



AUDA-NEPAD
AFRICAN UNION DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Symposium Programme

28th January 2021

PROGRAMME

NEPAD@20 Symposium

Building “The Africa We Want”

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10:00 - 16:00 (GMT+2)



1. Context

The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) was established as a socio-economic flagship programme of the African Union (AU), adopted by African leaders at the 37th Summit of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) held in Lusaka, Zambia, in July 2001. NEPAD was designed to place Africa firmly on a progressive developmental trajectory leading to accelerated socio-economic development. The NEPAD programme had four primary objectives: to eradicate poverty; promote sustainable growth and development; integrate Africa in the world economy; and accelerate the empowerment of women. The implementation of NEPAD resulted in concrete positive development results in several socio-economic domains.

At the turn of the first decade of the millennium, the narrative of “Africa rising” gained momentum. However, shortly after these gains, the global economy started to experience slow growth, attributed to factors such as China’s slackened economic growth rate and the plummeting of prices for primary commodities globally. The uncertainties in the global economic environment saw many developed economies looking inwards to strengthen their respective financial systems. Subsequently, these occurrences lowered Africa’s growth trends and forecasts, thereby challenging the narrative of the continent’s resurgence. These development issues, amongst others, placed a demand on stakeholders to re-think their development priorities and strategies. In this context, Agenda 2063 was adopted by AU Member States as Africa’s development blueprint over a 50-year period. The First Ten Year Implementation Plan, running from 2013 to 2023, draws heavily from the experiences in the implementation of the NEPAD programme. In 2018, NEPAD transformed from the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency into the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) with the main aim to improve operational efficiency of the AU and move the continent closer to Africa’s new long-term vision – Agenda 2063.

The Report of President Paul Kagame on the institutional reforms of the AU presented to the Summit, proposed a number of recommendations. The report clearly articulated major strategic issues that the AU needs to address to deliver the promises of the Founding Fathers.



Five mutually inclusive strategies were recommended by President Kagame's report to address these issues:

1. Focus on selected Continental Priorities;
2. Realign AU institutions to implement selected priorities;
3. Manage AU effectively and efficiently at all levels;
4. Finance AU sustainably through African states funding; and
5. Connect with Africans.

At the 31st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of African Union Heads of State and Government in Nouakchott, Mauritania, July 2018, a decision was officially adopted to transform the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) into the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD). The establishment of AUDA-NEPAD is part of the overall institutional reforms of the AU to deliver against the development priorities articulated by the Union. AUDA-NEPAD is an African-owned and led continental agency, spearheading Agenda 2063. The decision on the African Union Development Agency is an affirmation by Member States of their commitment to own an instrument that will champion development support to countries and regional bodies in advancing their priorities through the implementation of Agenda 2063.

The Agency's mandate is to:

1. To coordinate and execute priority regional and continental projects to promote regional integration towards the accelerated realisation of Agenda 2063;
2. To strengthen capacity of African Union Member States and regional bodies;
3. To advance knowledge-based advisory support;
4. To undertake the full range of resource mobilisation, and
5. To serve as the continent's technical interface with all Africa's development stakeholders and development partners.

Almost two decades on, there is need to reflect on the successes, achievements and challenges in the implementation of NEPAD and examine the relevance and future of the first continental development agency. It is against this background that AUDA-NEPAD is



organising a high-level symposium to assess NEPAD implementation over the past 20 years and the capacities needed to support implementation of the first continental development agency, AUDA-NEPAD.

2. Core Objectives

The objectives of the symposium are to:

- Examine the achievements and challenges of NEPAD since its inception in 2001;
- Serve as a platform for high-level policy debate and discourse among prominent African scholars and thought leaders on the past two decades and provide forward-looking guidance to the first continental development agency;
- Facilitate coalition building and leverage partnerships through a cross-section of African stakeholders and strategic partners in support of AUDA-NEPAD's new mandate.

3. Anniversary Event Configuration

The virtual event will comprise of a high-level Roundtable and panels to brainstorm on the past of NEPAD and future of AUDA-NEPAD. Specifically, the Symposium will provide a platform for frank exchange on NEPAD and the newly established African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, with African Heads of States, scholars and eminent persons as lead discussants. The Symposium will also feature cross-sectoral roundtables on stakeholder groupings.

4. Proposed Date

The date of the event is 28 January 2021.



5. Expected Participants and Attendees

African Presidents and former Heads of State, Under-Secretaries of the UN, representatives of NEPAD country offices, Representatives of all spheres of African society and the international development community including African Stakeholders: AU Members States, AUDA-NEPAD Steering Committee Members, African Vice-chancellors and scholars, thought leaders, Members of African national and regional Parliaments; AUC and other AU Organs, RECs, AUDA-NEPAD National Offices and Associations, ex-NEPAD CEOs/Deputy CEOs; Inter-governmental bodies, CSOs, Private Sector Organizations, the African Diplomatic Corps; Women's and Youth Organizations, Africans in the Diaspora and Media.

Thursday, 28 January 2021 (GMT+2)

10h00 – 10h10

Welcome Address

H.E Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of the African Union

10h10 – 10h30

Message

H.E. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the People's Republic of Algeria
H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, Chairperson of the NEPAD HSGOC
H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission

10h30 – 12h10

High-Level Roundtable

Moderator: Dr. KY. Amoako, Founder and President of the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), former Executive Secretary of UNECA

- H.E Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- H.E Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, former President of the Republic of Liberia and Nobel Prize Laureate
- H.E. Hamdi Sanad Loza, Deputy Foreign Minister for African Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt
- Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank
- Dr. Vera Songwe, United Nations Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa
- Ms. Cristina Duarte, United Nations Under Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General, OSAA
- Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, AUDA-NEPAD

- **Topics for reflection:**

- A Period of Change: 2001-2021
- NEPAD@20: Achievements, Successes and Challenges
- Reflections on Africa's Renaissance
- Towards the Africa We Want. Where are we now?
- Drivers for Inclusive Development
- Future relevance of AUDA-NEPAD in the Post-COVID-19 world

- **Interactive discussion with the audience**



12h10 - 13h15

Where are we? Where are we going? AUDA-NEPAD and Regional Experience Sharing

Moderator: *Mrs. Gnounka Diouf, Minister in charge of Economic Affairs, Office of H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal*

Lessons learned from the reform and implementation of AUDA-NEPAD – *Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of AUDA-NEPAD*

Lessons learned from the implementation of APRM - *Prof. Eddy Maloka, CEO, APRM*

Experience sharing from NEPAD Country Offices – *Dr. Samori A. Okwiya, CEO, NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat and Hon. Princess Gloria Akobundu, National Coordinator/CEO, NEPAD Nigeria*

Experience sharing from the RECs - *Dr. Mohamed Ali Guyo, IGAD Special Envoy for the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Somalia - Mr. Pathe Gueye, ECOWAS Commissioner for Infrastructure*

Beneficiary of the AUDA-NEPAD Programmes - *Mrs. Stella Doggima, Project Coordinator, FOCWED Cameroon*

Milestones of the last decade - *Amb. Bankole Adeoye, former Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the African Union*

13h15 - 13h45

Musical interlude - Health Break

Musical performance by Yvonne Chaka Chaka, NEPAD Goodwill Ambassador for TB and Nutrition, The Princess of Africa

13h45 – 14h45

What's next? Resilience building in the Post-COVID-19 era

Moderator: *Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author*

Looking to the Future: Priorities for the next decade to come – *Dr. Jonathan Moyer, Director, PARDEE Centre for International Futures*

The role of pan-African institutions in a Post COVID-19 World - *Dr. John Nkengasong, Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)*

Building back better economies – Priorities for the next decade to come – *H.E. Albert Muchanga, AUC Commissioner, Trade and Industry*

Realising the African Continental Free Trade Area during and after the Pandemic – *Prof. Landry Signe, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institutions*

Defining Africa's future by leapfrogging the 4th Industrial Revolution and Emerging Technologies – *Prof. Wim de Villiers, Vice-Chancellor, University of Stellenbosch*

The Critical Role of Women and Youth in Building a Resilient Post-COVID-19 Future – *Prof. Thuli Madonsela, Law Trust Chair in Social Justice and Law Professor at the University of Stellenbosch*



14h45 - 15h45

Partnerships for impact in a Post-COVID-19 world

Ensuring Access to Safe, Quality and Affordable Medical Products and Technologies in times of COVID-19 - *Representative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)*

Financing of Continental and Cross-Border Infrastructure during and after COVID-19 - *Representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB)*

Developing the Skills for the Africa We Want - *Representative of GIZ*

Providing African MSMEs with a triple service of training, access to finance and marketplace facilitation - *Representative of Ecobank*

Integrating smallholder farmers into the mainstream economy during and after COVID-19 - *Representative of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)*

Innovating with African Homegrown Solutions - *Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)*

15h45 - 16h00

Closing

Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD