NEPAD: Performance, Challenges and the Role of RCM-Africa

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Overview

- 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

- 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
NEPAD has achieved a lot but we need to tell the story better

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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 Nework (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

- 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

- **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 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 Coordinated by the AU Commission
UNCTAD has a critical role to play in supporting NEPAD

- 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

- 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
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