

WHAT IS NEPAD?

The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) is a VISION and STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR AFRICA'S RENEWAL.

WHAT ARE THE ORIGINS OF NEPAD?

The NEPAD Strategic Framework arises from a mandate given to the Heads of State of Algeria, Egypt, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to produce a single plan for Africa's renewal, merging initiatives developed by President Mbeki of South Africa and President Wade of Senegal. The 37th Summit of the OAU in July 2001 formally adopted the Strategic Policy Framework.

WHAT IS THE NEED FOR NEPAD?

NEPAD is designed to address the current challenges facing the African continent. Issues such as the escalating poverty levels, underdevelopment and the continued marginalization of Africa needed a new radical intervention, spearheaded by African leaders, to develop a new vision that would guarantee Africa's renewal.

WHAT ARE THE NEPAD PRIMARY OBJECTIVES?

- To eradicate poverty in Africa and to place African countries, both individually and collectively, on a path of sustainable growth and development and thus halt the marginalization of Africa in the globalization process;
- To promote the role of women in all activities.

WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF NEPAD?

- Good governance as a basic requirement for peace, security and sustainable political and socio-economic development;
- African ownership and leadership, as well as broad and deep participation by all sectors of society;
- Anchoring the development of Africa on its resources and resourcefulness of its people;
- Partnership between and amongst African peoples;
- Acceleration of regional and continental integration;
- Building the competitiveness of African countries and the continent;
- Forging a new international partnership that changes the unequal relationship between Africa and the developed world; and

- Ensuring that all Partnerships with NEPAD are linked to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other agreed development goals and targets.

WHAT ARE THE NEPAD PRIORITIES?

a. Establishing the Conditions for Sustainable Development by ensuring

- Peace and security;
- Democracy and good political, economic and corporate governance;
- Regional co-operation and integration;
- Capacity building.

b. Policy reforms and increased investment in the following priority sectors

- Agriculture;
- Human development with a focus on health, education, science and technology and skills development;
- Building and improving infrastructure, including Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Energy, Transport, Water and Sanitation;
- Promoting diversification of production and exports, particularly with respect to agro-industries, manufacturing, mining, mineral resources and tourism;
- Accelerating intra-African trade and improving access to markets of developed countries;
- The environment.

c. Mobilizing resources by

- Increasing domestic savings and investments;
- Improving management of public revenue and expenditure;
- Improving Africa's share in global trade;
- Attracting foreign direct investment; and
- Increasing capital flows through further debt reduction and increased flows of Official Development Assistance (ODA) flows.

WHAT DOES THE STRUCTURE FOR IMPLEMENTING NEPAD LOOK LIKE?

NEPAD is a programme of the African Union (AU) designed to meet its development objectives. The highest authority of the NEPAD implementation process is the Heads of State and Government Summit of the African Union.

The Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee (HSGIC) comprises 4 states per AU region. The five initiating countries are permanent members. Otherwise, membership is rotating, and currently, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Sudan and Rwanda represent the East African region. The Steering Committee of NEPAD comprises the Personal Representatives of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government who sit on the HSGIC. The NEPAD Steering Committee oversees projects and programme development.

The day-to-day running of NEPAD is the responsibility of the NEPAD Secretariat based in Midrand, South Africa. It coordinates implementation of projects and programmes approved by the HSGIC.

HOW DOES KENYA PARTICIPATE IN NEPAD?

In Kenya, implementation of the NEPAD initiative was institutionalized through a Presidential Executive Order in 2002, which established a National Steering Committee (NSC) to spearhead Kenya's participation in the NEPAD process. The Mandate of the NSC is:

- a. To intensify Kenya's participation in the activities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) at all appropriate levels;
- b. To oversee regional projects that have a direct link with national priorities;
- c. To co-ordinate priority projects identified in the Poverty Reduction Strategy paper (now Vision 2030) and NEPAD;
- d. To oversee the implementation of Kenya's national development goals in relation to NEPAD priorities;
- e. To market the NEPAD initiative among the business community in Kenya and
- f. To give direction to the National Secretariat which shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the National Steering Committee.

Subsequently, in 2003, the NEPAD Kenya Secretariat was established as a semi-autonomous agency in the then Ministry of Planning and National Development (now Ministry of State for Planning, National Development and Vision 2030) to serve as an operational coordinating secretariat for the implementation of the NEPAD priority programmes and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). In addition, at the 2nd Eastern Africa Region Heads of State and Government Summit on NEPAD held in Nairobi in October 2003, Kenya was given a mandate to be the Regional Coordinator of NEPAD activities in Eastern Africa as an interim measure.

HOW DOES NEPAD COMPLEMENT KENYA'S OWN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT?

NEPAD and APRM are driven by the conviction that Africa's development problems and challenges can only be addressed by Africa's own commitment and concerted action. The NEPAD Strategic Policy Framework does not attempt to dictate how the various African countries should organize themselves to participate in the initiative. Rather it provides the policy and programme direction within which states, sub-regional bodies, and continental structures can operate and prioritise, adapt and design their own programmes according to their own needs and local realities. All initiatives promoted by individual African countries should be subsumed under the NEPAD process to represent a basis on which Africa can collectively and effectively cooperate with its development partners.

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITY PROGRAMMES OF NEPAD KENYA SECRETARIAT?

According to the Strategic Plan 2009-2014, priorities of NEPAD Kenya Secretariat include programmes linked to the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP), the NEPAD Short Term Action Plan (NEPAD STAP) for Infrastructure, the NEPAD Youth Entrepreneurial Development Programme, the NEPAD Women Economic Empowerment Programme, and regional coordination.

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