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26th OF THE NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNEMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC) HOLDS IN ADDIS ABABA



Addis Ababa, 30th January 2012 – The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Jean Ping, underlined the growing cooperation ties between NEPAD and the AUC. Chairperson Ping was speaking on 28 January 2012 while addressing the 26th meeting of the NEPAD Heads of

States and Governments Orientations Committee (HSGOC), at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Dr. Ping stressed on the need to consolidate the collaboration between NEPAD and the Regional Economic Communities. He said “some efforts still needed to be made to enable the Agency work in a more efficient manner.

The HSGOC Summit opened in the presence of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia, President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea and Chairperson of the African Union, Mr. Abdoulaye Janneh, Executive Secretary of ECA and several other Heads of State of the NEPAD, and Commissioners of the AUC.

President Obiang in his opening remark acknowledged the great tool that this agency has become for Africa in terms of agriculture and infrastructure, saying that NEPAD was more than just a commitment of the African States

and that in turn it will enable the continent to reach its objectives through solidarity.



He congratulated Prime Minister Meles his good leadership in promoting African common position and interest in the international forums.

Prime Minister Meles who is also the Chairperson of the NEPAD HSGOC in his opening speech underlined the global financial crisis as one of the challenges Africa has to face, and said that NEPAD had to be part of the solution “. He explained that this year will mark the tenth anniversary of the NEPAD and the past ten years have been incredible in terms of learning, and NEPAD has been an inspiration for Africa, giving a new outlook of development with a dominance of partnership between States and the civil society. He said the year 2012 marks the beginning of the second decade for NEPAD.

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, on his part stated that the Regional Coordination Mechanism brings together agencies working in Africa in support of African Union and Its program to promote cooperation and coherence in their activities.

The agenda of this 26th NEPAD summit included: African Regional Infrastructures based on the PIDA, the implementation status of the presidential infrastructure champions initiative and the review of Africa’s partner engagements.

The New Partnership for Africa’s Development was established in Algiers during the 36th Conference Summit of AU Heads of State and Governments in 2000.

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