

NEPAD to transform into new AU Development Agency

The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) will become part of the African Union Development Agency, a new technical body with its own legal identity within the African Union, to advance the continent's development vision.



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At the recent 31st Ordinary Session of the Assembly of African Union Heads of State and Government in Nouakchott, Mauritania, African Heads of State and Government received several reports, including the status of the implementation of the AU Institutional Reforms presented by President Paul Kagame of Rwanda. President Kagame is the current chair of the African Union and the champion for the AU Institutional Reforms process.

During the Summit in Nouakchott, a decision was officially taken on the transformation of the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency into the African Union Development Agency.



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The Assembly approved the establishment of the African Union Development Agency as the technical body of the African Union with its own legal identity, defined by its own statute. The statute will be developed and presented for adoption at the next AU Summit in January 2019.

The Assembly commended the leadership of Senegalese President, H.E Macky Sall, current chairperson of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee, for reinforcing the credibility of NEPAD that has been acknowledged in the international community, including the G20 and the G7.

Goals

The current reforms at the AU are an affirmation by member states of their commitment to the NEPAD Agency as the Union's own instrument established to champion catalytic support to countries and regional bodies in advancing the implementation of the continent's development vision – as articulated in the seven aspirations and 20 goals of Agenda 2063.

“ UPDATE 6: on the just adopted [#AU](#) Budget 2019;Mauritania.

We've made great strides in predictable and reliable self-financing. Atleast 14 of our member states are collecting the 0.2% levy from eligible imported goods. Another 23 countries are at various stages of implementation.

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Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of the NEPAD Agency, stated that, “A core aspect of the current reforms is to streamline and improve effectiveness and efficiency in delivery in the implementation of AU decisions, policies and programmes across all AU organs and institutions. In this sense, as the NEPAD Agency is the technical implementation agency of the AU, one specific recommendation in the Kagame report is to transform it into the AU Development Agency.

“We are enthusiastic about this transformation, which will make it possible to deploy our programmes even more effectively in the service of our continent’s development.”

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