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**Addis Ababa 14 July 2015**-Her Excellency Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Commission received Mr. Amir Mahmoud Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme who called on her at her Offices.



While welcoming Mr. Amir, Commissioner Tumusiime commended the WFP for the cooperation with the AUC and especially with her Department in supporting AU Member States through various programmes. She singled out the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) for

ensuring food and nutrition security; the Purchase for Progress (P4P) which, while meeting food emergencies, catalyses agricultural production focusing on smallholder farmers particularly women; and the African Risk Capacity which provides country-owned collective insurance pool in case of drought-related disasters.

In acknowledging the compliments, the Deputy Executive Director also lauded the collaboration of the AUC in furtherance of the objectives shared by WFP. He reaffirmed his organisation's commitment to consolidating this partnership and up scaling its initiatives. He also promised to support the AU's programme pertaining to sharing experiences of countries such as Brazil that have success stories including the home-grown school feeding within the zero hunger initiative. They also agreed to engage together the private sector in supporting joint initiatives.

The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and was attended by among others: Mr. Thomas Yanga – WFP Director to AU & UNECA; Mr. John Aylieff- WFP Country Director for Ethiopia; and Dr. Josue Dione, Senior Advisor of the Commissioner.

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