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Overview

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- **NEPAD is now better focused and structurally better aligned as a technical agency of the African Union**
- **NEPAD has achieved a lot but we need to collectively tell the story better**
- **Concrete action and tangible support are needed in many areas of NEPAD**
- **The Regional Coordination Mechanism in Africa provides a platform for strong and effective UN system support to NEPAD**
- **UNCTAD has a critical role to play in supporting NEPAD**

NEPAD is now better focused and better aligned

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- **NEPAD fully integrated in the structure and processes of AU**
 - NEPAD Coordination Unit created at AUC
 - Establishment of NPCA as technical body of AU in replacement of NEPAD Secretariat
 - Sub-Committee of NEPAD created within AU Permanent Representative Committee (PRC)
- **NPCA has a clearly articulated Strategic Direction**
- **Renewed momentum in the implementation of NEPAD**

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- **Building consensus and promoting regional and international cooperation and action in support of Africa's development**
- **Promoting the development of agriculture through CAADP**
- **Infrastructure development—PIDA and PICI**
- **Promoting good governance across Africa**

NEPAD is building regional and international cooperation in support of Africa

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- **Improved Coherence and Coordination of Donor Support**
- **Development of Common African Positions on Global Issues (Aid Effectiveness, Climate Change)**
- **Development of Continental Programmes across Sectors (PIDA, CAADP, etc.)**
- **Supporting Africa at key international forums, G8, G20, etc**

Promoting the development of agriculture through CAADP

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- **CAADP widely viewed as the most successful NEPAD programme**
- **Country CAADP Implementation Process: 30 country compacts; 23 Investment Plans; 20 Business Meetings; Regional compact in ECOWAS – process underway in IGAD and EAC**
- **Investment Financing: 11 countries have received GAFSP Financing (\$736.3 million); increased bilateral commitment to agriculture; Private Sector financing – Grow Africa, Multi-Donor Trust Fund in support of CAADP**
 - Technical Knowledge Support
 - Expert pools (over 60 African specialists) so far supported about 30 countries
 - Country M&E Nodes and accountability systems in place in 11 countries
- **South-South Cooperation**
 - China – research & technology development; joint work with African Centres
 - Brazil – cooperation in area of Agric and climate change; Sustainable Land-Water Management

Developing regional infrastructure— PIDA and PICI

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- **Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI). Presidents championing 7 continental flagship projects**
 - Trans-Sahara Highway (Algeria)
 - Optic fibre from Algeria to Nigeria (Algeria)
 - Nigeria – Algeria Gas Pipeline (Nigeria)
 - Dakar – Ndjamena-Djibouti Rail/Road Project (Senegal)
 - North-South Corridor Road/Rail Project (South Africa)
 - Kinshasa-Brazzaville Bridge Road/Rail Project (Rep. of Congo)
 - ICT Broadband Fibre Optic Network (Rwanda)
- **All projects are in various stages of implementation**
- **Transport and Trade Facilitation: One-Stop Border Posts being created (e.g. at Chirundu between Zimbabwe and Zambia); harmonisation of working hours at border posts, harmonised customs documents, etc.**
- **Progress has been made in implementing some NEPAD projects, e.g.:**
 - Ouesso –Souanke- Sangmelima road (linking Gabon and Cameroon): financing secured
 - Kante (Togo) – Burkina Faso Border road project (completed)
 - Millennium Dam (Ethiopia): part of PIDA projects in the energy sector – good example of domestic resource mobilisation, construction underway
 - 9 countries have officially launched NEPAD e-Schools Project
 - 100 schools in 15 countries have had computers and printers and internet connectivity installed

Promoting good governance across Africa

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- **African Peer Review Mechanism**
 - ▣ 14 countries have been peer reviewed
 - ▣ 30 countries have acceded to APRM
- **Renewed role for NEPAD in implementation of National Programmes of Action**

Strong support and action are needed in many areas of NEPAD

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- **Structural**
 - Supporting the ongoing efforts to strengthen multilevel, multistakeholder coordination
 - Establishing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for NEPAD projects and programmes
 - Establish and empower implementation structures at national and regional levels
- **Political**
 - More advocacy to promote buy-in and strengthen political will
 - Support for the alignment national plans with NEPAD
 - Promoting active private sector involvement in the implementation of NEPAD
 - Taking action to enhance communication of NEPAD
- **Economic and financial**
 - Providing financial resources and enhancing capacity for domestic resource mobilization
 - To implement NEPAD programmes and projects;
 - For effective functioning of NEPAD Agency

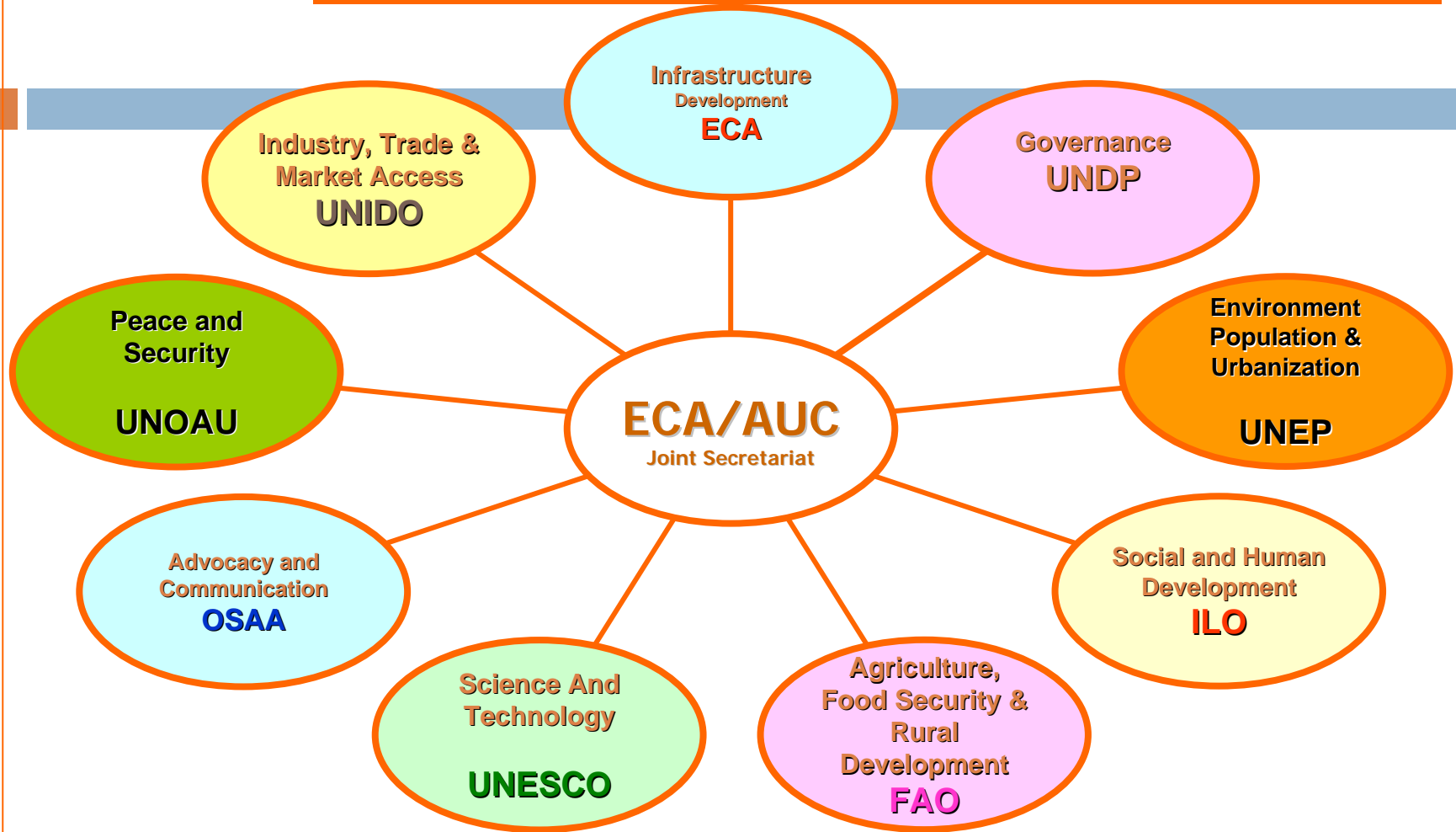
RCM-Africa-a platform for strong and effective UN system support to

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NEPAD

- **Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) in Africa provides a framework for coordinating UN support to AU and its NEPAD Programme**
- **Enhances coherence, helps avoid duplication and optimise collective impact of the work of individual organisations**
- **AUC, NPCA, and RECs are members of RCM-Africa**
- **Clusters are implementing Business Plans aligned to AU and NEPAD priorities**
- **Support to NEPAD could be channeled through the work of clusters.**
- **SRCMs are also being established: provide platform for coordinated UN support to RECs – one of the main implementers of NEPAD**

Clusters of RCM-Africa



Each of the 9 Clusters of RCM-Africa is Co-ordinated by the AU Commission

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- **Direct support to NEPAD Agency – especially on trade issues**
- **Support implementation of NEPAD programmes such as CAADP, and PIDA (trade and transport facilitation component)**
- **Stronger participation in the Industry, Trade and Market Access Cluster (ITMA) of RCM-Africa**
- **Action Plan for the Continental Free Trade Area in Africa provides an entry point into work of ITMA**

Way Forward

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- **UNCTAD is encouraged to continue participating actively in the work of the Industry, Trade and Market Access Cluster (ITMA)**
- **UNCTAD's leadership role in UN Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity should facilitate its involvement in RCM since members of ITMA are also members of the UN Cluster**
- **The Secretariat fully support the approach to link the work of the UN Cluster with that of ITMA**

Thanks