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AUC/ ECA organise working breakfast on Cost of Hunger in Africa



Executive Secretary of the ECA and Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, Commissioner for Social Affairs of the African Union.

Representatives from the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), World Food Program (WFP), and NEPAP met on 26 March 2013 at a working breakfast in Hotel Ivoire, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, to discuss the issue of Cost of Hunger in Africa.

Participants were addressed by Mr. Carlos Lopez, UN Under Secretary General and

The working breakfast was aimed at presenting the results of the four pilot countries to Ministers of participating countries; engaging Ministers for pilot countries in the study and result dissemination; renew interest in the COHA study in anticipation of upcoming six rollout countries and discuss possibilities for regional policy frameworks for nutrition.



the region“ he stated.

In his speech, Commissioner Kaloko underlined that the Cost of Hunger in Africa project is a multi-country study aimed at estimating the economic and social costs of child undernutrition. “This study has the potential to help shape the future of

The Cost of Hunger Study in Africa (COHA) is being led by the African Union Commission (AUC), Department of Social Affairs, within the frame of the Revised African Regional Nutrition Strategy (2005-2015), the objectives of the African Task Force on Food and Nutrition Development (ATFFND) and the principles of the AU/NEPAD's CAADP Pillar. The project is being supported by the UN Economic Commission for Africa and the World Food Programme (WFP).



The study was initiated in four pilot countries (Egypt, Ethiopia, Swaziland and Uganda), and will be followed by eight additional roll-out countries (Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritania, and Rwanda).

Worth recalling that in December 2012, the African Task Force for Food and Nutrition Security reviewed and validated the adapted Cost of Hunger methodology for Africa at a meeting in Malawi.

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