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High-Level Meeting on Regional Integration and the Establishment of a Sub-Regional Coordination Mechanism for the UN System-Wide Support to AU and its NEPAD Programme and RECs in Eastern and Southern Africa.

***SERENA HOTEL, Kigali, Rwanda
19-20 March 2010***

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Friday, 19 March 2010

8.00 – 09.00 : Registration of Participants

09.00 – 10.00 : Opening Ceremony

- Welcome Remarks, by H.E. Louise Mushikiwabo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda
- Statement by H.E. Bernard Kamilius Membe (MP), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Tanzania, representing the East African Community
- Statement by H.E. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of ECA
- Opening Speech by the Guest of Honor

10.00 – 10.15 : Coffee Break

Part One: Establishment of the Sub-Regional Coordination Mechanism

10.15 – 10.45: Report of the Outcomes of the 10th Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM): Challenges and Opportunities, *by Mr Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director of the Economic Development and NEPAD Division (EDND), ECA, and Coordinator of the RCM Secretariat.*

10.45 – 11.15: The SRCM: A Possible Configuration, *by Ms Jennifer Karbgo, Director of SRO-SA, ECA*

11.15 – 11.45: Presentation on Regional Directors Team: Lessons from the UNDAF Process and the Sub-Regional Coordination Mechanism, *by Ms Elizabeth Fong, Regional Directors Team, Johannesburg*

11.45 – 12:15: Multi-Year Programmes: A Compact with Regional Economic Communities, *by Mr Antonio Pedro, Director of SRO-EA, ECA*

12.15 – 13:15: Building Partnerships for Regional Integration in Eastern and Southern Africa: Some Experiences from the RECs

- Dr. Tomaz Salomao, Executive Secretary of SADC
- Ambassador Eng. Mahboub M. Maalim, Executive Secretary of IGAD
- Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Executive Secretary of ICGLR
- Ambassador Gabriel Toyi, Executive Secretary of CEPGL
- Ambassador Juma Mwapachu, Secretary General of EAC
- Mr Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General of COMESA
- Mr Rajendranath Mohabeer, Charge de Mission at IOC

13:15 – 14.30: Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.30: Working Group on the SRCM Framework

16.30 – 16.45: Coffee Break

16:45-18:30: Report of the Working Group and Discussions

18:30 – 19:00: Way Forward and Next Steps

19:30 – 21:00: Reception

Saturday, 20 March 2010

Part Two: Forum on Regional Integration

09:00 – 09:30: Presentation on the Overview of the 4th Edition of the Report on Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA IV) on Intra African Trade, *by Mr Joseph Atta-Mensah, Officer-in-Charge of the Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division (RIITD), ECA*

09:30 – 10:00: Presentation of the Report on the Regional Integration Landscape in Eastern Africa, *by Mr Birane Cisse, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-EA, ECA*

10:00 – 10:30: Mainstreaming Regional Integration in National Development Policies: An Example of Southern Africa, *by Ms Jennifer Kargbo, Director of SRO-SA, ECA*

10:30 – 10:45: Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:15: Report of the Partners' Workshop on the Food Security Programme for Eastern Africa (ICGLR, IGAD, EAC, CEPGL), *by Ms Daya Bragante, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-EA, ECA*

11:15 – 12:15: Towards a Framework for Collaboration Between Development Corridors Within Eastern and Southern Africa, *by Mr Godfrey Matata Onyango, Executive Secretary of TTCA*

12:15 – 12:45: Report of the Workshop on Building a Comprehensive Policy and Regulatory ICT Infrastructure and Implementation in Eastern and Southern Africa, *by Mr Mactar Seck, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-EA, ECA*

12:45 – 14:30: Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:30: Public Debate on Regional Integration in Eastern Africa

Participants:

- H.E. Louise Mushikiwabo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rwanda
- H.E. Monique Mukaluriza, Minister in charge of EAC, Rwanda
- H.E. Bernard Kamilius Membe (MP), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Tanzania, representing the East African Community
- Mr Antonio Pedro, Director of SRO-EA, ECA
- Ambassador Juma Mwapachu, Secretary General of EAC
- Ambassador Eng. Mahboub M. Maalim, Secretary General of IGAD
- Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Executive Secretary of ICGLR
- Ambassador Gabriel Toyi, Executive Secretary of CEPGL

16:30 – 17:00: Coffee Break

17:00 – 17:30: Conclusions and Recommendations

17:30– 18:00: Closing of the Meeting