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Announcing the ASTII Initiative workshop

23-25 May 2011, United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 2, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The New Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD Agency) will, between the 23rd and 25th of May 2011, hold its African Science Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII) Initiative workshop to launch ASTIII Phase 2 and the African Innovation Outlook Series.

The African Science Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII) Initiative is a programme within the African Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA). The CPA was adopted in 2005 by the African Ministerial Council on Science and Technology (AMCOST) as a framework for science, technology and innovation (STI) to respond to the socio-economic challenges facing the continent.

The first phase of the ASTII programme ran from 2007 to 2010 and was designed to serve as a learning mechanism, giving nineteen African Union member States the means and opportunity to engage in mutual learning and sharing to improve the measurement of science, technology and innovation. The second phase of ASTII will commence in 2011 and will be open to wider participation from the remaining African Union member states.

The AU Commissioner for Human Resources Science and Technology and the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency will launch the African Innovation Outlook Series and officially launch the second phase of the ASTII project during the workshop.

The meeting will among other things reflect on notable achievements of ASTII to date.

Members of the media are hereby invited to attend:

1. The Official opening ceremony: 23 May 2011

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30am

Speakers will include ministers, high-level representatives from the NEPAD Agency, UNESCO, ASTII Phase 1 Countries and research institutions

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2. A press briefing with the participation of NEPAD Agency CEO and the AU Commissioner for HRST will be held on Tuesday 24 May 2011
3. The closing ceremony: Wednesday 25 May 2011
Time: 12:20 -13: PM

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