

**PRESS RELEASE N°047/2015****Commissioner Tumusiime visits AGRA President, Dr. Kalibata**

Nairobi 25 February 2015- H.E Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture yesterday called on H.E Dr Agnes Kalibata President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa at her office in Nairobi, Kenya, The two held discussions following on the earlier meeting they held on 2 February 2015 in Addis Ababa on the implementation of the Cooperation Agreement between AGRA and the AU Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture.

They reviewed the progress made since then by the two institutions and provided further guidance on expediting the way forward in the context of the AU Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Africa Agriculture Growth and Transformation. They placed emphasis on joint efforts to contribute towards the operationalisation of the African Fertiliser Financing Mechanism whose Governing Council the Commissioner chairs.

They further highlighted collaboration in promoting agricultural mechanisation through partnerships with countries and institutions that have registered success in this regard and have shown interest to support Africa. They envisage Agricultural mechanization with a strong focus on women and youth employment and anchored in the private sector with a facilitating role of governments. The meeting was attended by Mr. FadelNdame, an official of AGRA and Mr Julius Kagamba, Special Assistant to the Commissioner.

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