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AUC DREA prepares its 2014-2017 Strategic and Operational Plan



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The African Union Commission (AUC)' Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA) is holding a planning retreat to develop its Strategic and Operational Plan 2014-2017.

The DREA Strategic Plan is based on the AUC Strategic Plan 2014-2017, which was endorsed by the

AU Heads of State and Government during their Summit on 26 May 2013.

The Strategic and Operational Plan of DREA is expected to be completed by December 2013. The ongoing planning meeting is expected to produce a draft Action Plan and Budget. Consequently, the draft plan will be shared with DREA stakeholders and partners in a validation meeting scheduled for September – October 2013, after which it will be refined and will act as a guide for DREA from January 2014-2017.

Opening the meeting, the Commissioner of Rural Economy and Agriculture, Mrs. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace welcomed and thanked staff for attending the planning retreat which she said, was timely and pertinent in DREA's pursuit of strategic areas of intervention towards contributing to the realization of the overall AUC priority goals.

“Early completion of this strategy will pave the way for DREA's efficient and effective implementation of the relevant decisions of AU Policy Organs in delivering on the department's mandate within that of the Commission for Africa's prosperity,” she said.

DREA has a renewed spirit and is actively implementing the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) while looking ahead to the next 50 years of African integration, self-reliance and prosperity.

DREA is further cognizant that its role on the continent will lead Africa to be able to attain agricultural development, food and nutrition security, environmental sustainability and contribution to socio-economy stability.

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