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Ten years on...NEPAD's track record shows success



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Ten years after its establishment, NEPAD appears to have recorded major success. NEPAD Agency in Midrand lists out the following as the key ones:

NEPAD's track record shows that without NEPAD, Africa would not have recorded the following successes:

- There would be no method for African countries to review each other's governance and hold each other to account;
- No African government would be pushed to allocate 10 per cent of its national budget to agriculture as is required by the Com-

prehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and 27 countries would not have signed the CAADP compact;

- A pan-African policy mechanism for reforms in the fisheries sector would not be in existence;

- Close to 100 primary and secondary schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Ghana, Rwanda, Senegal, Nigeria and Kenya will not have benefitted in 10 years from 20 or more PCs;

- \$1.5 million would not have been allocated to train nurses and midwives to post-graduate level;

- Over 300 African students would not have received high-level education on mathematical sciences through the African Institute of Mathematical Sciences, which is supported by African Universities in collaboration with the likes of Cambridge and Oxford;

- There would be no system to harmonise how medicines in Africa are registered, reducing a huge number of counterfeit medicines on the continent;

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- There would be no research into herbal remedies to treat HIV/AIDS through the African Bioscience Initiative;
- Hundreds of thousands of women will not have benefitted from 20 million Euros, disbursed to empower women in knowledge development, education, access to HIV/AIDS prevention or ICT skills through the Nepad Spanish Fund;
- There would be no forum to discuss how regional integration, trade and infrastructure can be harmonised and improved through initiatives such as the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa;
- There would be no strategic and harmonised lobbying, advocacy and knowledge sharing on behalf of Africa in areas such as debt relief, climate change and increased market access for African exports;
- There would be no framework to streamline capacity development activities across the continent;
- The Timbuktu Manuscripts would not have been preserved and there would be no attempts to digitise them as part of many Nepad-inspired cultural initiatives.

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The MEAs Project train African negotiators

As part of its activities, the EC-ACP Capacity Building Project on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs Project) in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the United

Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) conducted a training workshop for African negotiators on the UNCCD in Algiers, Algeria, from the 10-11 September 2011.

The objective of the training was to improve and strengthen the existing framework of African negotiations on the UNCCD Convention, to strengthen their negotiation capacities to speak from a common platform, and to better prepare them for future negotiations so that Africa's interests would be better defended during the upcoming and other UNCCD COPs.

From the 15-16 September 2011, MEAs Project in collaboration with UNEP held another training workshop for African negotiators on the INC for Mercury in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The objective of this training was to assist African Mercury negotiators to adequately prepare for future INCs to ensure that the needs of Africa are taken on board in the final instrument and that the interests of Africa are adequately addressed. The training also served to sensitize Government representatives present at the workshop on the importance and necessity of negotiating a legally binding instrument on Mercury in view of the risks faced by Africans coupled with their low awareness towards this toxic substance.

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Upcoming Event

- Third Africa Regional Meeting on Development Effectiveness
28-30 Sep 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- ASTII Training Workshop
3 - 6 Oct 2011, Cameroon
- World Business Forum
5-6 Oct 2011, New York, United States

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