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**Visiting Kazakhstan Ambassador discusses areas of cooperation with AUC
Commissioner of Rural Economy and Agriculture**

April 14, 2014, Addis Ababa- The African Union Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture Mrs. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace received His Excellency Berik Aryn, the Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Friday, 11 April 2014 at her office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to discuss areas of cooperation.

Ambassador Aryn and Mrs. Tumusiime discussed strategic areas of intervention where Kazakhstan as a partner, could provide support. Ambassador Aryn specifically showed interest in areas within the remit of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture in the context of the 2014 AU Year of Agriculture and Food Security and also the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

He noted that Kazakhstan being an agricultural led country, had extensive experiences to share with Africa. He further noted that the last conference of the Islamic Countries (OIC) a number of which are AU Member States had adopted the creation of an OIC Centre for Food Security and had decided to have it located in Kazakhstan.

The Commissioner welcomed the initiative of Kazakhstan to partner with Africa and support AU flagship programmes including those under the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture. She promised to provide the specific areas under her department for consideration by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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