITIES, JANUARY – JUNE
2006**

The HSGIC noted from the report of the Chief Executive officer NEPAD Secretariat, the following:

- The Steering Committee and Secretariat focused on advocacy and promotion of NEPAD, both in Africa and Internationally. The NEPAD Organs also supported the financing and implementation of NEPAD sectoral programs, while encouraging National Governments and Regional Economic Communities to integrate NEPAD priorities and programs into their development plans.
- NEPAD Organs also focused on the issues of NEPAD integration into the African Union and the proposed NEPAD Brainstorming Conference.

HSGIC particularly noted the following:

- The African Fertilizer Summit held in Abuja, Nigeria, on 13 June 2006, which produced a twelve-point resolution intended to make fertilizers more accessible, affordable and impactful in improving agricultural production in Africa.

- Launching of the Investment Climate facility on 1st June 2006, in Cape Town, South Africa, and on which NEPAD has been closely associated.
- The 6th Meeting of the Africa Partnership Forum which focused and agreed on Joint Actions between Africa and its Partners in the areas of Agriculture and Food Security, Infrastructure and HIV/AIDS.
- Contacts were made by the NEPAD Secretariat with the Russian 2006 G-8 Presidency and German 2007 Presidency to urge that the African Development Agenda be retained in focus at forthcoming G-8 Summits.

The HSGIC decided to urge the African Union Chairman, President Denis Sassou N'guesso, to promote, as deemed fit, Africa's developmental concerns at the Saint Petersburg G-8 Summit.

2. MAPUTO DECLARATION OF JULY 2003 ON INTEGRATION OF NEPAD INTO THE CONTENT, PROCESSES AND STRUCTURES OF THE AFRICAN UNION

- HSGIC noted the lapse of the Maputo Declaration by July 2006 and therefore decided to propose the extension of the integration implementation process to the next (8th) AU Summit.
- It established a Consultative Committee to examine the integration issue and come up with recommendations, which will form the basis of the HSGIC position. The *Ad Hoc* Consultative Committee comprises :
 - Chairperson of the African Union
 - Chairperson of the HSGIC
 - Deputy Chairpersons of the HSGIC
 - President of South Africa
 - Chairperson of the AU Commission
- CEO of NEPAD and Chairperson NEPAD Steering Committee are to facilitate/arrange consultations with the African Union Commission.

3. NEPAD BRAINSTORMING AND APRM CONFERENCE

- The two-day Summit will hold in Abuja, Nigeria on 30 – 31 October 2006.
- Summit will consider papers prepared through a process to be facilitated by the NEPAD Secretariat and Steering Committee.

- Abuja Summit will examine the *Ad Hoc* Committee recommendations on NEPAD – African Union integration.
- Summit will also examine core issues affecting countries already peer reviewed, as well as African countries in general, that have arisen out of the APRM review process.



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DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS

**DECISION ON THE INTEGRATION OF NEPAD INTO AFRICAN UNION
STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress report;
2. **DECIDES** to extend the mandate of the Committee set up in Banjul on the integration of NEPAD into African Union structures and processes until the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2007, to enable the Committee finalize its proposals on the integration of NEPAD as requested in the Banjul Decision;
3. **ENDORSES** the proposal for a brainstorming session to take place in Algiers, Algeria before the end of March 2007 to elaborate a roadmap for the integration process, including precise steps, stages and phases;
4. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the proposal for a preparatory meeting in Nigeria involving the Chairperson of the HSIKGC, Chairperson of the AU Commission and the Executive Head of NEPAD and their respective technical teams to determine the issues to be discussed at the Algiers brainstorming exercise and the agenda and programme of the meeting;
5. **REQUESTS** the Committee to use these inputs and finalize the proposals for the integration of NEPAD into AU structures and processes and to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to take all necessary measures to facilitate the implementation of this work programme.



July 2007



REPORT OF THE 17TH SUMMIT OF NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGIC) TO THE 9TH AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT, ACCRA, GHANA BY H.E PRIME MINISTER MELES ZENAWI OF ETHIOPIA AND HSGIC CHAIRPERSON

1. The HSGIC Summit discussed the following:
 - Report of the Chief Executive, NEPAD Secretariat;
 - Follow-up on the conclusions of the Algiers Brainstorming Summit of 21st March, 2007 on the integration of NEPAD into the structures and the processes of the African Union.
 - Outcomes of the 2007 G8 Summit in Heiligendamm, Germany.

2. The report by the NEPAD Secretariat Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Professor Firmino Mucavele, covered progress made from January to June, 2007. It highlighted the following:
 - ongoing development of power pools and oil/gas pipeline networks in the infrastructure sector;
 - the establishment of the German-assisted Capacity Building Initiative (CBI) for RECs;
 - continued launching of the NEPAD e-school project and elaboration of a Business Plan for the sustainability of the e-school project;
 - increased national support for the NEPAD Sustainable Land Management (SLM) system;
 - the forthcoming establishment of the African Fertilizer Development Financing Mechanism (AFDFM) at the ADB, following the Abuja Fertilizer Summit of June, 2006;
 - Nigeria's release of the sum of US\$10 million to the Mechanism, while various pledges have been made, such as US\$15million by the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), US\$10 million by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and US\$200,000 by IFAD.
 - signing of an MoU between NEPAD Secretariat and the Spanish Government, which is making available a sum of 10 million Euros to support women empowerment in Africa.

3. The discussion on the CEO's report revolved around the issue of NEPAD's effectiveness in meeting its original mandate and the nature of that mandate. The HSGIC agreed to hold a Summit that will review the NEPAD Programme to assess its alignment to its original mandate given at inception.

4. The HSGIC Summit was briefed on the deliberations and outcomes of the Algiers Brainstorming Summit held in 21 st March, 2007. In this regard, the Algiers Summit:
 - a. endorsed the AU Commission-NEPAD Secretariat proposals, particularly the implementation and transition modalities;
 - b. reiterated NEPAD as a philosophy, a vision and a mission for Africa, is an integral of the AU and not an implementation institution;
 - c. expected implementation of NEPAD to focus on countries and regions and implemented through national organs, RECs, development institutions and organizations;
 - d. retained and agreed to strengthen the HSGIC as NEPAD's highest policy organ, while also retaining the NEPAD Steering committee in the transition period;
 - e. proposed the creation of NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Authority whose detailed tasks and organizational set-up will be determined through a study to be commissioned;
 - f. proposed a one year transitional period with clear stages and milestones for the integration of activities and processes which would be supervised by the joint AU Commission-NEPAD Secretariat Coordinating Unit;
 - g. reiterated that the AU Commission should enter into a Host Agreement with the Government of South Africa for the NEPAD Secretariat during the transition period and later for the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Authority;
 - h. Retained the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) in its current setting.

5. The HSGIC discussed the joint AUC-NEPAD Secretariat Framework document. It decided to review the Framework document along with the proposed review of NEPAD and refrain from making a final proposal on the matter. The 17th HSGIC Summit, nevertheless, decided to submit the report to the 9th AU Summit and for that Summit, to take due note, accordingly.

RELATIONS WITH G8

6. Prior to the G8 Summit, the 8th African Partnership Forum was held in Berlin, Germany on 21 May 2007. The Forum dealt with upscaling of investments in Africa, support for African-led peace support operations; climate adaptation and mitigation; and better gender equality in Africa.

7. The G8 outreach on Africa, which took place in Heiligendamm, Germany on 8th June 2007 primarily, covered five areas, namely health, peace and security, investment, infrastructure and Climate change. The outcomes included:
 - Strengthening of national health systems in Africa to fight HIV and AIDS, Malaria and tuberculosis through a pledge of 60 billion USD;

- Establishment of a Fund to support infrastructure development in Africa;
 - Support initiative for peace and security by promoting good governance in Africa;
 - Assisting African countries with capacity development to cope and adapt to climate change;
 - Engagement of emerging economies, notably China, India and Brazil into the cooperation framework with Africa.
8. The HSGIC welcomed the proposed creation of coordinating mechanism to monitor the assistance that is extended to Africa by the G8 countries, and also welcomed the intention of the Chairperson to communicate with the German Chancellor to ensure early operationalization of the mechanism.
9. Lastly, the Chairperson undertook to hold consultations as soon as possible with the view to fixing a date and venue for the newly proposed NEPAD Review Summit, which is expected to be held before the next Summit of the HSGIC in January 2008.

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DECISIONS AND DECLARATIONS

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON NEPAD
Assembly/AU/10 (X)**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report by the Chairperson of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee, H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the 18th NEPAD HSGIC Summit;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the recent recall of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NEPAD Secretariat, Professor Firmino Mucavele, by the Government of Mozambique and **CALLS UPON** the Chairperson of the AU Commission in consultation with the HSGIC Chairperson to appoint urgently a new Chief Executive Officer in conformity with the rules, policies and practice governing AU appointments and final short-listing by a Panel of representatives of the Chairs of AU, AUC, HSGIC and Algeria, Egypt, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa;
4. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the poor financial situation of the NEPAD Secretariat and **AGREES** that Member States of HSGIC should pay up their arrears and annual contributions up to the next financial year, beginning in April 2008;
5. **URGES** Member States of the African Union to make voluntary contributions to the NEPAD Secretariat;
6. **REQUESTS**, in the spirit of broad inclusiveness in the NEPAD process, for the rotation of the membership of the HSGIC to take place every two years, excepting the five initiating countries and for the five AU regions to consult and present their candidates for elections to the HSGIC at the 11th AU Assembly;
7. **REITERATES** the importance of convening the NEPAD Review Summit at the earliest opportune moment, and for the event to hold before the 11th AU Assembly;
8. **AGREES** to proceed with the integration of NEPAD into the AU structures and processes, immediately, and in an expeditious manner, along the lines of the 13-point conclusions of the Algiers Brainstorming Summit of March 2007.



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**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS, TRIBUTE
AND RESOLUTION**

DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON NEPAD
DOC. ASSEMBLY/AU/11 (XI)

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the 18th NEPAD HSGIC Summit;
3. **URGES** the African Union Commission to complete the process of the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer for the NEPAD Secretariat by the next African Union Summit in January 2009 along the lines of the January 2008 AU Assembly decision and **CALLS ON** Member States to encourage their citizens to submit applications for the post;
4. **COMMENDS** the hosting of the NEPAD Review Summit by President Abdoulaye Wade in Dakar, Senegal on 15 April 2008 as well as the initiatives presented by Senegal on the revitalization of the NEPAD programme and **URGES** all Member States to contribute viewpoints on the structure and profile of the new NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Authority;
5. **WELCOMES** the ongoing work of the AU/NEPAD Coordinating Unit on the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union, particularly the inauguration of the Unit and **DIRECTS** that the Unit should remain guided by the 2003 Maputo AU Assembly Declaration, the conclusions of the Algiers NEPAD Brainstorming Summit of March 2007 and the Addis Ababa January 2008 AU Assembly's decision, which continue to form the basis for the integration of NEPAD into AU structures and processes;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take the necessary measures to speed up the conclusion of the Host Agreement for the NEPAD Secretariat with the Government of South Africa and **WELCOMES** the assurance by President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa that all efforts would be made to conclude the Host Agreement before the end of July 2008;
7. **AGREES AND URGES** the completion of the process of the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union by the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January 2009;

8. **ACCEPTS** the recommendation of HSGIC to take three key messages of importance for Africa to the G7 Summit scheduled for Hokkaido, Japan, from 7 – 9 July 2008, as follows:
- That the Africa Action Plan remains the basis for Africa’s engagement with the G8;
 - Reactivation of the G8/NEPAD follow-up mechanism as agreed upon at the G8 Heiligendamm Summit of 2007 to ensure prompt and effective fulfillment of all G8 commitments and pledges to Africa;
 - Facilitate better access to concessional loans by African countries for the purpose of economic growth within the context of prudent macro-economic management as part of the process of reviewing the issues of Financing for Development. This is all the more important in view of the burden of the hike in prices of oil and inflation in food prices faced by oil importing countries;
9. **EMPHASIZES** that the Japanese “Cool Earth” Initiative should not compromise or undermine Africa’s positions and strategies on Climate Change being canvassed at the international level through the United Nations Framework for Climate Change (UNFCCC’s) Kyoto and post-Kyoto processes;
10. **UNDERSCORES** the need for early preparations by Africa for the 2009 G8 Summit in Italy and the 2010 G8 Summit in Canada, and the appropriate engagements at various levels by Africa with the leadership of the two countries for the necessary sensitization towards African priorities, interests and concerns;
11. **APPROVES** the new membership of the NEPAD HSGIC for the next two (2) years as follows:

Central Africa	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	West Africa
Cameroon	Ethiopia	Egypt	South Africa	Nigeria
Congo	Madagascar*	Algeria	Namibia*	Senegal
DRC	Sudan*	Libya	Malawi*	Mali
Gabon	Rwanda	Tunisia	Lesotho*	Benin*

***New members**

12. **DECIDES** that the country chairing the African Union during its term of office, shall automatically be a member of HSGIC, if not already a member and **FURTHER DECIDES** that the Republic of Tanzania shall be a member of HSGIC.



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**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS, MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS AND MOTION**

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON NEPAD
Assembly/ AU/12(XII)**

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** the report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee, H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **ENDOERSES** the conclusion of the 20th NEPAD HSGIC Summit;
3. **RE-AFFIRMS** the 13-point conclusion of the Algeria NEPAD Brainstorming Summit of March 2007, subsequently reinforced by the outcomes of the Dakar NEPAD Review Summit of April 2008 and **FURTHER REITERATES** that the Algiers and Dakar outcomes constitute the basis and roadmap for AU/NEPAD Integration, with the necessary flexibilities as underlined in the 2003 Maputo AU Assembly decision;
4. **WELCOMES** the commencement of the Study on the structure and profile of the incoming NEPAD Authority following the appointment of the Consultant in December 2008;
5. **RE-EMPHASIZES** the need for the Consultancy-Study, to be guided, in particular, by the Algiers and Dakar Outcomes and **AGREES** that the Consultant's Draft Report and Recommendations on AU/NEPAD Integration should be circulated to all AU/NEPAD governance structures, for consideration, to ensure broad and adequate consultation, before submission to the Assembly, for final pronouncement;
6. **REITERATES** that the NEPAD vision and its program, from inception, has been an intrinsic part of the African Union System and should remain so, and **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission and NEPAD Secretariat to harmonize their work programs and smoothen working relations in the interim period leading to integration;
7. **NOTES** the urgency of an early conclusion of the integration process and **AGREES** that the whole process of Integration of NEPAD into the Structures and Processes of the African Union, should be completed prior to the next 13th Assembly in June/July 2009;
8. **URGES** all Member States, who are yet to submit their suggestions on the structure and profile of the NEPAD Authority to the African Union Commission, to do so as soon as possible;
9. **WELCOMES** and **ENDORSES** the appointment of **Dr. Ibrahim Hassan Mayaki of the Republic of Niger** as the new Chief Executive Officer for NEPAD

Secretariat in line with the 10th African Union Assembly decision of January 2008 and **ENTRUSTS** him with the mandate to lead the transformation of the NEPAD Secretariat into the NEPAD Authority;

10. **WELCOMES** the signing of the Host Agreement for the NEPAD Secretariat in October 2008 and **COMMENDS** the South African Government and African Union Commission for facilitating the conclusion of the Agreement, which grants legal status to the Secretariat as an international organization in South Africa **WHILE URGING** the promote and smooth implementation of the Agreement;
11. **DECIDES** that the NEPAD Secretariat will, henceforth, use the African Union emblem concurrently with the NEPAD Emblem in all documentation, so as to retain the brand identity of NEPAD and the existing reporting structures of the Secretariat, pending the final determination on the NEPAD Authority;
12. **APPEALS** to all Member States to continue to donate generously towards the budget of the NEPAD Secretariat in the transition period to integration, to enable it continue to perform its programmatic operations, and **STRONGLY URGES** Member States who are yet to fulfill their pledged contributions made at the January 2008 10th AU Assembly, to do so;
13. **EMPASIZES** and **DIRECTS** the Consultancy-Study on the NEPAD Authority to recommend and identify effective, innovative and sustainable funding mechanisms and sources for the NEPAD Authority;
14. **AGREES** on the need for continued interaction and strengthened engagement with the G8/OECD Partner Countries, **UNDERSCORING** the essence of institutionalizing the Follow-Up Mechanism, which was agreed to at the 2008 Hokkaido Toyoda G8 Summit in Japan, as a means of stimulating better G8-Africa Outreach engagement; and **PROPOSES** that Africa's representation and agenda at upcoming G8-Africa Outreach should reflect a systemized and institutionalized arrangement;
15. **NOTES** the 2008 Report on the Mutual Review of development Effectiveness (MRDE), jointly produced by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), as presented by the Executive Secretary of the UN-ECA, Mr. Abdoulie Janneh and **REQUESTS** Member States to study the Report and offer their views to the African Union Commission and NEPAD Secretariat, for discussion at the next NEPAD Summit;
16. **EXPRESSES** appreciation to the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Secretariat, Ambassador Olukorede Willoughby and Dr. Hesphina Rukato, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, comprising the interim management team, for their dedication and diligence in leading the Secretariat for the past one year.



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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report by the Chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), H.E. Meles Zenawi Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Twenty-First NEPAD HSGIC Summit;
3. **COMMENDS** the review of the African Union (AU)/NEPAD Action plan 2010-2015 undertaken jointly by the Commission, NEPAD Secretariat, the African Development Bank and the United Nations (UN) Economic Commission for Africa and **ENDORSES** the flagship programmes and projects outlined in the Plan as a means of advancing regional and continental integration;
4. **TAKES NOTE** of Africa's preparations and engagement with G8 Partners towards the G8/Africa Outreach scheduled for L'Aquila, Italy on 9 and 10 July 2009 including the programme for the L'Aquila Summit provided to guide the participation of African Leaders and the four thematic areas for discussion;
5. **WELCOMES** progress made in the dialogue between the G8 African representatives and the African side towards ensuring appropriate follow up and implementation of G8 Summit decisions on Africa and **URGES** the continuation of this dialogue for future G8 Summits, along with concrete concerns identified by Africa, through such systematic approach;
6. **TAKES NOTE** of the efforts to reform the Africa Partnership Forum (APF) and **URGES** stronger commitment by Development Partners to making APF more effective and responsive to African concerns and interests.

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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARTERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S
DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report by the Chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **NOTES AND WELCOMES** progress made in the implementation of the NEPAD Programme, particularly on the African Union (AU)/NEPAD Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) through the signing of CAADP Compacts and the finalization of the NEPAD Capacity Development Strategic Framework (CDSF) as a common reference and integrated tool to address capacity challenges in Africa;
3. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.241(XII) of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly on the need for a coherent, systematized and institutionalized partnership engagement with the G8 and **NOTES** the outcomes of the L'Aquila G8/Africa Outreach of July 2009 including the launch of the US\$20 billion L'Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI), the Pittsburgh G20 Summit of September 2009 and the conclusions of the 13th Africa Partnership Forum (APF);
4. **OBSERVES** that the evolving global context with respect to the G8 and G20, and the latter serving as the premier forum for international economic cooperation has necessitated an in-depth review of Africa's partnership strategy within this new global governance architecture. In this regard, **NOTES** that the G8 has established an accountability mechanism with Africa and therefore **AGREES** that Africa should undertake an independent assessment of G8/Africa partnership as a contribution to the next G8/Africa Outreach;
5. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the NEPAD Secretariat, in collaboration with the Africa Development Forum to undertake this assessment and submit its findings by the June 2010 G8 Summit;
6. **URGES** the adoption of a new strategic approach focusing on partnership dialogue on Africa's development policy issues and **CALLS FOR** the institutionalization of Africa's engagement within the G20, and the effecting of the desired paradigm shift from management of poverty in the Continent to economic transformation for Africa to emerge as a new growth pole to address existing imbalances and play a significant role in the integrated world economy.

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**DECISION ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE NEW PARTNERHSIP FOR AFRICA'S
DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD) INTO THE STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES OF THE
AFRICAN UNION INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEPAD PLANNING
AND COORDINATING AGENCY (NPCA)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS AND REAFFIRMS** the Decision of the Second Session of the Assembly in Maputo of July 2003, the 13-Point Conclusions of the Algiers New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Brainstorming Meeting of March 2007 as endorsed by the Tenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in Addis Ababa in February 2008 and the outcomes of the Dakar NEPAD Review Summit of April 2008 as the basis for the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union (AU);
2. **FURTHER RECALLS** the adoption of NEPAD as a programme of the AU by the Thirty-seventh Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Lusaka, Zambia, in July 2001 and **REITERATES** that the NEPAD vision and programme had since inception remained an intrinsic part of the African Union;
3. **NOTES** the key recommendations contained in the consultancy-study report on AU/NEPAD Integration commissioned in December 2008 and the similarity of views of the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Secretariat on the recommendations as well as the broad consultations with various African stakeholders;
4. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the 21st NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC) as re-submitted by the 22nd HSGIC on the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union;
5. **HEREBY APPROVES:**
 - a. **The establishment of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) as a technical body of the African Union in replacement of the NEPAD Secretariat with the mandate to:**
 - i. Facilitate and coordinate the implementation of the continental and regional priority programmes and projects;

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- ii. Mobilize resources and partners in support of the implementation of Africa's priority programmes and projects;
- iii. Conduct and coordinate research and knowledge management;
- iv. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of programmes and projects; and
- v. Advocate on the AU and NEPAD vision, mission and core principles/values.

b. The main features of the NEPAD Governance structures:

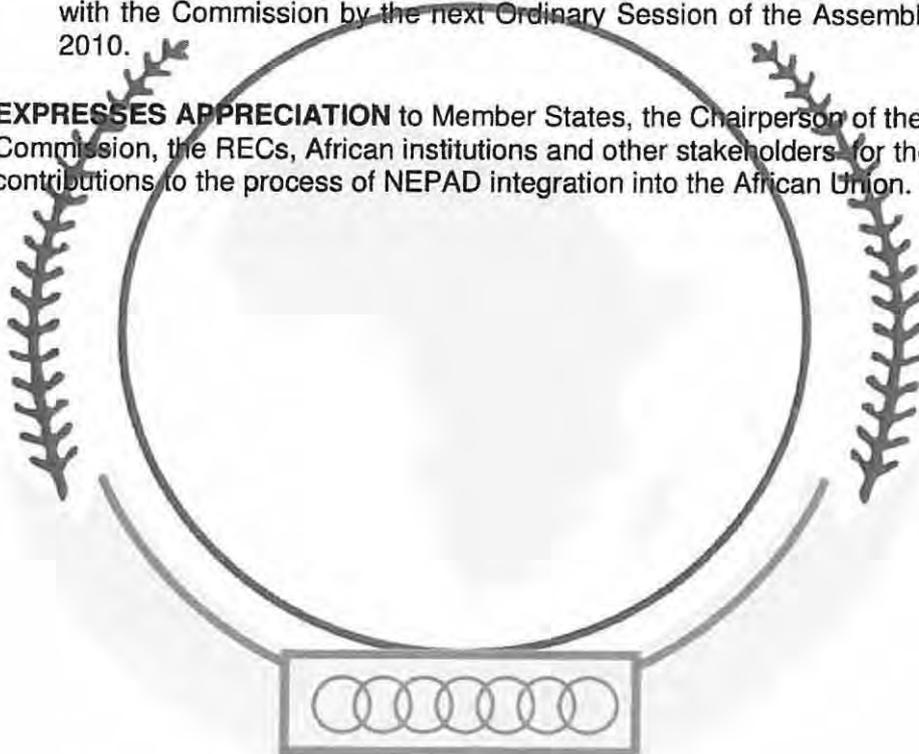
- i. The NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC), with a change of name to the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC);
- ii. The HSGOC is a sub-committee of the AU Assembly that provides political leadership and strategic guidance on the NEPAD Programme and reports its recommendations to the Assembly for endorsement;
- iii. The HSGOC is the essence and spirit of NEPAD with the lead function of high-level coordination of the NEPAD priority sectors;
- iv. An intermediary body to interface between the HSGOC and the new Agency, consisting of the NEPAD Steering Committee;
- v. The Chairperson of the African Union Commission exercises supervisory authority over the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, whilst giving the new Agency adequate and necessary flexibilities to carry out its mandate and thereby maintaining the corporate brand identity of the NEPAD Programme within the African Union.

c. Financing the NPCA and its programmatic activities will be through:

- i. Established budget from the statutory sources of the African Union Commission;
- ii. Continuation of voluntary contributions by AU Member-States;

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- iii. Additional budgetary support from Development Partners and the Private Sector in conformity with AU financial rules and regulations.
 - d. **URGES** the early conclusion of a permanent Host Agreement for the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) between the South African Authorities and the Commission, in consultation with the NEPAD entity;
 - e. The Chairpersons of HSGOC and the Commission should mandate the CEO of NEPAD to work out the modalities and roadmap for the effective and smooth take-off and functioning of the new NEPAD Agency in collaboration with the Commission by the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in July 2010.
6. **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to Member States, the Chairperson of the Commission, the RECs, African institutions and other stakeholders for their contributions to the process of NEPAD integration into the African Union.



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**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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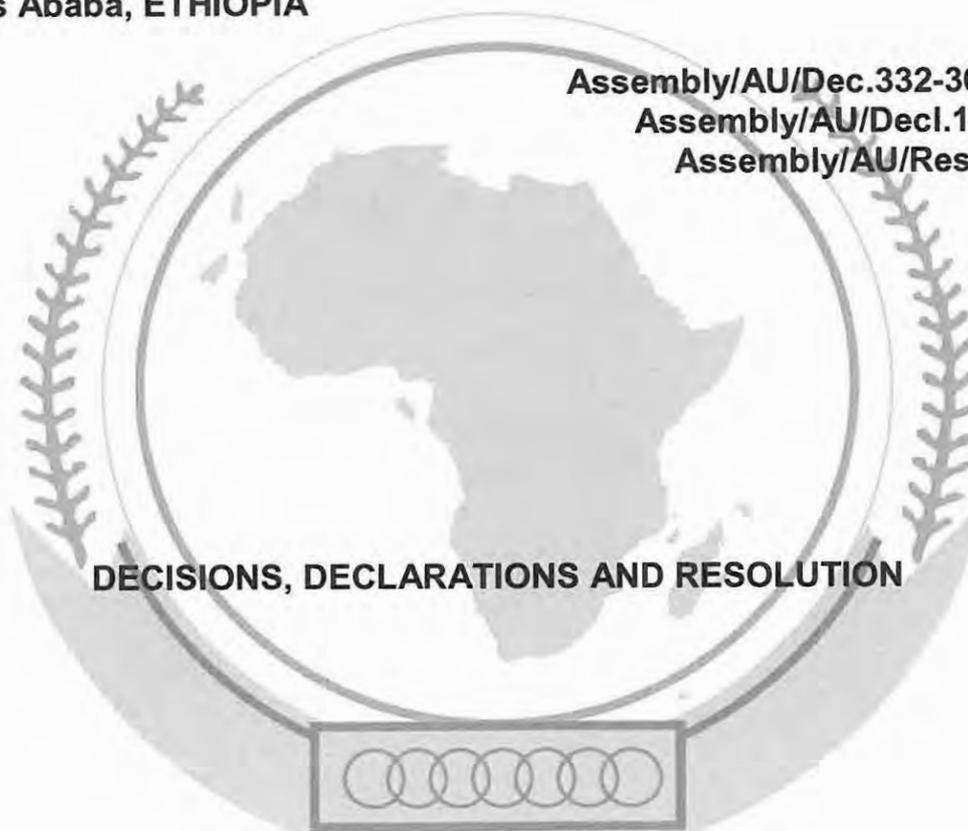
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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
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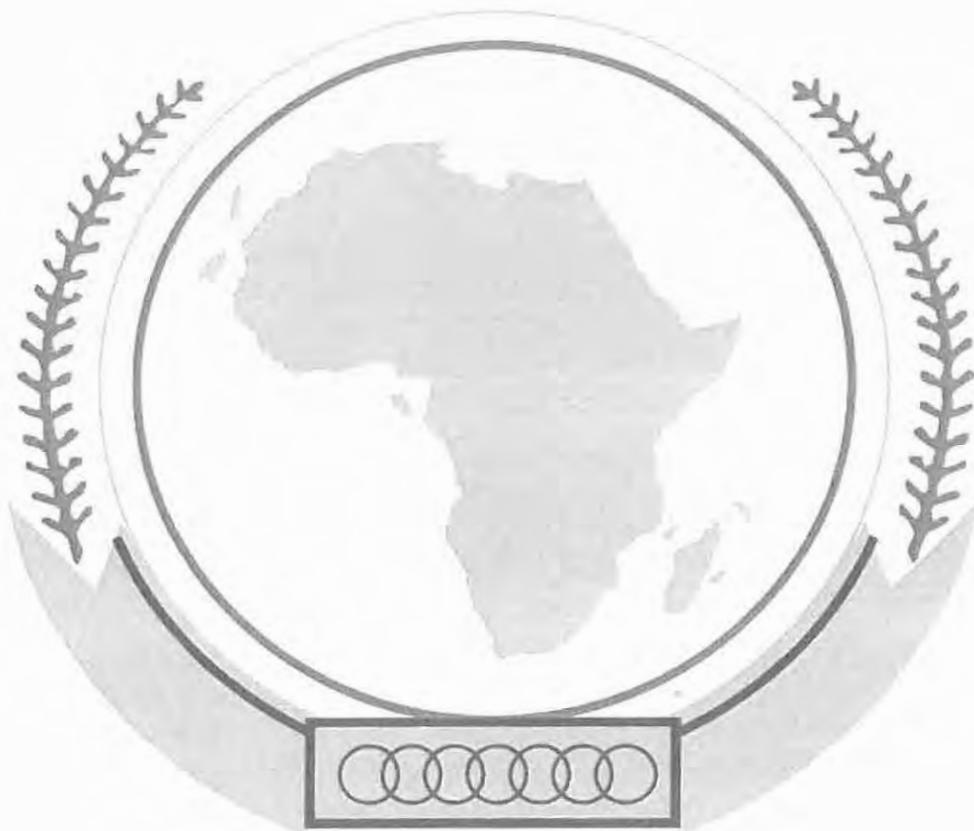
The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the Report by the Chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Meles Zenawi Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF** the smooth transition to the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) resulting from NEPAD integration into the African Union structures and processes, following Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.282(XIV) adopted by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2010;
3. **WELCOMES** the adoption of African Union AU rules and regulations for NPCA Human Resources and Finance systems and the recent setup of the NEPAD Coordination Unit in the Bureau of Chairperson of the Commission to interface between the Commission and NPCA **WHILE EMPHASIZING** continued collaboration, synergy and programme harmonization between the Commission and NPCA and providing the new Agency with necessary adequate financial resources to enable it function effectively; as well as urgently operationalizing NPCA new organizational structure;
4. **ENDORSES** the programmatic activities and priorities as contained in the NPCA Activity Report for July-December 2010 and outlook for 2011, **ESPECIALLY NOTING** the efforts at result-based performance and concrete progress in strategic planning, knowledge management, policy alignment, programme implementation and coordination, partnerships, resource mobilization and communication, including increased Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Compact signing; access to agriculture funding; roll-out of key regional programmes featuring rural futures, capacity development support for Regional Economic Communities; combating tuberculosis; implementation support for National Programmes of Actions (NPOAs) arising from APRM processes;
5. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/317(XIV) of the Fifteenth Assembly on promoting regional infrastructure development through political championing based on the AU/NEPAD African Action Plan: 2010-2015 and Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA); **NOTES** the finalization of the African Action Plan and its launch to implement the infrastructure priority programme as complementary to PIDA and the Presidential Infrastructure Initiative;
6. **COMMENDS** the work done and progress so far recorded by the High-Level Sub-Committee of eight (8) countries on the Presidential Infrastructure Champion

Initiative with South Africa as chair and **ENDORSES** the criteria and prioritized projects and champions selected for implementation covering the AU five (5) regions **WHILE URGING** necessary and continuous engagement with relevant countries, regional bodies, pan-African institutions and the private sector on the identified projects;

7. **REQUESTS** the NPCA and the AU Commission to continue to provide technical coordination and support for this Presidential initiative in collaboration with RECs, the African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), given the criticality of infrastructure to advance Africa's regional integration agenda;
8. **UNDERScores** the essential need for Africa to consolidate its partnership engagement with the G8 and G20, **NOTING IN PARTICULAR** the key outcomes of the November 2010 G20 Summit in Seoul, South Korea and outlook for the 2011 G8/Africa Outreach in France; and **WELCOMES** concrete steps taken by the G20 Working Group on Development co-chaired by South Africa and South Korea;
9. **ACCORDINGLY WELCOMES** the G20 Seoul Development Consensus on Shared Growth as being consistent with NEPAD priority objectives and the Multi-Year Action Plan on Development focusing on concrete actions including the G20 High-Level Panel for Infrastructure Investments; **CALLS UPON** regional and multilateral development banks to align their policy and operational interventions to the Seoul Consensus; **EXPRESSING** the need for Africa to constructively interact with the G20 Panel towards utilizing global excess savings for investment in Africa's infrastructure sector and **REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA to galvanize the African voice towards this transformation goal;
10. **REAFFIRMS** the imperative for Africa's adequate and effective representation in the G20 **WHILE NOTING** the participation of the Chairpersons of the African Union, HSGOC and the Commission at the Seoul Summit; **ALSO REITERATES** the call for Africa's development partners including the G8 to fully deliver their commitments and **PROPOSES** the possibility of establishing an African/NEPAD Fund as resource window to expedite the implementation of key Continental programmes/projects;
11. **UNDERLINES** the importance of broad ownership of NEPAD Programme through inclusiveness and rotation of membership and hierarchy of the NEPAD governance structures and **AGREES** that the status quo for the current HSGOC Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons shall be maintained for one (1) year;
12. **HIGHLIGHTS** that consultations at the highest political level will continue within HSGOC on improving the work of NEPAD governance structures and consequently **REQUESTS** NPCA to draft the necessary rules of procedure to guide future conduct within NEPAD governance structures based on AU regulations and practices and present for HSGOC approval at the next Assembly;

13. **NOTES** that 2011 marks ten (10) years since the adoption of NEPAD as the AU flagship socio-economic programme in Lusaka in July 2001 **STRESSING** that this landmark provides the opportunity for deeper reflection at all levels on the success and challenge factors for actualizing Africa's transformation agenda.



**DECISION ON THE EIGHT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN ON
THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL REFORM
Doc. Assembly/AU/8(XVI)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Eighth Report of the Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the United Nations (UN) Security Council;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the current developments in the intergovernmental Negotiations and **WITH APPRECIATION** the efforts of the African Permanent Representatives in promoting and defending the continent's interest in the UN Security Council Reform process;
3. **REAFFIRMS** the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration on the Reform of the UN Security Council containing the African Common Position, **CALLS** for its intensive promotion cohesively and **STRESSES** the need for Africa to continue to speak with one voice on this issue;
4. **REQUESTS** the Committee of Ten Heads of State to intensify its efforts in advocating, canvassing and promoting the African Common Position as well as endeavouring to reach out at the highest political levels including, the holding of timely meetings , with a view to considering developments and continue providing updates;
5. **ALSO REQUESTS** the African Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of the Committee of Ten in participating in the ongoing inter-governmental negotiations on the Security Council Reform, to continue to work closely with other African Permanent Representatives to the UN as well as with other Interest Groups in the process;
6. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Commission to continue to facilitate the activities of the African Permanent Representatives to the UN of the Committee of Ten to enable them to defend Africa's interest on the basis of the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration;
7. **CALLS ON** the Committee of Ten to remain seized of this matter until Africa achieves its objectives and report on progress made at the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in June 2011.



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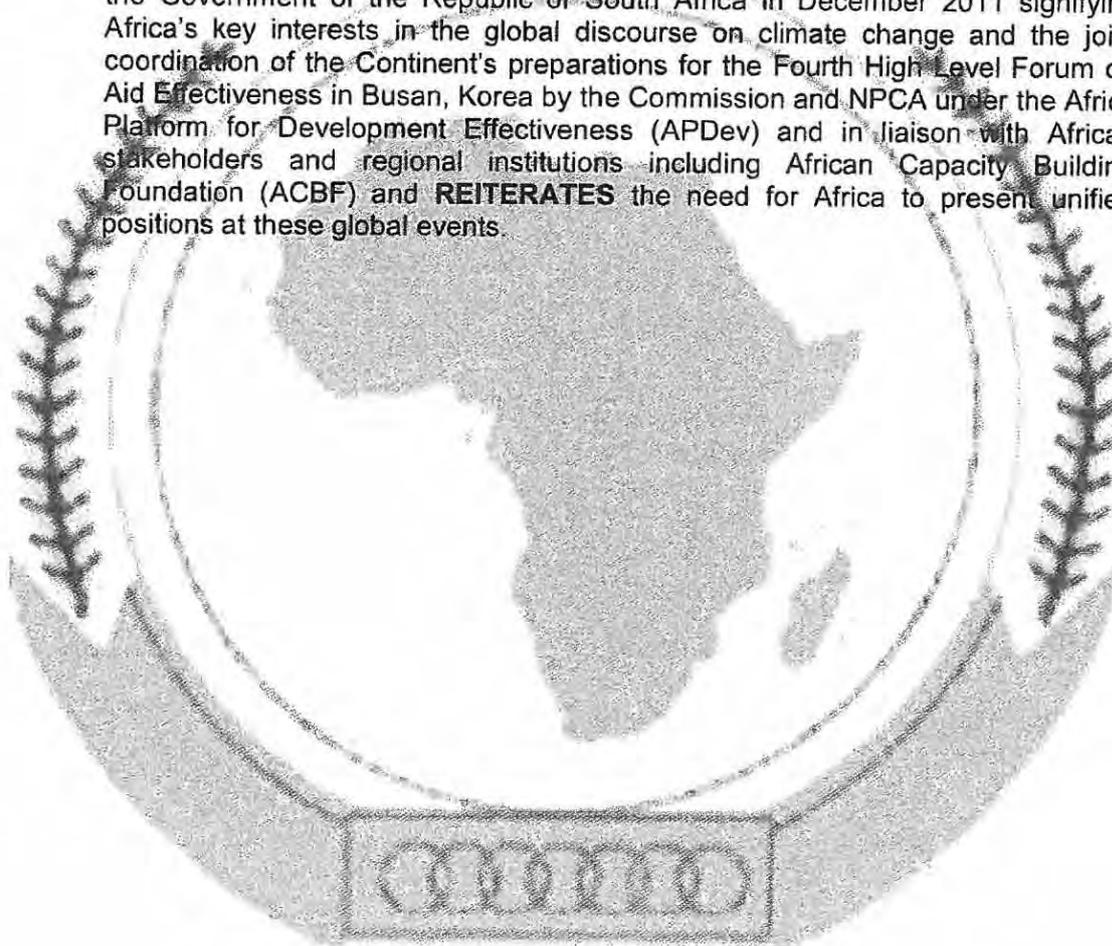
**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report by the Chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa' Development (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Twenty-Fifth NEPAD HSGOC Meeting convened as a special session focusing on mobilizing domestic resources for NEPAD implementation in commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of the adoption of NEPAD in Lusaka, Zambia in July 2001;
3. **WELCOMES IN PARTICULAR** the Tenth Anniversary of NEPAD as a key milestone and unique occasion to deeply reflect on the mixed results over the past decade, lessons learned and the future of NEPAD within the context of Africa's development;
4. **REAFFIRMS** the continued relevance and uniqueness of the vision, sector priorities and core values enshrined in NEPAD as the flagship programme of the African Union (AU) to help realize Africa's development goals and **APPRECIATES** the inspiring leadership and foresight of NEPAD initiators to ensure that Africa takes its rightful place in the global system;
5. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the substantial progress made in the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the AU pursuant to Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.282(XIV) of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2011 and **COMMENDS** the Chairperson of the Commission and the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) for working to strengthen NPCA's institutional capacity to deliver on its mandate;
6. **REITERATES** the urgent need for Member States to adequately fund NPCA and its programmes to ensure the delivery of its mandate given the current financing constraints and **REQUESTS** the PRC through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to finalize consideration of the structure of NPCA and make appropriate recommendations to the Assembly, through the Executive Council in January 2012;
7. **ALSO ENDORSES** the implementation of key NEPAD regional and continental programmes and projects as reflected in the Activity Report for the period January to June 2011 specifically noting the progress on African Science Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII); strategic engagement on rural

for the continent's infrastructure projects with the expressed position that the public sector remains the major player in infrastructure development;

14. **RECOGNIZES** the invaluable opportunity provided by upcoming global processes to convey the African voice and consensus on development policy issues including Climate Change and Aid Effectiveness;
15. **WELCOMES** the hosting of the Seventeenth Conference of the Parties (COP 17) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by the Government of the Republic of South Africa in December 2011 signifying Africa's key interests in the global discourse on climate change and the joint coordination of the Continent's preparations for the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Korea by the Commission and NPCA under the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) and in liaison with African stakeholders and regional institutions including African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and **REITERATES** the need for Africa to present unified positions at these global events.





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ORIENTATION COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARTNERSHIP
FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the Report by the Chairperson of the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) , H.E. Meles Zenawi Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Twenty-Sixth NEPAD HSGOC Meeting;
3. **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the steady progress towards results-based performance by the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) in delivering its mandate based on Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.282(XIV) of the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly and **COMMENDS** the improved working relations with the African Union (AU) Commission and increasing linkages between NPCA, Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs);
4. **EXPRESSES** deep concern that NPCA organizational structure is yet to be finalized two (2) years after the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the AU, and **THEREFORE REQUESTS** the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) through its Sub-Committee on Structural Reforms to consider as a matter of urgency the finalization of the NPCA structure by March 2012 for subsequent approval by the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly;
5. **EMPHASIZES** the vital importance of recommending a practical and efficient structure for NPCA that adequately reflects and is consistent with its mandate to enable it effectively implement the core objectives of NEPAD as the programme of the AU , and **REQUESTS** that the process of finalizing NPCA structure should include appropriate consultations with the Commission, the NEPAD Steering Committee and NPCA;
6. **ENDORSES** the implementation of key NEPAD regional and continental programmes and projects as reflected in the NPCA Activity Report for the period July to December 2011 **PARTICULARLY NOTING** the progress regarding the technical support to Member States on Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) investment plans; Rural Futures Programme; Partnership for African Fisheries (PAF); the signed TerrAfrica Leverage Fund to enhance Sustainable Land and Water (SLW) management; African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) with current focus on the East African Community (EAC); Set-up of Capacity Development Expert Pool with UNDP support under the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev); South

Sudan Development Initiative (SSDI) in conjunction with UNECA and UNDP; and Natural Resources Governance to advance the African Mining Vision;

7. **NOTES** the increasing efforts of African Governments to mobilize domestic resources in the face of the current impact of global financial crisis and **REITERATES** the critical need to creatively re-assess predictable and sustainable funding options in support of implementing prioritized national and NEPAD programmes and projects;
8. **ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS** NPCA and United Nations Economic Commission (UNECA), in partnership with relevant institutions to undertake an in-depth study to explore strategies and viable modalities to improve the mobilization of domestic resources as development finance which will be submitted to the NEPAD HSGOC for consideration;
9. **RECALLS** Declaration Assembly/AU/Decl. 1 (XII) of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of January 2009 which resolved to support the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) as the unique strategic and sectoral framework in Africa to promote physical integration of the Continent and attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as well as the NEPAD goals of promoting sustainable growth and development for which infrastructure is a major cornerstone;
10. **APPROVES** the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and the Institutional Architecture for its implementation and **RESOLVES** to include national priorities, the various programmes and projects contained in the Priority Action Plan (PAP) of PIDA, with special consideration for Island States and to proceed with the expeditious implementation of the Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa (IAIDA) which identifies NPCA as executing agency;
11. **UNDERScores** the need for the promotion of innovative financing mechanisms reflecting Africa's real commitment to speed up infrastructure development with the overriding need to commit sufficient resources for project preparation; and **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all the necessary measures in coordination with NPCA, to ensure the accelerated implementation of PIDA and to report annually thereon;
12. **COMMENDS** the good progress achieved in the implementation of prioritized projects under the AU-NEPAD Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICl) through the work of HSGOC High Level Sub-Committee chaired by H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, **WHILE RECOGNIZING** the pressing need to address challenges of upgrade, maintenance and effective utilization of existing infrastructure to boost intra-African trade for meaningful growth and deepen regional integration;
13. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the technical inputs of national focal points for PICl projects to designing appropriate regional standards for Public-Private Partnerships

(PPPs) as the foundational platform to strengthen infrastructure development on the Continent with emphasis on constructive engagement with RECs and **WELCOMES** the offer by the Government of the Republic of South Africa as Chairperson of PICI to convene a High Level Meeting of all stakeholders including Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the East African Community (EAC) to engage on re-designing the parameters of the North-South Corridor;

14. **RE-EMPHASIZES** the shared principles of ownership, transparency, mutual accountability in strengthening Africa's partnership with the G8 in support of the Continent's development priorities and **NOTES** the development-related outcomes of the G20 Summit held in November 2011 in Cannes, France, particularly the G20 High Level Panel (HLP) on Infrastructure and the call on support for project implementation by Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs). **SUPPORTS** the strengthening of emergency and long-term responses to food insecurity by fostering investments in agriculture, mitigating price volatility impact especially in low income countries and set-up of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) regional emergency food reserve system;
15. **EXAMINES** the prospects for Africa's partnership with the G8 and G20 in 2012, **UNDERSCORING** the importance of ensuring that Africa's priorities are adequately reflected on the 2012 agenda of the two global forums and **THEREFORE REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA to promptly consult with the Governments of the United States of America and Mexico as countries holding the 2012 Presidency of the G8 and G20 respectively, towards this objective;
16. **WELCOMES** the key outcomes of the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness held in Busan, Republic of Korea, in December 2011 as reflected in the *'Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation'* particularly the policy shift from Aid to Development Effectiveness and commitment to the use and strengthening of country systems as default approach to enhance appropriate capacities to achieve better development results;
17. **COMMENDS** the conscientious and unified efforts of African countries, regional institutions and stakeholders to rally behind the first ever African Consensus and Position on Development Effectiveness premised on South-South and Trilateral Cooperation, Financing for Development and Capacity Development which was developed through the facilitation and technical support of the Commission and NPCA, under the umbrella of Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev);
18. **REITERATES** that Africa should take necessary follow-up actions to implement the post-Busan agenda through inclusive and Africa-wide consultations in shaping the new global partnership based on the Continent's context and **REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA to actively engage the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in ensuring that Africa's voice and

representation are taken into account in the emerging global partnership arrangements, for results-oriented partnership for effective development cooperation;

19. **COMMENDS** the Government of the Republic of South Africa for successfully hosting the Seventeenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations (UN) Framework Convention on Climate Change, in December 2011 with historic and precedent-setting outcomes based on the sterling work of H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia as Chairperson of Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) and contributions of Member States;
20. **REQUESTS** NPCA in collaboration with the Commission and partner institutions including United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UNECA and the African Development Bank (AfDB) to continue to support the African process and follow up on the negotiations on Climate Change particularly the outcomes of COP 17 as well as for NPCA to facilitate the development, implementation and coordination of adaptation actions including building adaptive capacities at national and regional levels to strengthen sectoral resilience and reduce vulnerability to climate change;
21. **TAKES NOTE** of significant progress achieved on AIDS response across Africa over the past decade, in particular the historic achievement of putting over five (5) million people on treatment and reducing the rate of new infections by over twenty-five percent (25%) in a substantial number of countries, but **EXPRESSES** concern over the current funding crisis facing AIDS response given the impact of global financial crisis and **REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA in collaboration with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) to work out a road map of shared responsibility to draw on African efforts for viable health funding streams with support of traditional and emerging partners to address AIDS dependency response;
22. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the efforts to strengthen UN system-wide support for NEPAD implementation through closer collaboration between NPCA and UN Agencies especially the key roles of UNECA, UNDP and UN Office of Special Adviser on Africa (UN-OSAA) and in this regard, **WELCOMES** the 2011 Report of *Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness (MRDE)* produced by UNECA/OECD; Conclusions of 12th UN Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM-Africa); 2011 Report on *UNDP Human Development - Sustainability and Equity: A Better Future for All*; and the 10th NEPAD Anniversary Week at the 66th UN General Assembly in New York in October 2011;
23. **RE-AFFIRMS** the overall significance of forward looking approaches towards the swift implementation of NEPAD in the next decade following the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of NEPAD in 2011 and **WELCOMES** the planned NEPAD Colloquium and Fund-Raising as prime multi-stakeholder events in March 2012 to round up the anniversary.



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**DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS, RESOLUTION
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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC) ON NEPAD
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The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the report by the Vice-Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. President Macky Sall of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Twenty-Seventh NEPAD HSGOC Meeting;
3. **REAFFIRMS** NEPAD as a unique continental programme designed by Africans for Africans and serving as a shared vision to advance regional political and economic integration for the economic emancipation of African peoples;
4. **NOTES** the outcomes of the High Level NEPAD Colloquium and Congress of Stakeholders held in March 2012 in Addis Ababa to round up the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of NEPAD, which re-affirmed the imperative for Africa to accelerate the implementation of NEPAD through effective mobilization and utilization of domestic resources;
5. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the continued harmonization efforts between the Commission and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) towards strengthening coordination and coherence in programme implementation in line with the integration of NEPAD into the structures and processes of the African Union;
6. **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.413(XVIII) **WHILE NOTING** the NPCA organizational structure proposed by the Executive Council through the Permanent Representatives Committee, **REITERATES** the critical need for a more suitable and practical structure that fully reflects the Continent-wide mandate of the Agency to enable it function effectively and move on the path of results-based delivery for the benefit of Member States;
7. **COMMENDS** the conclusions of the Regional Dialogue for Enhanced Coordination for NEPAD Structures and Focal Points at national and regional levels and **ENDORSES** the Action Plan developed with UNECA to guide the harmonization and coordination of NEPAD programmes and in this regard **CALLS FOR** regular peer learning exchanges and knowledge sharing on NEPAD implementation at sub-regional level;
8. **ENDORSES** the report of the programmatic activities of NPCA for the period: January to December 2012 **PARTICULARLY NOTING** the progress on implementing key NEPAD regional and continental projects in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities;

9. **RECALLS** the Decision (Assembly /AU/Dec.348(XVI) and **ADOPTS** the final draft Rules of Procedure for NEPAD governance structures as a means to facilitate the functioning of the NEPAD HSGOC as a sub-Committee of the Assembly and the Steering Committee based on the African Union established rules, regulations and practices. **ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS** the NPCA to certify and publish the adopted Rules in consultation with the Office of Legal Counsel of the Commission for circulation to HSGOC Members;
10. **FURTHER RECALLS** the Decision (Assembly /AU/Dec.413 (XVIII) and **NOTES** the ongoing work being done by NPCA and UNECA, along with partner institutions, on the policy study on domestic resource mobilization which will be presented to the HSGOC in January 2013. **URGES** the final study to come up with concrete and innovative mechanisms to effectively mobilize domestic funding for NEPAD regional projects and **PROPOSES** the convening of a special HSGOC session in the first half of 2013 to address this matter;
11. **DEPLORES** the low level annual contributions from Member States for funding NPCA operations with the implied continued reliance on Development Partners which hampers the Agency's delivery and infringes on African ownership of the NEPAD agenda. **THEREBY DIRECTS** the NEPAD Steering Committee to convene an extra-ordinary meeting to deliberate on funding for NPCA and its programmes before the end of 2012;
12. **IN RECALLING** the Declaration Assembly /AU/Decl.2 (XVIII) on the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) relating to Member States' commitment to support the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (NEPAD-IPFF) Special Fund, **RECOGNIZES** that NEPAD continues to inspire PIDA implementation based on the role assigned to NPCA as the executing agency in the Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa (IAIDA);
13. **WELCOMES WITH APPRECIATION** the progress report presented by H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa as Chair of the HSGOC High Level Sub-Committee on the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICl) focusing on the North-South Corridor project and the proposal to undertake a road show to garner support for implementing the project and **ACKNOWLEDGING** the support of the Commission, NPCA, RECs, UNECA, African Development Bank and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) for PICl;
14. To effectively roll out the North-South Corridor project, **NOTES IN PARTICULAR** the efforts to provide an efficient operational framework with desired outcomes aimed at removing bottlenecks and developing a project preparation fund and **CALLS ON** the PICl champion countries in the HSGOC to promptly nominate relevant Ministers to support the work of each Presidential Champion in view of the planned convening of the PICl Ministerial Working Group and Technical Task Teams by the Government of South Africa;

15. **ACKNOWLEDGES** Africa's recent partnership engagements at the G8 and G20 Summits held in Camp David, United States and Los Cabos, Mexico in May and June 2012 respectively and **WELCOMES** the New Alliance for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa as a notable outcome of the G8 Summit **WHILE UNDERSCORING** the imperative for the Initiative to be aligned with identified African priorities and systems as reflected in CAADP and **REITERATES** that G8 countries should fulfil their outstanding commitments to Africa especially those made at Gleneagles and L'Aquila;
16. **CALLS FOR** deeper engagement and increased level of interaction between African and G8 leaders at G8/Africa Outreach Sessions, adequate consultations amongst invited African leaders prior to these Sessions and appropriate preparations through the Africa Partnership Forum (APF) to assure its value addition as platform for dialoguing on the Continent's priorities for the G8 partnership process;
17. **THEREFORE MANDATES** the HSGOC Chairperson to lead a multi-pronged lobby campaign to reinvigorate this high level partnership with the G8 with the technical support of the Agency, and **REQUESTS** NPCA in collaboration with the Commission to engage the Government of United Kingdom as a country to assume G8 Presidency in 2013 to ensure that African priorities and interests are fully reflected in the agenda of the G8 in 2013;
18. **REAFFIRMS** the G20 as key platform for Africa to strengthen collaboration towards promoting global economic cooperation and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the relevant outcomes arising from the 2012 G20 Summit as they relate to Africa, especially the 'AgResults' Initiative to improve food security by encouraging private sector innovation of new agricultural products and systems, encouraging the implementation of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) programme and the Los Cabos Growth and Jobs Action Plan to stimulate global employment and growth. **APPRECIATES** the continuing work of the G20 High Level Panel on Infrastructure and **RE-STATES** the need for the Panel to consider leveraging public funds in form of surpluses available in emerging economies for higher investment returns in developing Africa's infrastructure;
19. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/7(XVIII) and **NOTES** progress by the Commission and NPCA under the auspices of the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev) in actively advancing Africa's quest for adequate voice in the Global Partnership (GP) for Effective Development Cooperation and **COMMENDS** the contributions of the Governments of South Africa, Rwanda and Mali to the Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG) which made proposals on the governance structures and monitoring framework for Busan commitment;
20. **NOTES** the allocation of two (2) seats to Africa in the new Global Partnership namely Co-Chair, representing the AU and other recipients of development

cooperation, and member of the Steering Committee in the category of recipient of development cooperation and **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** that such an arrangement falls short of the basic minimum required in ensuring gains to Africa as a major constituency for development cooperation. **THEREFORE CALLS** for the allocation of a third seat for the African Union through the Commission and NPCA **WHILE REITERATING** the Union's position on the absolute necessity to meaningfully partner through broad-based and adequate representation for impact;

21. **WELCOMES** the process of nominating AU Member States to the Global Partnership through established procedures under the aegis of the African Union Regional Ambassadorial Deans and **CONSEQUENTLY ENDORSES** the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister for the Economy of the Government of Nigeria and the Secretary General of the Ministry of Economics and Planning of the Government of Chad as the Ministerial Co-Chair and Steering Committee candidates to represent the Union in the appropriate categories for a term up to two (2) years **WHILE NOTING** that future nominations will be on the basis of rotation and inclusiveness in line with AU practices and procedures;
22. **REQUESTS** the Commission and NPCA, in addition to occupying a seat on the Global Partnership Steering Committee, to serve as the secretariat for the AU representatives and coordinating focal point with OECD/UNDP Joint Support Team in fully formalizing African representation and guiding the Continent's effective participation in the Global Partnership through Ministerial and Technical Reference Groups
23. **RECALLING** the Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.413 (XVII) and **WELCOMES** the "Roadmap for Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity for AIDS, TB and Malaria in Africa developed in collaboration between the Commission, NPCA and UNAIDS **WHILE REITERATING** the critical need to intensify African efforts for more diversified, balanced and sustainable financing for health, with support of traditional and emerging partners. **CALLS UPON** the Commission, NPCA and UNAIDS to contribute to the successful implementation of the Roadmap;
24. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the update on the 2012 Report of Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness (MRDE) by UNECA and the Empower Women in Agriculture (EWAG) Initiative in support of CAADP implementation aimed at building the capacity of women farmers and promoting fair access of women to land inputs and agricultural technology by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), and in this respect **URGES** the NPCA to continue its institutional collaboration with UNECA and ACBF.



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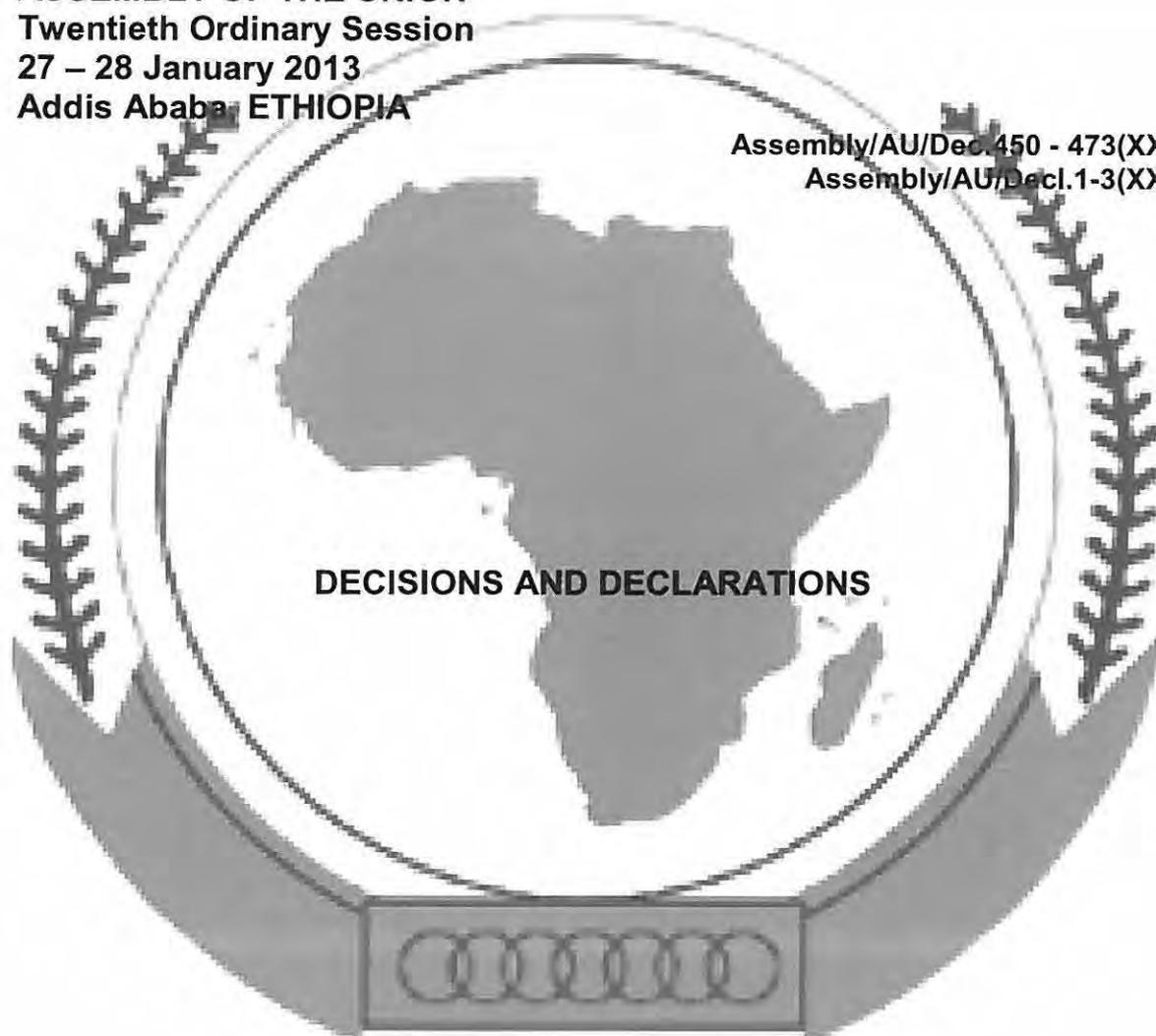
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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE ON THE NEW
PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT
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The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the Report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal following his election at the Twentieth-Eight Session to a two-year term based on the adopted Rules of Procedure of NEPAD governance structures;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Twenty-Eighth Session of the NEPAD HSGOC;
3. **NOTES** 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. **ENDORSES** the progress and recommendations to take forward NEPAD programmes elaborated in the Activity Report of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) for the period: July to December 2012 presented by the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki;
5. **COMMENDS** the intensive efforts and focus of NPCA towards achieving better results in its programmatic delivery and **REINFORCES** the need for direct impact of NEPAD programmes and projects on the livelihoods of African people;
6. **NOTES** the commemoration of a decade of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) as an opportunity to consolidate achievements and draw lessons to deliver more substantial results and **THEREBY COMMENDS** 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;
7. **WELCOMES** the joint initiative of the Government of Egypt and NPCA to 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;
8. **FURTHER NOTES** progress made in the Initiative to Empower Women in Agriculture (EWA) with priory areas of land reform, leadership, access to inputs

and knowledge and **PLEDGES** support for enhancing the role of women in agriculture;

9. **REFERS** to Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.413(XVI11) based on the conclusions of 26th HSGOC Session on Domestic Resource Mobilization for NEPAD programmes and projects and **WELCOMES** the progress so far recorded in the joint conduct of the in-depth study by NPCA and UNECA. **REQUESTS** NPCA, UNECA and partners to finalize the study report before May 2013 for consideration by the 29th HSGOC;
10. **RENEWS** commitment to the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI) and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the progress achieved to date in advancing PICI projects particularly outcomes of the January 2013 Technical Focal Points Workshop held in Abuja, Nigeria in the context of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA). **AGREES** to consider the inclusion of energy and sanitation projects, not currently covered under PICI and **COMMENDS** the leadership of H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa as Chair of HSGOC PICI High-Level Sub-Committee and the Presidential Champions;
11. **EMPHASIZES** the critical need for PICI projects to promote inter-connectivity among African countries and regions to adequately address infrastructure deficits and boost intra-African trade and **AFFIRMS** the advantage of PICI in providing the strategic impetus for clear and effective communication and coordination. **NOTES** that the PICI Ministerial Forum will be convened in May 2013, prior to the 29th HSGOC;
12. **RECALLS** the Declaration Assembly/AU/Decl.2(XVIII) and **RE-STATES** the need for active 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 and concerted efforts to increase private sector involvement in infrastructure development in conjunction with the World Economic Forum (WEF);
13. In this regard, **WELCOMES** the Africa Public Private Partnership Network (AP3N) as a continental platform for peer-learning to strengthen the role of PPPs in Africa's infrastructure development through the harmonization of PPP projects;
14. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** 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 on African soil and H.E. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin on Africa's engagements with the G8 and G20 in 2012 under the auspices of Chairpersons of the Union and HSGOC;
15. **ACCORDINGLY WELCOMES** the Summit theme: 'BRICS and Africa - Partnership for Development, Integration and Industrialization' and the BRICS-African Leaders

Dialogue Forum to focus on infrastructure cooperation as well as the expected participation of AU leadership, PICI Champions, RECs, regional and global agencies;

16. **REITERATES** the urgent call for the G8 to fulfil its commitments to Africa and **REQUESTS** for stronger G20 support to Africa in ensuring resilience against the impact of the global economic crisis. **URGES** that Africa's development priorities be placed on the 2013 agenda of the G8 and G20 Summits in the United Kingdom and Russia, respectively. **CALLS FOR** adequate and effective African representation in global development processes especially the G20 and the Global Partnership (GP) for Effective Development Cooperation;
17. **RECALLING** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.442(XIX) on G8 New Alliance for Agriculture and Food Security, **CALLS FOR** stronger African participation in the Leadership Council of the G8 New Alliance **WHILE REQUESTING** the Commission and NPCA to monitor the implementation of the commitments under the New Alliance and the G8 L'Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI);
18. **AFFIRMS** the essence of NEPAD in the priority setting for the post-2015 development agenda and **REQUESTS** NPCA to continue to work with the Commission and partner institutions to shape the African input;
19. **RE-EMPHASIZES** mutual accountability as a core partnership element and **NOTES** the on-going work on the AU Accountability report of Africa-G8 commitments with focus on AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria by NPCA, AUC and UNAIDS and the evaluation of the Africa Partnership Forum (APF) after 10 years of existence by NPCA and OECD Secretariat through the NEPAD Steering Committee;
20. Based on the Rules of Procedure of the NEPAD governance structures, **ENDORSES** the election of H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal as HSGOC Chairperson, H.E. Mohamed Morsi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the re-election of H.E. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria as HSGOC Vice Chairpersons each for two-years. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the membership of the five (5) initiating countries and the outcomes of election of the 15 rotating HSGOC members by the 28th HSGOC Session as follows:

Central Africa	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	West Africa
CAMEROON	ETHIOPIA	ALGERIA	SOUTH AFRICA	NIGERIA
GABON	RWANDA	EGYPT	MALAWI	SENEGAL
CONGO (Republic)	TANZANIA*	LIBYA	ZAMBIA*	BENIN
CHAD*	UGANDA*	MAURITANIA*	ZIMBABWE*	MALI

Note: * newly-elected members

21. **RECALLS** the appointment by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, in consultation with the Chairperson of the HSGOC, and the Chairperson of the African Union, of Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Niger as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NPCA in January 2009 and **HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED** his exceptional leadership, high competency and improved performance of the Agency, **ENDORSES** the continuation of the services of Dr. Mayaki as NPCA Chief Executive Officer for a new term of four (4) years. **CONGRATULATES** the CEO on his re-appointment and wishes him success;
22. **WELCOMES** the set-up of the Meles Zenawi Centre (MZC) within NPCA structure to promote knowledge generation on African Ownership and Strategy for Transformation as a tribute to the contributions to NEPAD by the late HSGOC Chairperson.





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DECISIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTION

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
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The Assembly,

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the Report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the NEPAD HSGOC;
3. **RE-AFFIRMS** the continued relevance and role of NEPAD as the African Union flagship development strategy and programme and its continued contributions to advancing continental transformation in the spirit of championing Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance as Africa celebrates the 50th OAU-AU anniversary;
4. **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.413(XV11I) based on the conclusions of 26th HSGOC Session on Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) for NEPAD programmes and projects regarding the conduct of a comprehensive study on innovative mechanisms and instruments, towards energizing African ownership of the continent's development agenda and programmes;
5. **WELCOMES** the offer of the Republic of Senegal to convene a High-Level Summit and Business Conference on Financing NEPAD programmes and projects in Senegal at a later date, to taking forward to the domestic resource mobilization agenda with a view for focused discussion at the High Level Conference;
6. **TO THIS EFFECT, REQUESTS** the NPCA and UNECA to finalize the findings and conclusions of the study report on "*Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for implementing NEPAD National and Regional Programmes - Africa Looks Within*" in collaboration with UNDP and African Development Bank, after due consideration by the NEPAD Steering Committee;
7. **APPRECIATES** the launching of the Virtual PIDA Information Centre (VPic) by the HSGOC as a centralized platform to consolidate information and statistical data on regional infrastructure projects in the context of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICl);
8. **COMMENDS** the NPCA and AUC for this critical milestone to improve communication on PIDA Priority Action Projects (PAP) and PICl by targeting African countries, policy makers, investors and the RECs. **EMPHASIZES** that VPic will support the PIDA Africa Infrastructure Database (AID) and advance monitoring and evaluation of infrastructure project implementation;

9. **AFFIRMS** the critical need to include key regional infrastructure projects covering the Central and East African sub-region in the PIDA Priority Action Projects (PAP) which was raised during the BRICS-Africa Dialogue. Based on the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Commission, **WELCOMES** the set-up of the AU-RECs Task Team on Infrastructure coordinated by the NPCA Chief Executive Officer as a key outcome of the AUC-RECs Retreat held of March 2013 in Durban following the 5th BRICS Summit and **AGREES** to place the progress report of the work of the Task Team on the agenda of the next HSGOC;
10. **CONGRATULATES** the Government of the Republic of South Africa under the leadership of H.E. President Jacob Zuma for his vision and successfully hosting the 5th Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Durban in March 2013, along with the landmark BRICS-Africa Dialogue Forum, wherein Africa's priority regional infrastructure projects were showcased by the NEPAD HSGOC Chairperson on behalf of the Union;
11. **SPECIFICALLY NOTES** the briefing by H.E. President Jacob Zuma on the outcomes of the BRICS Summit, particularly the high attendance and unity displayed by African leaders, commitment by BRICS countries to strengthen cooperation with the continent in infrastructure and industrialization and the proposed BRICS-led Development Bank as the expected funding model to promote and accelerate the implementation of multi-country projects;
12. **THEREFORE WELCOMES** the key outcomes of the 5th BRICS Summit reflected in the eThekweni Declaration premised on the theme: 'BRICS and Africa - Partnership for Development, Integration and Industrialization' and the path being forged to strengthen partnership between the BRICS countries, AUC, NPCA and RECs and the proposition to convene similar BRICS-Africa Retreat during the upcoming 6th BRICS and G20 Summits to be hosted by Brazil and Russia respectively;
13. **ALSO WELCOMES AND ENDORSES** the 2013 African Union accountability report on Africa-G8 commitments focusing on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as a firm demonstration of Africa's pledge to advance mutual accountability in its partnership engagements and **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the NPCA, AUC and UNAIDS for jointly producing this second African accountability report;
14. **REQUESTS** the NPCA, AUC and UNAIDS to widely disseminate the key messages in the accountability report to African stakeholders and partners for the implementation of the conclusions;
15. **REITERATES** the need for Africa's partnership engagement with the G8 and G20 to remain focused on the continent's development priorities especially in agriculture and infrastructure development.



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The Assembly,

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal.
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Thirtieth Session of the HSGOC.
3. **REITERATES** the overriding importance for NEPAD to speed up the actualization of Africa's development objectives in the context of Agenda 2063 as the African Union long-term strategy by focusing on industrialization, youth employment, improved natural resource governance and the reduction of inequalities.
4. **WELCOMES AND ADOPTS** the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) Strategic Plan: 2014-2017 which is inspired by the AU Agenda 2063 and based on the Commission's Strategic Plan for similar period. **CALLS UPON** Member States, Regional Economic Communities, African regional and global partner institutions to support the Agency in the implementation of the Plan.
5. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the NPCA programmatic activities and initiatives undertaken in 2013 **NOTING IN PARTICULAR** the measures taken to fulfill the core mandate of facilitating and coordinating key programmes with particular reference to Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition and Infrastructure. **COMMENDS** the implementation work of the NPCA which has energized regional and continental programme delivery.
6. **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.488(XXI) based on the conclusions of 29th HSGOC on Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) for NEPAD programmes/projects and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the finalization of the Study Report. **URGES** the NPCA and UNECA in conjunction with UNDP, AfDB and UNCTAD to engage Member States and stakeholders on the dissemination of the proposed Study conclusions and findings through relevant Ministries of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, private sector organizations and the investment community.
7. **HIGHLY COMMENDS** the impressive update on the progress towards implementing the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI) presented by H.E. Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of the HSGOC PICI High-Level Sub Committee including the status of the North-South Corridor with additional briefings by H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the Trans-Sahara Gas Pipeline; H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda on the East Africa Community

Regional ICT project and H.E. Abdelmalek Sellal, Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the Trans-Sahara Optic Fiber project.

8. **ENDORSES** the key outcomes of the Transform Africa Summit hosted by H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda in October 2013 which adopted the SMART Africa Manifesto highlighting the need to place ICT at the centre of national socio-economic development agenda and SMART Africa Alliance as implementation framework.
9. **EXTENDS APPRECIATION** to the PICI Chair and the Champion Heads of State and Government for their continued political commitment and strategic support, **UNDERSCORING** that PICI serves as the nucleus of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).
10. **ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS** the NPCA to intensify consultations with the foot-print Member States, RECs, African Development Bank and UNECA to advance the full implementation of approved PICI projects towards providing in-depth diagnostic of the remaining financing gaps, policy, legal and regulatory obstacles to stimulate project development and bankability.
11. **RECALLS** the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Senegal to host a High-Level Summit on Financing NEPAD programmes in the form of the Dakar Financing Summit (DFS) for Africa's Infrastructure to take forward the DRM agenda and **REGRETFULLY NOTES** that the Summit could not take place in December 2013 as scheduled. **AGREES** that the HSGOC Chairperson would further consult with African Leaders on a new period for the Financing Summit.
12. **REINFORCES** the critical need for financial investments and leveraging public-private partnerships as direct input for infrastructure development and **ACKNOWLEDGES** the role of African regional and global development finance institutions (DFIs) to mobilize domestic financial resources. **IN PARTICULAR WELCOMES** the Africa50 Investment Vehicle by AfDB as an African-owned and led initiative to mobilize adequate funds for infrastructure development.
13. **APPRECIATES** the launch of 2014 as the Year of Agriculture and Food Security to mark the 10th Anniversary of the adoption of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture and Development Programme (CAADP)" with focus on "Transforming Africa's Agriculture for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods, through Harnessing Opportunities for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development.
14. **WELCOMES** the publication on "Agriculture in Africa - Transformation and Outlook for the next 20 years" by the NPCA at the request of the Chairperson of AU Commission.
15. **REQUESTS** Member States, the Commission and NPCA along with stakeholders and development partners to scale up their collaboration towards sustaining of the CAADP momentum by focusing on agro-industry and entrepreneurship, access to

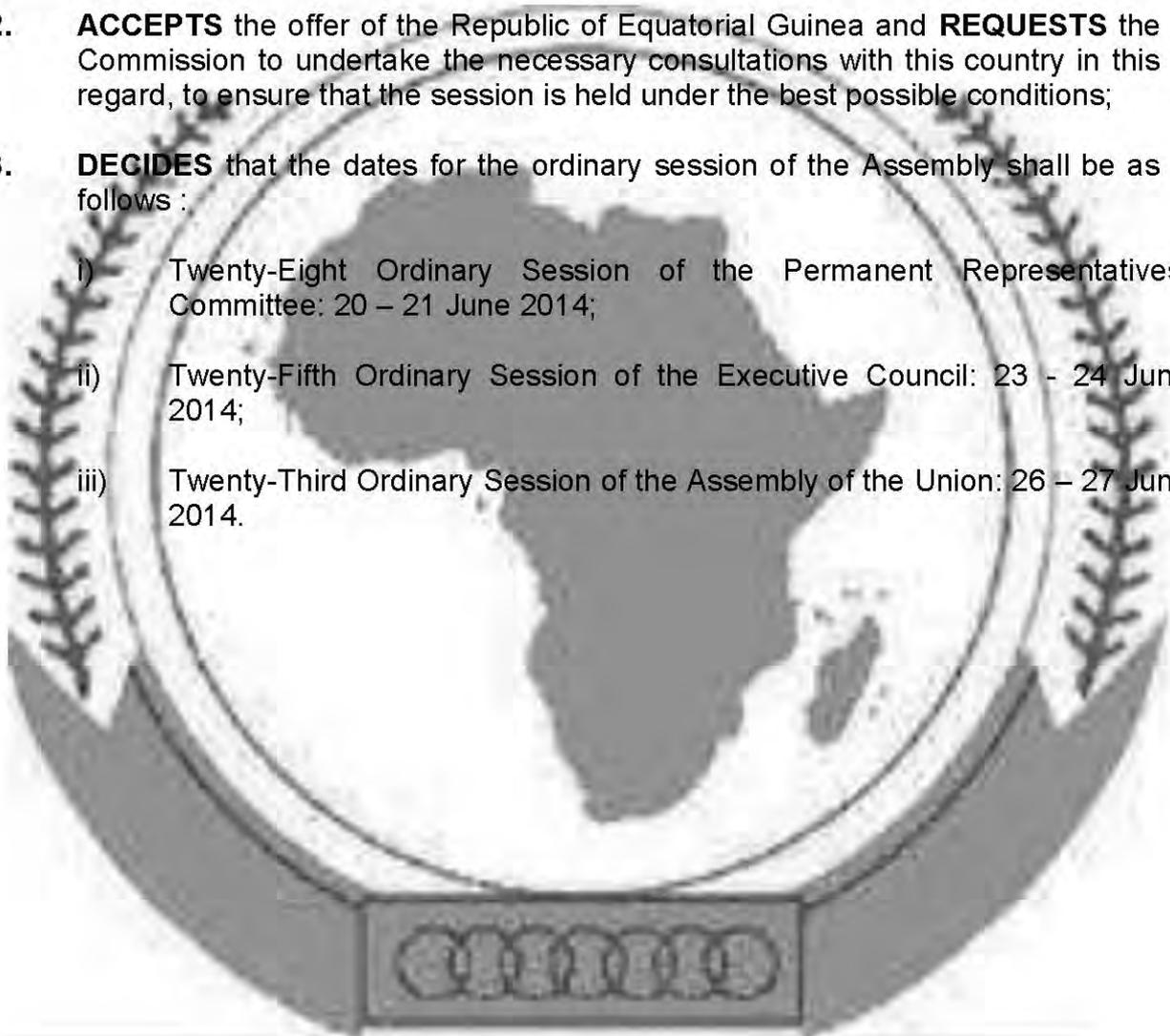
land for small-holder farmers, women and youth, linkages between job creation, food security and nutrition, as well as lesson learning on CAADP accomplishments.

16. **REAFFIRMS** the immense and continued contributions of NEPAD to forging mutually-beneficial partnerships under the auspices of the African Union by advocating Africa's common positions and interests in global development processes especially the G8, G20 and BRICS. **IN THIS REGARD EXAMINES** the impact of current Africa's partnership engagements particularly the Africa Partnership Forum (APF) established by the 2003 Evian G8 Summit in France to catalyze support for Africa's development through NEPAD with G8-OECD partners.
17. **EXPRESSES CONCERN** at the recent operational modalities of the APF particularly in the past two (2) years, **NOTING** that the evaluation of the APF after 10 years of existence as reflected in the Dakar Reform Proposals did not deliver the desired results. **AGREES** that an umbrella formation bringing together various strands of existing and new African partnership mechanisms should be established driven by the continent's common goals.
18. **THEREFORE DIRECTS** the NPCA to work with the African Co-Chairs of the APF and NEPAD Steering Committee in engaging potential strategic partner countries to determine their interest and willingness to join a new partnership mechanism with Africa.
19. **URGES** the realistic assessment of the impact of a new partnership structure by ascertaining the expected accruing benefits and value addition to Africa to avoid the proliferation of partnership platforms. **CALLS FOR** the global review process of Africa's partnerships to be completed as soon as possible.
20. Concurrent with this, **ASSERTS** that Africa should pursue the continuation of the G8-Africa Partnership Outreach in its original conception along with the proposed creation of a G20-Africa Outreach through the Development Working Group (DWG) that will be based on the continent's priorities and the changing global paradigm.
21. **INSTRUCTS NPCA** to develop the technical capacity to monitor the implementation of partnership commitments given the challenge of dependence on development partners to track the effective delivery of commitments to Africa.

DECISION ON THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE 23RD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the offer of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to host the Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in June 2014;
2. **ACCEPTS** the offer of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake the necessary consultations with this country in this regard, to ensure that the session is held under the best possible conditions;
3. **DECIDES** that the dates for the ordinary session of the Assembly shall be as follows :
 - i) Twenty-Eight Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives' Committee: 20 – 21 June 2014;
 - ii) Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council: 23 - 24 June 2014;
 - iii) Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union: 26 – 27 June 2014.



**DECISION ON THE NAMING OF THE LARGE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE
AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE COMPLEX**

The Assembly,

1. **WELCOMES** the proposal by the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria to name the Large Conference Hall of the African Union Conference Complex "The Nelson Mandela Conference Hall";
2. **DECIDES** to name the Large Conference Hall of the AU Conference Complex the "Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Conference Hall" in honour and memory of Nelson Mandela;
3. **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all necessary measures to implement this decision.



**DECISION ON THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063
Doc. Assembly/AU/3(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report presented by the Chairperson of the Commission on the development of Agenda 2063 and the rich comments and observations made by Member States on the Report;
2. **RECOGNIZES** the progress achieved in the development of Agenda 2063 Framework Document and **THANKS** all those who have contributed to this strategic reflection crucial for the future of the Continent;
3. **ENCOURAGES** the Commission to pursue its efforts in enlisting the inputs of all Africans and the Diaspora, and **ENGAGES** Member States to submit their written inputs before the end of April 2014, to enable the Assembly to adopt the Agenda 2063 at its next session in June 2014;
4. **UNDERScores** the need to incorporate in Agenda 2063, strategies for optimal management of the immense resources of the oceans and seas bordering Africa, based on the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM Strategy).



**DECISION ON THE LAUNCH OF THE FINAL REPORT
OF THE HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON FRAGILE STATES
Doc. Assembly/AU/5(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **COMMENDS** H.E. President Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia and Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President of the AfDB for the excellent report;
2. **ENDORSES** the report and its recommendations and **MANDATES** the High-Level Panel led by H.E. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf to press on with her efforts to implement the recommendations of the report, in close collaboration with the Commission and Member States, within the framework of the Union's programme of activities.



DECISION ON TUNISIA'S DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION
Doc. EX.CL/803(XXIV)

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the paragraphs related to the situation in Tunisia in the annual report of the Chairperson on the Activities of the Commission for 2013;
2. **RECALLS** the efforts of the African Union Commission to support the process of democratic transition in Tunisia, mainly through regular high-level visits since 2011;
3. **WELCOMES** with satisfaction the recent positive developments in Tunisia and the progress achieved in the process of democratic transition;
4. **ALSO WELCOMES** the success of the "National Dialogue" which led to a consensus between the different stakeholders by respecting the roadmap established to this end.
5. **CONGRATULATES** Tunisia on the adoption of a New Constitution that responds to the legitimate aspirations of the Tunisia people for dignity, freedom, democracy and respect of the universal values of human rights;
6. **EXPRESSES** its satisfaction with the establishment of a new government made up of highly qualified technocrats with no affiliation to any political party, mainly tasked with securing the continuation of the democratic transition process that shall be crowned with the organization of free and fair presidential and legislative elections under the supervision of the independent electoral commission;
7. **ENCOURAGES** all stakeholders to carry on with the democratic transition process within the spirit of consensus and inclusive dialogue;
8. **RECOGNIZES** that the achievements reached so far in Tunisia's democratic transition process constitute a success not only for this country but for the African continent as a whole;
9. **REITERATES** the continued support of the African Union to all efforts towards the establishment of democracy and prosperity in Tunisia, as the safeguard for peace, security, and development and **ALSO REITERATES** its call to the international community to provide the necessary support for Tunisia in this endeavour.

**DECISION ON THE WARSAW CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE AND AFRICA'S
PREPARATION FOR THE TWENTIETH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
ON CLIMATE CHANGE (COP 20 / CMP 10)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), H.E. President Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of Tanzania on Africa's preparations towards the Nineteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Ninth Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to its Kyoto Protocol (COP 19/CMP9) held in Warsaw, Poland from 11 – 23 November 2013;
2. **FURTHER NOTES** the conclusions of the CAHOSCC sessions held on 24 September 2013 and 5 December 2013 on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York and the Elysée Summit on Peace and Security in Africa in Paris, France, respectively;
3. **APPLAUDS** CAHOSCC and members for valued and continued commitment in leading Africa's collective political engagement in the global Climate Change negotiations;
4. **COMMENDS** the worthy leadership demonstrated by H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete in his role as the Coordinator of CAHOSCC and **REQUESTS** His Excellency to continue showing the same leadership throughout 2014, at UNFCCC COP 20 in Lima and beyond and **ALSO COMMENDS** AMCEN and AGN as well as the African Union Commission in collaboration with the AfDB, UNECA / ACPC and other Partners for the unanimity and togetherness demonstrated in Warsaw in championing the Key Messages of the African Common Position on Climate Change that contributed to the achievements registered at the Conference in Poland;
5. **FURTHER COMMENDS** the African Union Commission in collaboration with UNECA / ACPC, AfDB, NPCA and Partners for the success recorded at the Africa Day celebrations in Warsaw that advanced Africa's interests in the global negotiations and **REQUESTS** the Commission and Partners to prepare towards mounting an African Pavilion at COP 20 in Lima Peru and at COP 21 in Paris, France;
6. **CONGRATULATES** the Republic of Korea and the Secretariat of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as well as the Secretariats of the UNFCCC and Global Environment Facility (GEF) on the opening of the Headquarters of the Green Climate Fund in Songdo, Korea on 4 December 2013; and **CALLS UPON** the Board of the Green Climate Fund to expedite actions on the capitalization of the

Fund to so as to enable Africa to benefit from the Fund on its Adaptation and Mitigation efforts;

7. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the host of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) to ensure that adequate networks are established in Africa, where they are needed most for effective technology development, transfer and capacity building;
8. **URGES** Member States to ratify the Doha Amendments to the Kyoto Protocol for the Second Commitment Period to enhance reduction of emission of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs);
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission, UNECA / ACPC and AfDB and other Partners to continue to support the AGN in the global Climate Change negotiations under the political guidance of AMCEN and CAHOSCC.



**DECISION ON THE OPERATIONALISATION OF THE AFRICAN CAPACITY FOR
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO CRISES
Doc. Assembly/AU/4(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** its Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.489(XXI) on the establishment of the African Capacity for Immediate Response to Crises (ACIRC), adopted by the 21st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held in Addis Ababa, from 26 to 27 May 2013;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the decision by the following African Union (AU) Member States to be the initial participating countries in the ACIRC: Algeria, Angola, Chad, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mauritania, Niger, South Africa, Senegal, , Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, and **HEREBY OPERATIONALISES** the ACIRC as a transitional arrangement;
3. **FURTHER RECALLS** that the ACIRC is based on voluntarism and the capacities of the participating countries;
4. **FURTHER DECIDES** as follows:
 - (i) More Member States should be encouraged to volunteer capabilities to ACIRC in the spirit of inclusivity and solidarity;
 - (ii) Upon a request by AU Member State(s), the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) shall authorize the deployment of a force in accordance with the provisions of the AU Constitutive Act, especially Articles 4(h) and 4(j);
 - (iii) The implementation of the mandate shall be coordinated by the PSC;
 - (iv) An Operations Co-ordination Strategic Centre shall be established at the AU Commission Headquarters in Addis Ababa under the leadership of the Peace and Security Department, to work on the modalities for activating ACIRC;
 - (v) An Operational Command Centre will be located in any of the participating countries near the Mission Area.

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
SHARM EL SHEIKH COMMITMENTS ON ACCELERATING
WATER AND SANITATION GOALS IN AFRICA
Doc. Assembly/AU/12(XXII)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and **WELCOMES** the very detailed information on progress made by Member States in relation to the commitments made in Sharm El Sheikh as well as the comments and observations from Member States on the report;
2. **COMMENDS** Member States especially Rwanda and Tunisia which recorded the best performances in the achievement of water and sanitation goals;
3. **DECIDES** to designate H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, to champion the awareness and mobilizing process of Member States towards the effective implementation of the Sharm El Sheikh commitments on water and sanitation States in Africa;
4. **CALLS UPON** Member States to strengthen their capacities and to assess the overall needs in order to facilitate the preparation of bankable projects and to remove barriers that hinder the rapid use of available funds at the African Development Bank, and in particular, for fragile States, to reduce the gap and improve their performance in the water sector;
5. **RECALLS** that the implementation of the African Water Vision 2025 is a vital necessity for unlocking the development potential of Africa and highlights the link between water, agriculture and the environment;
6. **ENDORSES** Decision EX.CL/Dec.802(XXIV) adopted by the Executive Council at its last session on 29 January 2014.

DECLARATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN CAMEROON AND NIGERIA: THE BAKASSI CASE

1. On 14 August 2013, two months after the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the OAU/AU, a major event in the area of peaceful resolution of conflicts took place at a time when violent conflicts were raging in many African Countries. Indeed, the resolution of the Bakassi border dispute between the sister nations of Cameroon and Nigeria which lasted for 20 years came, on that historic date, to its final conclusion in peace and harmony.
2. Africa owes this happy conclusion to the Heads of State of Cameroon and Nigeria who had chosen right from the outbreak of the conflict, to seize the International Court of Justice (ICJ), The Hague, of the matter. The African Union, which endeavours for the realization of a peaceful, integrated and prosperous Africa by 2063, welcomes on the one hand, this major lesson of maturity and wisdom which does great honour to Africa as a whole and which spared the Continent a fratricidal war with incalculable consequences and stresses on the other hand, that the approach adopted by Cameroon and Nigeria should be a source of inspiration for all African actors involved in conflicts.
3. In the light of the historical scope of this peace oriented action, the AU expresses its sincere congratulations to the Heads of State of the two Countries as well as to M. Koffi Annan, former Secretary General of the UN and to the States witnesses to the Green Tree Agreement which made it possible to implement the ICJ judgment pronounced on 10 October 2002.
4. The AU wishes that the International Community recognizes this event as a strong point worthy of praise and a significant contribution of Africa to safeguard world peace.



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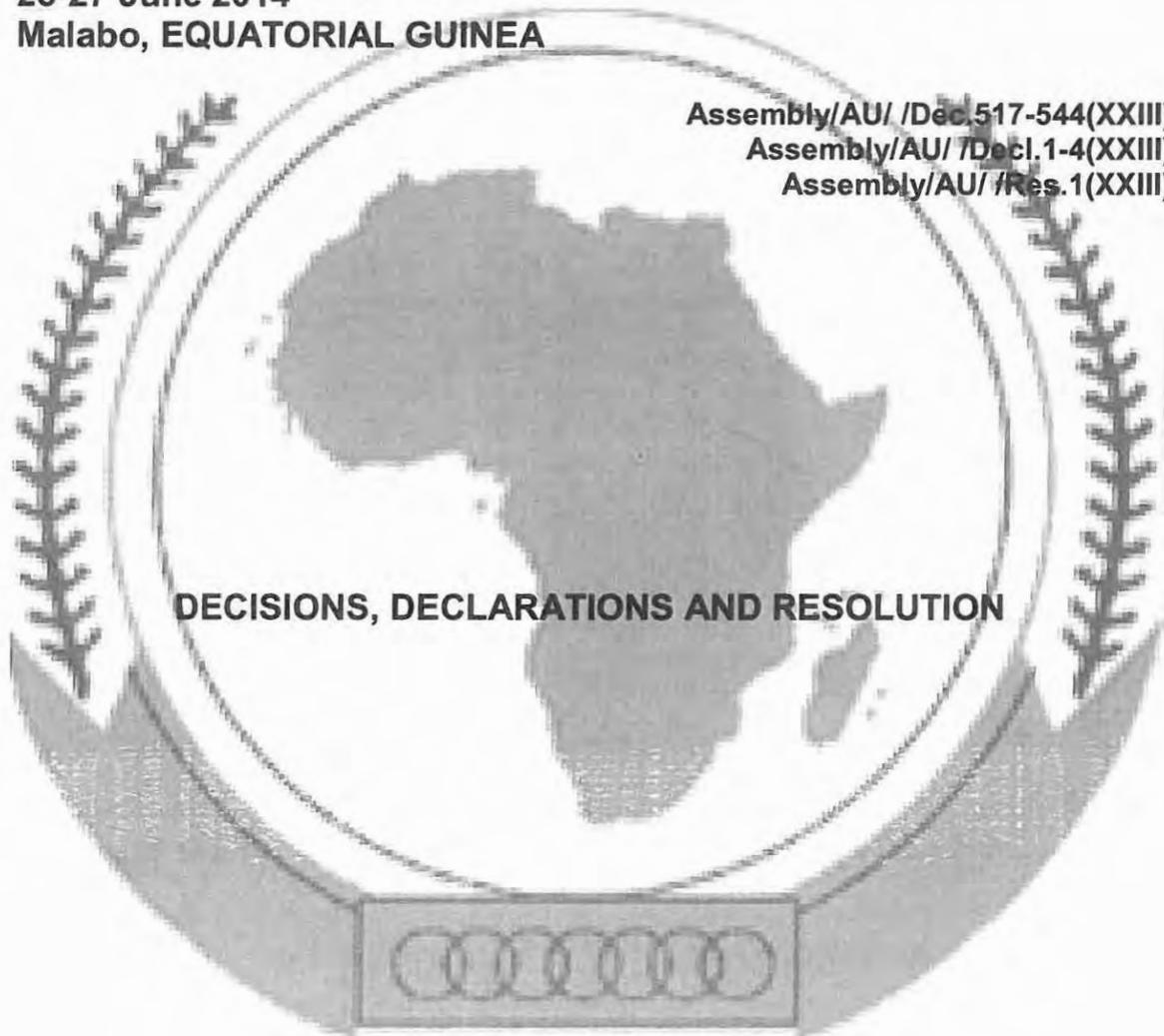
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**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC) ON NEPAD
Doc. Assembly/AU/9(XXIII)**

The Assembly,

1. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the report by the Chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions of the Thirty-First Session of the HSGOC;
3. **HIGHLIGHTS** the contributions of NEPAD to the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) in its decade of existence, **NOTING** that CAADP had matured into an agenda for socio-economic transformation and recognized global brand impacting on the continent's development through the strong expression of reclaimed ownership of agricultural policy by Member States and African citizens;
4. **ENDORSES** the CAADP Results Framework as a tool to enhance evidence-based planning, monitoring and learning by Member States in the pursuit of agricultural-led economic growth and inclusive development. **REQUESTS** the NPCA to support the capacity strengthening in Member States to internalize and use the CAADP Results Framework, and develop necessary programmes on afforestation, irrigation and post-harvest loss;
5. **NOTES** that in the face of globalization and its impact on food and nutrition security and livelihoods, Africa should embrace food sovereignty and regional trade preference strategies to attain food self-sufficiency and enhanced regional cooperation. **IN THIS REGARD, URGES** NPCA, AUC and RECs to work with Member States to develop the requisite national and regional strategies, policies and programmes;
6. **APPRECIATES** the programmatic work of NPCA in mainstreaming climate change into CAADP national investment plans and **REQUESTS** the Agency to increase technical and coordination support to Member States to build resilience and adaptive capacity in responding to the impacts of climate change and variability, as well as design climate smart agricultural investment programmes and support the sharing of best practices and lessons on climate smart agriculture;
7. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the NEPAD Programme on Agriculture Climate Change with its components on gender empowerment, support to small-holder farmers and the establishment of an African Climate Smart Agriculture Coordination Platform through which NPCA will collaborate with Partners including RECs and Non-Governmental Organisations targeting 25 million farm households by 2025;

8. **WELCOMES** the innovative partnership between NPCA and major International NGOs to strengthen grassroots adaptive capacity to climate change and boost agricultural productivity. **SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS** the NPCA in collaboration with FAO to provide technical assistance to Member States in the implementation of the NEPAD Climate Smart Agriculture programme and the African Development Bank and development partners to provide support to Member States for investments in climate smart agriculture;
9. **COMMENDS** the on-going implementation actions by the NPCA in promoting NEPAD programmes on food security and nutrition, gender empowerment, sustainable land and water management **WHILE EMPHASIZING** the need to ensure that Africa's growth trajectory provides opportunities for the youth and foster rural transformation. **DIRECTS** NPCA to upscale the implementation of the Rural Futures Programme with a stronger emphasis on youth employment. **FURTHER AGREES** that the AUC and NPCA should develop policies on labour-market relationship favourable to foster youth employment and invest in practical actions targeting skills development and making agriculture more attractive to the African youth;
10. **WARMLY WELCOMES** the announcement by the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of a grant of USD 4 million to support the NPCA in facilitating the implementation of the Agency's job creation programme for the youth in the agriculture sector;
11. **ACKNOWLEDGING** the multi-sectorial nature of Agriculture and its central role in driving rural transformation, **REQUESTS** NPCA through its Rural Futures Programme to provide technical support to strengthen alignment between agricultural and national development policies and rural development programmes;
12. **RECOMMITS** to the CAADP Maputo Decision and **IN RECOGNIZING** the continued need to support Member States to effectively monitor the 10% target in agriculture budget allocation, **REQUESTS** the NPCA in collaboration with FAO to undertake a study and develop guidelines to help Member States improve the quality of resource allocation to agriculture to determine the real value and relativity to the GDP size;
13. **RECALLS** the Decisions Assembly/AU/Dec.488(XXI) and Assembly/AU/Dec.508(XXII) and **NOTES WITH SATISFACTION** the outcomes of the Dakar Financing Summit for Africa's Infrastructure held in Dakar, Senegal on 15 June 2014 under the distinguished leadership of H.E. Macky SALL, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairperson of HSGOC, which promoted the strengthening of innovative synergies between the public and private sectors to mobilize pan-African and global financial investments for infrastructure development in the continent;
14. **ACCORDINGLY ENDORSES** the Dakar Agenda for Action adopted by the Summit to move forward the financing for Africa's infrastructure and **VALIDATES** the policy

conclusions and recommendations of the NEPAD-ECA Study on Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) for implementing NEPAD programmes and projects which served as the basis for the Summit;

15. **WELCOMES IN PARTICULAR** the *Africa50* initiated by the AfDB as an investment platform designed significantly to narrow the infrastructure financing gap; the setup of the Continental Business Network (CBN) on Infrastructure Financing coordinated by NPCA and the Summit organizing partners; improvement measures to promote policy certainty, legal and fiscal stability towards enabling environment; the continued political determination of African Leaders to support the implementation of high impact national and cross-border projects and infrastructure project preparation and financing for the projects showcased at the Summit as a first step towards implementing the PIDA priority action plan by 2020;
16. **REAFFIRMS** the strong linkage between the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICl) and the priority projects presented at the Dakar Financing Summit as mutually reinforcing and impetus to further accelerate PIDA implementation. **URGES** Member States, development finance institutions and partners to increase funding support for infrastructure project preparation, especially the NEPAD Infrastructure Preparation Facility (IPPF) hosted by the African Development Bank;
17. **CONSEQUENTLY REQUESTS** the NPCA to design the appropriate modalities to implement the Dakar Agenda for Action and thereafter report regularly to the HSGOC on progress being made. **FURTHER URGES** the NPCA in conjunction with the RECs, AfDB, UNECA, UNDP, World Bank and the NEPAD Business Groups/Foundation to strengthen engagement with the private sector on taking forward the Dakar Agenda based on the conclusion to setup the Continental Business Network. **UNDERScores** the intrinsic linkages between skills development and modern infrastructure driven by science, technology and innovation, **NOTING** the need for the HSGOC to prioritize policy actions in this regard towards PIDA and PICl implementation;
18. **HIGHLY COMMENDS** the HSGOC Chairperson and the Government of Senegal for successfully hosting the Financing Summit and **EXTENDS DEEP APPRECIATION** for the high level participation of H.E Yayi Boni, President of the Republic of Benin; H.E Goodluck Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; H.E Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of the Republic of Mali and H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission, with the support of NPCA Chief Executive Officer, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, President of African Development Bank; UNECA Executive Secretary and the World Bank Vice President for Africa;
19. Based on the assessment of reform of the Africa Partnership Forum (APF), **RECALLS** the Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.508(XXII) on the need to establish a new umbrella partnership formation and **APPRECIATES** the efforts by NPCA and NEPAD Steering Committee to this effect;

20. **APPROVES** the establishment of the proposed Africa Global Partnership Platform as a new partnership mechanism premised on Africa's regional integration agenda and a coalition-building forum comprising AU Member States represented in the NEPAD HSGOC, NPCA, AU Commission, RECs, lead regional institutions and Africa's major trade, investment and aid partners countries from the G8, G20 and OECD;
21. **IN RE-EMPHASIZING** the rationale for the partnership vehicle to reflect the changing global political and economic architecture, especially the pivotal role of the G20, **WELCOMES** the platform as an Africa-owned and led 'umbrella formation' bringing together the continent's existing international partners to concretely support Africa's transformation under the auspices of the AU, thereby fostering greater coherence in the continent's partnerships. **RE-AFFIRMS** that the new platform will not replace the existing bilateral partnership arrangements, but serve to complement them;
22. **ENDORSES** the terms of reference prepared by the NPCA and submitted through the NEPAD Steering Committee, highlighting the proposed rationale, objectives, format and membership of the platform, **WHILE NOTING** that the new platform will engage on issues of economic cooperation of strategic nature to Africa, globalization and the defined priorities embodied in the African Union, NEPAD and Agenda 2063;
23. **HEREBY MANDATES** the HSGOC Chairperson with the support of the NPCA Chief Executive Officer and NEPAD Steering Committee to formally approach the identified and potential partner governments and institutions to determine their interest and readiness to join and nominate appropriate senior level officials to the Platform. **ALSO REQUESTS** NPCA Chief Executive Officer to engage Germany as the current G7 Presidency on possibly revamping the G7-Africa partnership outreach during its term and **CALLS UPON** the Governments of Senegal, South Africa and Mauritania to approach Australia as the current G20 Presidency on the proposed G20-Africa partnership track possibly through the G20 Development Working Group;
24. **NOTES AND WELCOMES** the launch of the African Innovation Outlook-2 Report by the NPCA which captures the status of science, technology and innovation in the African Union Member States and requested Member States, the AU Commission, and NPCA along with the private sector and development partners to increase the roll-out of the surveys to all African countries.

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