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1. NATURAL RESOURCES GOVERNANCE AND FOOD SECURITY

Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)

CAADP Compact: Lesotho signed the CAADP Compact on 4 September 2013.

Capacity Building: Lesotho received technical support in developing its National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP). Technical support was also provided to facilitate the integration of CAADP into mainstream government planning and budgeting processes and policy documents.

Results:

- In the 2012/2013 cropping season, the MAFS introduced an Intensive Crop Production Programme in which farmers were given a 50 per cent subsidy for seeds and fertilizers leading to increased yields.
- Agriculture was given priority in the 2015/2016 fiscal year.
- All relevant stakeholders, including farmers' unions and business support the CAADP programme and the potential benefits it will bring to the agricultural industry.
- Under the Enhanced Integrated Framework, there has been work on greenhouse technology and mushroom production.
- A wool and mohair production project is also to be introduced

Climate Change Fund

Through the NEPAD Climate Change Fund, workshops to prepare the implementation of the Forestry Initiative for Landscape and Livelihoods Improvement (FILI) project were supported.

The implementation of the Forestry Initiative for Landscape and Livelihoods Improvement (FILLI) project achieved the following results:

- Datasets and inventories of current woodlots (forests and agroforestry sites) were produced; and 69 extension and forest officers were trained on forestry and agroforestry management in the face of climate change;
- Digital maps and geo-referenced information on forests / agroforestry resources were produced;
- Five climate change adaptation measures/techniques were identified in the forestry sector:-
 - i. Agroforestry plantations with apiculture
 - ii. Range Management Areas (RMA) with Grazing Association (GA)
 - iii. Grass planting in stone lined slopes
 - iv. Conservation Agriculture practices

- v. Construction of dams and community reservoirs
- Four climate change mitigation techniques were identified in the forestry sector:
 - i. Protection of forest reserves
 - ii. Protection of indigenous woodlands
 - iii. Agroforestry plantations
 - iv. Orchard growing

2. REGIONAL INTEGRATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRADE

Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI)

Unblocking Political Bottlenecks for ICT Broadband and optic fibre Projects Linking Neighbouring States: The project uses political gravitas and goodwill to unblock and facilitate political bottlenecks affecting the implementation of ICT broadband and optic fibre projects on the continent.

Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)

TAH programme: This is phase I of the continental connectivity programme that focuses on completion and standardisation of the TAH missing links by 2030.

Single African Sky phase 1 (design and initial implementation): Single African Sky is a continental programme that will create a high-level, satellite-based air navigation system for the African continent.

Yamoussoukro Decision implementation: Purposed at accelerating the Yamoussoukro Decision implementation by identifying countries that are ready to fully implement it, and discussing and agreeing with both their governments and airlines to launch the voluntary club on a full membership basis.

Lesotho HWP phase II hydropower component: This hydropower programme aims to supply power to Lesotho and export power to South Africa.

Lesotho HWP Phase II – water transfer component: This programme is a water transfer programme supplying water to Gauteng Province in South Africa.

ICT Enabling Environment: This programme aims to improve the environment for the private sectors to invest in high-speed broadband infrastructure

ICT Terrestrial for Connectivity: This programme has two main components: a) secure each

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country connection by at least two broadband infrastructure; and b) ensure access to submarine cable to all landlocked countries. Kenya is one of the participating countries

Internet Exchange Point (IXP) programme: The aim of this programme is to provide Africa with adequate internet node exchange to maximise internal traffic.

Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL)

At the beginning of 2014, 37 of the 42 opted-in African countries have completed a rapid assessment / gap analysis. The next step for countries is to develop a SE4LL Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus(es). To support this process, the SE4ALL Africa Hub partners have led the development of Africa Guidelines for SE4ALL national Action Agendas. The Africa Guidelines lay out principles and process for developing Action Agendas and put forward a balanced approach of centralized and decentralized solutions to achieve universal access to energy services.

Progress

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Lesotho:

Joined SE4All initiative

3. INDUSTRIALISATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH)

A critical AU Model Law aimed at harmonizing medical products regulatory systems in Africa was endorsed by African Heads of State and Government at the January 2016 AU Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The AU Model Law will contribute towards accelerate the regulation of safe, quality and affordable medical products and technologies. **Lesotho has embraced and domesticated the AU Model Law and is already utilizing an adapted version.**

The NEPAD Agency has worked with the Government of Lesotho, alongside three other member states, namely **Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique**, to appraise and negotiate a Southern Africa Tuberculosis and Health Systems Support Project TB project under World Bank funding. The project was approved for funding on 26 May 2016 with a total funding level of US\$122 million. During the implementation of the project, the NEPAD Agency will support the four countries by providing knowledge, coordination and harmonization in order to achieve the objectives of the project.

African Science Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII)

ASTI has captured comprehensive information on STI and consequently built in-country capacity to

collect, analyse & publish data and information on research & development (R&D) and Innovation.

Southern African Network for Biosciences (SANBio)

Capacity Building: Two students from Lesotho at MSc level graduated through the IKS Node. Their research thesis focused on possible domestication of Kei apple (*Doyalis caffra*), HOOK F HARA using different propagation methods and Improving the management and productivity of dominant African indigenous leafy vegetables in the North West Province, South Africa 2012 Female Lesotho.

The Secretariat visited Lesotho and the government together with stakeholder expressed their collaboration interest which includes fisheries, potato tissue culture and traditional medicines; and also expressed the need to have a way of accessing infrastructure in other nodes and countries on an acceptable model. Some of the challenges raised included brain drain, difficulties of accessing reagents not locally available and equipment

4. SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH

Capacity Development

Advocacy support and strengthening of negotiation capacities of African countries on Post-2015 Development Agenda through the Common African Position (CAP). Subsequently, Africa's development priorities were mirrored in the new SDGs.

