



# NEPAD Newsletter

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## Regional organisations/platforms missing link between Post-2015 Agenda and countries



*"Most of Africa's development challenges do not have optimum national solutions, but regional solutions,"* CEO of the NEPAD Agency, Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, noted during a side-event on July 13 at the Third Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The event was organised by the NEPAD Agency, the Government of Bangladesh, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and held under the auspices of the Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (APDev).

Dr Mayaki emphasised that Africa's Regional Economic Communities (RECs) already have a wealth of experience in mobilising resources, creating common markets and boosting intra-African trade. *"Strong regional cooperation and*

*coherency of national, regional and continental plans would be necessary to effectively finance and implement the post-2015 development agenda,"* he said.

The aim of the event was to address the missing link between the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the implementation of national development priorities.

The CEO highlighted that many African economies are small, and often rely on regional benefits for economic growth and development. He mentioned the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), the main aim of which is to build mutually beneficially infrastructure, and the Africa50 Fund as a specialised financial tool, to address specific market challenges for financing these projects.

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Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals would also require new partnerships that would place stronger focus on South-South Cooperation. Regional platforms such APDev could scale up proven approaches and knowledge sharing among and between developing countries, Dr. Mayaki said.

The side event showcased how development partners, governments, and regional organisations are already working together to help align financing mechanisms with national development goals. It highlighted approaches such as Development Finance Assessments, which provide planning and finance ministries with data and analysis on the changing trends in development finance.

## Electrifying the continent possible if partners align with African strategies, NEPAD CEO

Electrifying the African continent is possible if partners align with Africa's energy strategies, Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, underscored at a high-level meeting of senior African and European energy stakeholders in Addis Ababa.

The meeting was held on 15 July on the margins of the Third Financing for Development Conference in Ethiopia's capital, and aimed to better coordinate energy initiatives operating in Africa in order to foster synergies for cooperation.

*"Africa has put its house in order,"* Dr. Mayaki said referring to the fact that the African Union had established clear structures, mechanisms and responsibilities to tackle Africa's development agenda. He cited the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and the Africa Power Vision (APV) as strategies endorsed by African Heads of State to provide solutions for the continent's energy challenges.



Participants were drawn from the African Union Commission, European Commission, NEPAD Agency, African Development Bank, Germany representing the G7, Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All), Power Africa, Italy, G20 presidency Turkey, and other high-level actors in the energy sector.

The CEO stressed that it was important to abide by the principles of African ownership, inclusiveness, information sharing, and capacity building.

Director of Infrastructure Energy at the AUC, Aboubakari Baba Moussa, said harmonisation and coordination of the various energy initiatives had rational cost-benefits, such as "to avoid duplication and overlapping activities".

Daniel Schroth, representing the AfDB, said Africa's energy challenges remain huge, with more than 600 million Africans not having access to electricity and 690 million still relying predominantly on solid fuels for cooking.

The meeting came as a follow-up to the SE4ALL Forum held in May 2015 in New York, which identified the need for coherent cooperation among different energy partners involved on the continent. The meeting is also critical as world leaders are preparing to adopt a new sustainable development agenda, which puts a strong focus on energy issues.



*Mr Aboubakari Baba Moussa (left) and Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki at the*

# African infrastructure investment top priority for continent

- Prof. Jeffrey Sachs



*“There is no choice, Africa needs 10 per cent per year economic growth over the next 15 years,”* said Professor of Economics, Jeffrey Sachs, at the Third Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, during an event organised by the NEPAD Agency and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) on July 13.

Sachs emphasised that closing Africa’s infrastructure gap was a top priority in order to put the continent on a path for double digit growth and sustainable development. The only way to achieve this, he said, *“was to focus on large-scale investments in transnational infrastructure projects in power, roads, broadband, and other core regional infrastructure needs.”*

For Africa to realise the 2030 timeframe, Sachs, who is also Director of the SDSN and Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the Millennium Development Goals, urged the global community to rally around the NEPAD agenda, as the continent’s strategy for implementing cross-border infrastructure projects. *“We need to help support NEPAD achieve its goals,”* he noted. The NEPAD Agency has identified Africa’s most important infrastructure needs within the context of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), which provides the framework to implement 51 priority programmes and projects in the sectors of energy, transport, broadband and trans boundary water.

Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency, Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, highlighted that Africa’s challenge was not a lack of resources, but a lack of bankable projects. *“We need to invest in the capacity to invest,”* he said. The CEO mentioned the complementary instruments that have been developed to build the necessary capacity for early-



stage project preparation and the Africa50 Fund to finance the implementation of PIDA and other regional infrastructure projects. Dr Mayaki also underscored the important role of the Regional Economic Communities in providing an enabling environment for project implementation through harmonised policies and regulatory frameworks.

Speaking on the issue of how to crowd-in investment, Sachs encouraged African economies to forge partnerships with East Asia, tap into capital markets, and strengthen continental bodies such as the NEPAD Agency and the African Development Bank.

Nobel laureate in economics Professor Joseph Stiglitz noted that financial markets have *“failed to translate pools of savings into productive investment”*. There was a need to better match these large-scale resources with financing priorities of developing countries. *“The world has the resources with which to do this. Allocating more of these resources to inclusive development would be good for the global economy,”* he stressed. The best way for Africa to achieve its infrastructure goals was to tap into a Global Infrastructure Investment Platform (GIIP), Stiglitz said. The objective of GIIP was to put forward an ambitious proposal that would allow long-term investors to ramp up their infrastructure asset holdings, with an allocation target of up to 10 percent of assets under management over a 15 year horizon.

The NEPAD Agency, SDSN, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Washington-based think tank, Brookings Institution, agreed to set up a working group that will move Africa’s regional infrastructure financing agenda forward.

## Agriculture can lift more people out of poverty than any other sector

“Agriculture can lift more people out of poverty than any other sector in Africa,” said Dr. Marcel Nwalozie, Head of the NEPAD Agency’s office in Senegal.

Dr. Nwalozie was addressing participants of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Information Support Seminar for Ministries of Agriculture in Dakar, Senegal.

Underscoring the catalytic role of agricultural in alleviating poverty Angelique Uwimana, Knowledge and Communication Officer, reported that in recent years rural poverty in Rwanda fell more than urban poverty due to an increase in agriculture. Between 2008 and 2012, rural poverty in Rwanda fell from 61.9 percent to 48.7 percent, and because of growth in agriculture, poverty fell by 12% since the adoption of CAADP in that country in 2009.

Participants highlighted that although the NEPAD Agency has supported several communication and information sharing initiatives there remains a need for greater coherence in communicating

diversification in production, as well as job creation.

Presentations from post-conflict countries like Madagascar and Congo-Brazzaville showed that conflict disrupts agricultural output and has a negative impact on food security and nutrition. Nonetheless, the implementation of CAADP in those countries is helping to turn the situation around by providing clarity on planning for priority areas.

In Rwanda, for example, before the adoption of CAADP in 2009, the national budget allocation towards agriculture was less than



agricultural messages across different sectors. Consistency and harmonisation in communicating CAADP – Africa’s agricultural transformation agenda - emerged as key in transforming agriculture for growth and inclusive development.

The aim of the seminar in Dakar was to raise the level of awareness of CAADP’s role in boosting agricultural growth in Africa. At the same time, participants were sensitized to CAADP’s Implementation Strategy and Roadmap to Achieve the 2025 Vision as contained in the 2014 Malabo Declaration and its commitments on agriculture for the next ten years.

Participants at the seminar also shared experiences on agriculture and CAADP’s impact, best practices and country-specific lessons. Issa Moussa, Director of Communications at the Ministry of Agriculture of Togo, reported that evidence from his country shows that there is a steady increase in job creation through agriculture. From the Mauritanian Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Abdellahi Zeyad, stated that since the adoption of CAADP in Mauritania, part of the impact on agriculture has been an increase in irrigation, which in turn has led to

3 percent, but the post-CAADP years have seen an increase of between 8 and 12 percent.

The seminar was attended by government communication representatives and media from 12 countries - Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d’Ivoire, Madagascar, Mauritania, Senegal, Togo, Rwanda, South Africa and Zambia.

The seminar concluded that National Agriculture Investment Plans are important sources of information for monitoring and evaluation, as well as key sources for crafting advocacy messages to boost agricultural growth in Africa.

## Science, technology and innovation continues to develop tools for prevention and cure of Ebola

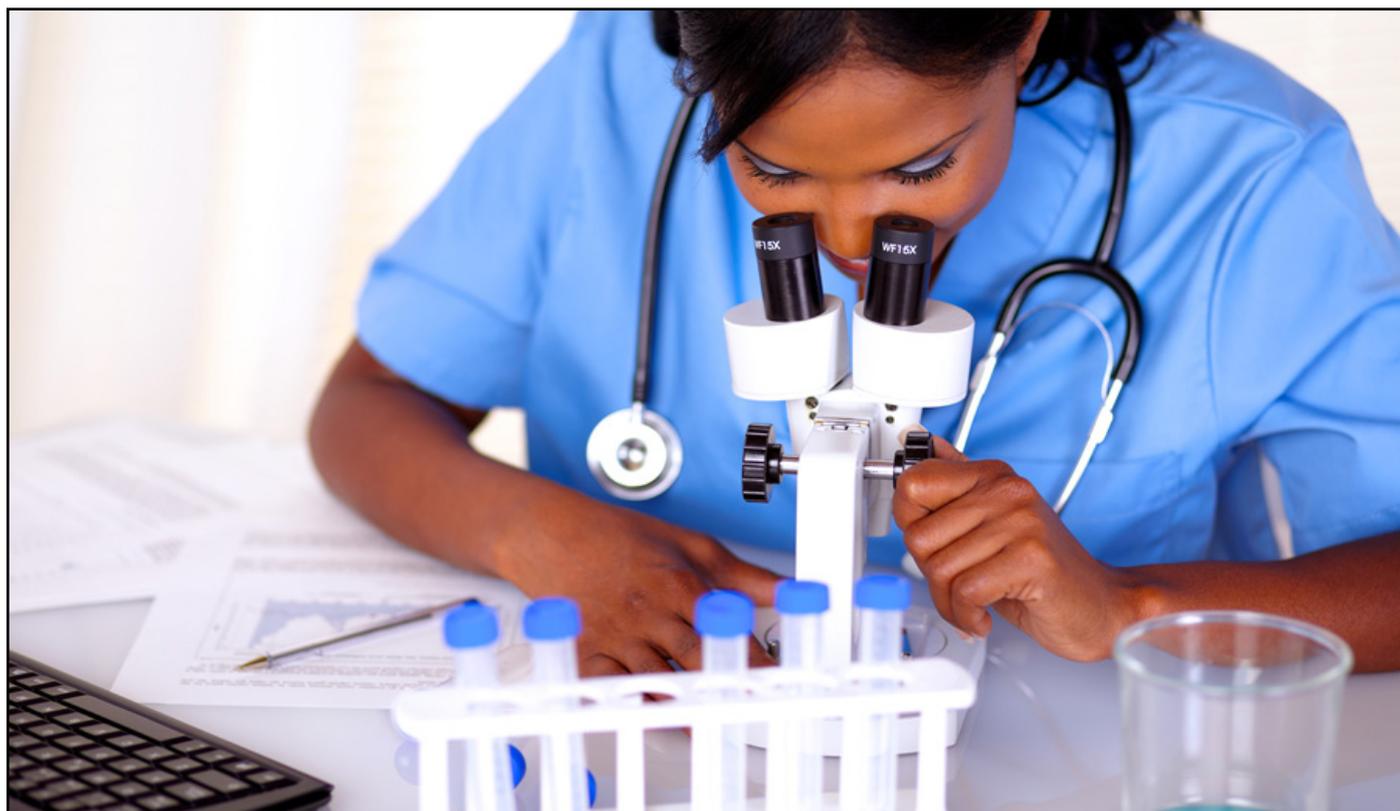
The outbreak of Ebola virus disease in parts of West Africa was the largest, longest, most severe, and most complex in the nearly four-decade history of the disease. It is in this context that the African Union Commission (AUC) organised the International Conference on Africa's fight against Ebola in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea under the theme "*Africa helping Africans in the Ebola Recovery and Reconstruction*".

The search for vaccines and other therapies against the disease still continues as some candidate drugs are being tested for their efficacy. Currently, there are clinical trials in the countries that were affected; seven clinical trials in Sierra Leone, two in Mali, and several applications have been submitted for approval to the National Medicines Regulatory Agencies in these countries. Applications for 15 other therapies have also been submitted for clinical trials in the affected countries, of which nine have been approved while six are still pending. Meanwhile, one clinical trial on an Ebola vaccine has been put on hold in Ghana pending a public awareness programme in order to clarify various misconceptions that are emerging from the general public about the trial.

To inform the Ebola conference on how the African Union will address future public health threats, the NEPAD Agency jointly with African Union Commission organised a side-event on innovative clinical trials to combat Ebola and other emerging health risks across Africa. The meeting titled "*Clinical Trials Oversight on Ebola therapies and Vaccines and other Neglected Tropical Diseases*" brought together experts from diverse disciplines to capture different experiences, recommendations for policy intervention, scientific undertaking and public participation and acceptance.

The side-event was aimed at mobilising the African National Medicines Regulatory Agencies and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to come up with strategies which will assist African Union Member States in facilitating development and regulation of new therapies and vaccines for the prevention and treatment of diseases that disproportionately affect African populations.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Aggrey Ambali, Head of NEPAD Science, Technology and Innovation Hub, highlighted that the AU Assembly January 2015 decision recognised the contributions of the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH) Initiative in regulatory capacity development in Africa. The AU decision further directed the NEPAD Agency and AUC in collaboration with the World Health Organization





***Prof Aggrey Ambali (left) addressing delegates and Dr. Margaret Ndomondo-Sigonda presenting on Regulatory Harmonisation in Africa***

to support the speedy evaluation of promising treatment options and vaccine candidates against Ebola Virus Disease through the AMRH Initiative.

*“Indeed, as we have moved into the post-Ebola epidemic era there is a need to mobilise scientists from all fields to continue with the task of finding approved vaccines and other therapies for Ebola and other neglected tropical disease. I emphasise that this is a task that requires mobilisation of all disciplines, including strong public engagement,”* he said

AUC Director of Social Affairs Ambassador Dr. Olawale Maiyegun reiterated that the conference on Ebola provided an opportunity for Africa to take action and progress towards achieving robust national health systems that are adequately staffed and financed, resilient to shocks and health threats, and that are able to reach all people with good quality preventive and curative services.

The meeting also heard presentations from the countries that had experienced Ebola outbreaks. Representatives from the affected countries (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mali, Ghana and Nigeria) had an opportunity to share the challenges and successes in the conduct of clinical trials in their respective countries in response to the outbreak.

The representatives also underscored the critical role that the RECs play in facilitating joint reviews, strengthening regulatory capacity building and the ethical clearance of vaccine clinical trials. They also discussed the challenges they faced in trying to combat the virus, such as the limited number of technical personnel, resources and infrastructure for the evaluation, and monitoring and implementation of clinical trials.

Mike Ward, WHO Coordinator for Regulatory Systems Strengthening, spoke on various measures taken by the organisation in the fight against Ebola. These included the creation of a task team on Ebola, a sub-regional Ebola Operations and coordination centre which would help to manage international responses, which acted as a platform for coordination of support to affected areas, facilitate research and development for advancement of therapies and vaccines component and support the countries to be prepared in tackling such challenges.

The outcomes and recommendations of the meeting fed into the agenda of the two-day International Conference on Africa’s fight against Ebola.

## Innovative NEPAD Project to boost nursing and midwifery skills across Africa comes to fruition

There is no doubt that nurses form the backbone of health service delivery in Africa, and that the quality of care is often dependent on the quality of nurses and midwives working in single-discipline clinics and other services. This was acknowledged by the resolution WHA54.12 of the World Health Organization assembly (WHO, 2002), which led to the adoption of five Key Result Areas (KRA) to strengthen nursing and midwifery services on the African continent.



The NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) in collaboration with the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and the University of South Africa (UNISA) will be evaluating the effectiveness of an ambitious project to strengthen nursing and midwifery skills across the continent.

The evaluation of Phase 1 will take a close look at the implementation of the project in the cluster of countries which include, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda and Tanzania. UNISA will lead the evaluation process, and will be supported by UKZN and the NPCA. Funding for the Phase 1 activities was provided by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

A group of experts, representing the various institutions involved, met on 30 June to discuss the workplan (roadmap) and the steps toward the implementation of the evaluation. The evaluation will mainly focus on the faculties of the host institutions where the project was implemented, the Ministries of Health and Higher Education, the regulatory bodies, health service facilities and the graduates who participated in the project. The outcome of the evaluation will assist the NPCA with successive phases in the implementation of the project in other African countries.

Phase 2 of the project is expected to broaden the scope of its outreach to countries in the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), i.e., Cameroon, Gabon and the Republic of Congo. Implementation in the Republic of Congo has already commenced with Cameroon and Gabon to start in 2016. Funding for the second Phase has also been provided by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Phase 3 of the Project will focus on the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), with Phase 4 focussing on the Arab Maghreb Union, which includes the northern African countries.

## Agriculture education key for development



***Prof Hamidou Boly***



***Dr Yacouba Sanon***

Agriculture is both an engine of economic development and a source of well being, but much of the African continent has failed to make good on the promise of improved farming know-how. The NEPAD Agency has recognised the empowerment of human capital as a pre-requisite for the successful implementation of our development programmes toward the African Transformation. Better education and training constitutes the corner stone of this transformation.

Under the theme “*Mainstreaming Agriculture Education Training into the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs) and the Malabo Declaration*”, the NEPAD Agency gathered from 22-25 July, west and central African agricultural education training leaders, Farmers associations, development partners, CAADP focal points, ECOWAS and ECCAS and UEMOA at the Yamoussoukro Polytechnic Institute to agree on the implementation of Agriculture Education, Skills Improvement Framework (AESIF) for achieving the CAADP Malabo goals.

Speaking at the workshop, Professor Hamidou Boly, NEPAD agricultural education and training coordinator, emphasised the critical role agricultural education can play on Africa’s socio-economic growth. “*Africa’s capacity to generate knowledge, foster learning, and enable development of skills among its workforce is the game changer*” he said.

The meeting focused on the 3 main key priorities of AISEF implementation, namely, institutional reforms for improving governance and management policies, new curricula development using ICT tools for e-training and partnership and resource mobilization through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).

Initiated by NEPAD, AISEF aims to transform Africa’s Agriculture Education and Training in order to improve the quality and quantity of required skills for the advancement of agricultural growth and achievement of CAADP and the Malabo Declaration goals.

“*The AISEF could not have come at a better and more urgent time, the framework is imperative for for the improvement of food and nutrition security, economic opportunity, prosperity, jobs and wealth creation and in turn the lives of Africans,*” said Dr Yacouba Sanon, ECOWAS Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, at the closing of the workshop

The session also offered participants the opportunity to review the state of agricultural education in Africa and deliberate on pertinent issues and initiatives related to it. The Institut National Polytechnique Felix Houphouet-Boigny (INP-HB) and Gabon were selected to establish regional networks in west and central Africa respectively, for lessons and knowledge sharing.

## Mauritius signs CAADP Compact to transform agriculture for inclusive economic growth

Mauritius has become the 15th member country in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) to sign its national Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Compact.

*“CAADP responds to the aspirations of Africa by placing agriculture as the engine of social and economic growth,”* said Mr. Mahen Kumar Seerutun, Mauritian Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security.

Speaking on behalf of the NEPAD Agency and the African Union Commission, Dr. Janet Edeme, Head of Rural Economy and Agriculture Division, expressed gratitude to Mauritius for building consensus among partners on necessary solutions to meet the challenges in agricultural development. Dr. Edeme also remarked that it is important that Africa commit its own resources towards the continent's development.

The signing of a CAADP Compact symbolises a commitment to investment in agreed key priority areas, and an overall vision for agricultural transformation. According to CAADP principles, these agricultural priorities are arrived at through an inclusive national round-table process. The priorities are by nature, results-based and reflect the views of all stakeholders in the country's agriculture sector.

The signing ceremony of the CAADP Compact was led by the Minister of Agro-Industry and



Food Security, Mahen Kumar Seerutun, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Etienne Sinatambou and COMESA's Assistant Secretary-General for Programmes, Dr. Kipyego Cheluget.

*“Africa boasts huge resources and economic potential, and therefore the role of both public and private sector in agriculture cannot be overemphasized,”* Dr. Cheluget said. He added, *“The Mauritius CAADP Compact will give impetus to other countries that have not already done so to sign their compacts and implement their National Agriculture Investment plan.”*

The national CAADP Compact was also signed by representatives of the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency, Small Farmers Welfare Fund, the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, the Ministry of Ocean Economy, the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Mr Sinatambou stressed that the CAADP process is in line with the Mauritian development priorities, with particular emphasis on biotechnology.

The ultimate goal of the CAADP process in Mauritius is to answer that call for the agricultural sector, by:

- Helping define a coherent long term framework to guide the planning and implementation of agricultural programmes; and
- Identifying strategic options and sources of economic empowerment and inclusive growth for the agricultural sector, and

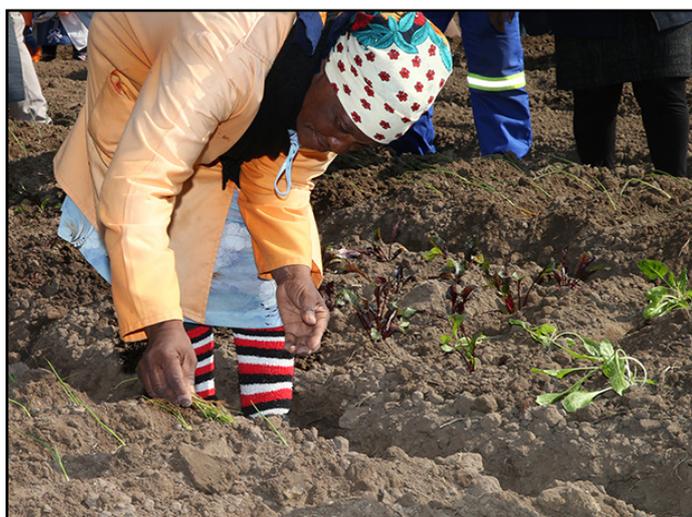
The CAADP Compact in Mauritius sets the parameters for long-term partnership in the agricultural sector. It also specifies key commitments on the part of government and development partners. Furthermore, the Compact clarifies expectations with respect to the agribusiness and farming communities in order to ensure successful implementation of the Government Programme 2015-2019.

## NEPAD helps communities in South Africa to adapt and mitigate climate change as part of the International Mandela Day

The eastern Free State province in South Africa is home to cattle, horses, ragged mountains and rich agriculture land. However, the increasing effects of climate change such as prolonged droughts have begun to threaten the livelihoods of many in this agriculture hub. To commemorate this year's Nelson Mandela International Day, the NEPAD Agency in partnership with the South African Weather Services, and the Department of Environmental Affairs, embarked on an outreach and awareness programme in the towns of Memel, Vrede and Warden.

Celebrated annually, Nelson Mandela International Day was officially adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2009 in recognition of the former president's birthday on July 18. The day has however become more than a celebration of Madiba's life and legacy, but has evolved into a global movement to honor his life's work by encouraging individuals and organizations to effect concrete actions in order to change the world for the better.

The NEPAD Climate Change Fund project in partnership with the South African Weather Services aims to train extension agents and farmers on the application of agro-meteorological information in order for information to be used to develop adaptation and mitigation strategies against continually changing climate. *"Our area is often facing prolonged droughts which results in bad crops, therefore the training by the South African Weather Service is very important to us,"* said Mrs. Motaung of Memel.



*A local woman helping plant a veggie garden*



*Honorable Thomson planting a veggie garden*

Representing the Director of Programme Implementation and Coordination Division within NEPAD at the event was Mr. Vincent Oparah. He stated that *"issues of climate change and land degradation on the African continent are very evident, given that they affect the lives of millions of people, especially in the rural communities, such as the one in Memel. It is paramount that communities throughout the continent be equipped with the right tools to adapt and mitigate the changing climate."*

The South Africa Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs, Ms. Barbara Thomson, highlighted the importance of engaging with communities on the ground on weather, climate and agrometeorological issues. She added that the issue of implementing a food security strategy is key when carrying out this campaign within rural communities. She also handed out vegetable seedlings for a community vegetable garden to the community of Zamani township on the outskirts of Memel courtesy of the NEPAD Climate Change Fund and the South African Weather Services.

The NEPAD Climate Fund was established in 2014 with support from the German government. The fund is aligned with African Union priority initiatives and frameworks namely the NEPAD Environmental Action Plan and the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Plan. It is open to national and provincial institutions of the African Union Member States and Regional Economic Communities. The fund is currently funding 22 projects across the African continent.

## NEPAD announces Goodwill Ambassador

NEPAD Agency Chief Executive Officer Dr Ibrahim Mayaki has announced the appointment of Clifford Spencer as NEPAD Goodwill Ambassador.

Dr. Mayaki said Mr. Spencer will be an excellent and eloquent advocate on NEPAD's development agenda given his strong commitment to the values and principles of NEPAD. His experience and talent will assist the NEPAD Agency reach out to and engage with important stakeholders, he added.

Mr Spencer expressed his gratitude on the appointment as NEPAD Goodwill Ambassador and emphasised that he will use his experience and expertise to drive the NEPAD Agenda forward.



Mr Spencer is a professional farmer with over 40 years' experience in global agriculture and is internationally recognised for developing alternative crops and agronomic practices. He has achieved several UK crop yield records and acted as the leading nucleus seed producer to all the major European plant breeders. Mr Spencer acted for over a decade as a senior adviser to the United Nations Foundation on agriculture and bioenergy and the development of affordable energy, through which he developed strategies for Africa in the areas of climate change, land, lakes and seas. He has served on a panel of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany and Processors and Growers Research Organisation and as a national judge for the Agricultural Trade Awards. He is a Barclays Bank Farm of the Year award winner, former Barclays Bank business judge, previous Chairman of a regional Farming Group for the UK Sustainable Strategy in Farming and Food and a UK Institute of Directors 'Director of the Month'. As Chief Executive Officer at the Global Biotechnology Transfer Foundation, Mr Spencer promotes awareness of the potential for biotechnology to support sustainable, long-term, socio-economic development. Upon leaving active farming Clifford became Head of Operations at the G4 Group and was responsible for operations in South America, Africa, India and China. He is listed in "Who's Who in the World 2015".

Mr Spencer is the first NEPAD Goodwill Ambassador appointment under Dr Mayaki's leadership.



*Clifford Spencer with NEPAD CEO, Ibrahim Mayaki*

## NEPAD Agency and UN Food Agency sign agreement to end malnutrition and hunger in Africa

The NEPAD Agency and United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on July 15, calling for strategic collaboration to end hunger and malnutrition in Africa.

The MoU was signed by Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency, Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, and WFP Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin, on the sidelines of the recently-concluded Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Under the terms of agreement, the NEPAD Agency and WFP will work with partners to build, develop and strengthen national and regional capacities related to the issues of food insecurity, hunger and malnutrition, as they affect the poorest and most vulnerable populations in Africa.

Specifically, the NEPAD Agency will work with WFP in the areas of research, home-grown school feeding, education, maternal/child nutrition, and dietary diversity.

WFP will also collaborate with the NEPAD Agency to fast-track the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). The objective of CAADP is to boost agricultural productivity by a least 6 per cent annually by increasing public investment in agriculture by a minimum of 10 per cent annually.

## Upcoming events

**08 – 11 September 2015:** Designing and Administrating Tax Policies in the Extractives Industries to Increase Revenue for Member States and Benefits Flows to Local Communities

**07 – 11 September 2015:** XIV World Forestry Congress, Durban, South Africa

**22 – 23 October 2015:** Africa Global Partnership Platform Inauguration, Dakar, Senegal

**12 – 16 October 2015:** Africa Week at the UN General Assembly, New York, USA

**30 October:** 6th Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security, Kampala, Uganda

**11 – 17 November 2015:** PIDA Week, Abidjan, Ivory Coast

**30 November – 11 December 2015:** 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21), Paris, France

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### Proverb



#### Malagasy Proverb ~

Advice is a stranger; if he's welcome he stays for the night; if not, he leaves the same day.

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