

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF H.E. PAUL KAGAME, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA, ON THE AUDA-NEPAD HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE (HSGOC)**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** of the report by H.E. Paul KAGAME, President of the Republic of Rwanda, the Chairperson of the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD);
2. **ENDORSES** the conclusions and recommendations of the 40th NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee;
3. **REASSERTS** the essential role played by the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) in the provision of political leadership and strategic direction to the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) and the NEPAD programme;
4. **REITERATES** the continued significance and relevance of AUDA-NEPAD as the African Union implementation Agency that is mandated to execute priority projects, promote regional integration towards the accelerated realisation of Agenda 2063 and strengthen the capacity of Member States and regional bodies; as well as to advance knowledge-based advisory support, undertake the full range of resource mobilisation, and serve as Africa's technical interface with all development stakeholders and partners;
5. **APPLAUDES** AUDA-NEPAD for the conceptualization and launch of the Energize Africa Initiative and reiterated its support for the rollout of the flagship programme; **ALSO APPLAUDS** the Agency for the conceptualization and development of the Triple Nexus Programme; **UNDERScores** the importance of having a strategic plan aligned to the Agenda 2063 2nd Ten Year Implementation Plan; **COMMENDS** the Agency for the ongoing Agenda 2063 evaluation exercise as well as the technical and financial support provided to Member States; **and REQUESTS** the AU Commission and AUDA-NEPAD working in close collaboration with Member States, RECs and partners to continue the work on the formulation of the 2nd Ten Year Implementation Plan Framework Document for adoption by the Mid-Year Coordination Meeting in July 2023 and the development of a normative framework by December 2023;
6. **RECALLS** the Decision taken by the Heads of State and Government to establish a Development Fund and in this regard, **REQUESTS** the Agency to prioritize the operationalization of the Fund;
7. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the **budgetary and financial challenges faced by** AUDA-NEPAD; **REITERATES** the urgent need for the Agency to be funded in a

predictable and sustainable manner, with the full ownership of the African Union Member States and in this regard, **URGES** Member States to substantially increase their voluntary contributions to the AUDA-NEPAD budget and **PROPOSES** exploring possible statutory funding for AUDA-NEPAD;

8. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 283 (VIV) on the need for the NEPAD Agency, as the technical body of the African Union, to have the required flexibility and agility to carry out its mandate; and **RECALLS FURTHER** Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1057(XXXV) of July 2019, which adopted the new proposed structure of AUDA-NEPAD and stated that the structure is to be implemented over a period of three years; and **RECOGNISES** the need for the Agency's structure to be fit-for-purpose, and more agile in assessing and responding to the development needs of Member States. To this effect **FURTHER REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD to accelerate the implementation of the ongoing internal reorganisation of its delivery model and explore with Member States the possibility of expanding its national and regional presence to accelerate the delivery of priority programmes of Agenda 2063;
9. **REAFFIRMS** its commitment to the implementation of the Abuja Declaration 15% target on domestic financing for health while transitioning away from dependence on partners' funding;
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission, AUDA-NEPAD and the Africa CDC to develop a fully costed Roadmap to 2030: "Sustaining the AIDS Response, Ensuring Systems strengthening and Health Security for the Development of Africa" and submit to the Assembly at its next session and **DECIDES** to hold an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly on Ending AIDS by 2030, and Addressing Preventable Maternal Deaths, Communicable, and Non-Communicable Diseases Endemic to the Continent, and Strengthening Health Systems by 2030, as soon as possible but not later than July 2024;
11. **CONGRATULATES** H.E. President Macky SALL for the successful hosting of the Dakar Financing Summit for Africa's Infrastructure Development in the Republic of Senegal from 2 to 3 February 2023; **ENDORSES** the Dakar Declaration; **FURTHER ENDORSES** the infrastructure financing summit to become a biennial financing conference; and **REQUESTS** AUDA-NEPAD in coordination with the AUC, African Development Bank (AfDB) and the RECs to set up a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the outcomes of the Dakar Financing Summit, in particular relating to the financial commitments and the execution of the PIDA PAP 2 projects and report to the next session of the Assembly.
12. **APPLAUDS** the sterling quality of AUDA-NEPAD technical output under the leadership of CEO Nardos Bekele-Thomas;
13. In line with the Rules of Procedures of the NEPAD Governance structures adopted by decision Ex.CL/Dec.1063(XXXV) and after due consultations by the HSGOC

Leaders, **ENDORSES** the election of H.E Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, as the Chairperson of the NEPAD HSGOC, as well as the four (4) Vice-Chairpersons for a single term of two (2) years. The position of fourth Vice-chairperson and Rapporteur will be held by the outgoing Chairperson of the NEPAD HSGOC and the three (3) other Vice-Chairpersons will be nominated after regional consultations;

14. **CONGRATULATES** H.E. Abdel Fattah Al Sisi as incoming Chairperson of the HSGOC and looks forward to his leadership of this governance structure.
15. **COMMENDS** H.E. Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda, for the results achieved during his mandate and **EXPRESSES** its profound gratitude for his exceptional leadership as the Chairperson of the NEPAD HSGOC.
16. **RECALLS** Article 7 of the AUDA-NEPAD Statute on the membership of thirty-three (33) Member States and **FURTHER ENDORSES** the renewed membership of the NEPAD HSGOC as follows:

Central Africa	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	West Africa
1. Cameroon	6. Ethiopia	11. Algeria*	16. Lesotho	21. Cote d'Ivoire
2. DRC	7. Kenya	12. Egypt*	17. Malawi	22. Ghana
3. Central Africa	8. Rwanda	13.	18. South Africa*	23. Guinea Bissau
4. Equatorial Guinea	9. Uganda	14.	19. Zambia	24. Nigeria*
5. Gabon	10. Tanzania	15.	20. Zimbabwe	25. Senegal*

* non-rotating Initiating Members

REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES	
26.	ECOWAS
27.	ECCAS
28.	IGAD
29.	UMA
30.	COMESA
31.	SADC
32.	EAC
33.	CENSAD