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Negotiations on Development Cooperation between the African Union (AU) and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 27 November 2014 –Negotiations on development cooperation between the AU and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany were held in Addis Ababa on 27 November 2014.



The high level negotiations on substance and financial envelop of the on-going and new cooperation program were preceded by working level discussions between the German delegation and respective African Union Commission directorates /officials on key areas of cooperation, i.e. Peace and Security, Infrastructure, Agriculture, Human Resources Science and Technology, as well as Institutional Transformation, from 24th to 26th Nov 2014.

The negotiations link up to a continued annual political dialogue between the African Union Commission and the German Government and reached to an agreement on the allocation of the funds available. It is to be noted that agreement upon and signature of an intergovernmental project/program between Germany and AUC is of foremost importance.

“We note the importance both sides attach to this project and have taken on board the need to actively engage other partners to also provide additional support to make this project a success” **said H.E. Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission.**



In that regard, specifics benchmarks are to be taken up by both partners in order to achieve a strong start of the academic year 2015/2016. The African Union Commission, as the Political lead partner will assure that commitments made by the German side will be fulfilled accordingly.

The Head of German Delegation, Mr.ChristophRauh, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development noted “...our joint portfolio continues to grow and cooperation in our focal areas is deepening with new

commitments in 2014 up to 17.5 million €.”

The AU delegation was headed by the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) H.E. Erastus Mwencha and the Federal Republic of Germany by Mr.ChristophRauh, Head of Division on Policy Issues with Development Cooperation with Africa, African Union, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) together with the German Ambassador to the AU Mr. Joachim Schmidt.

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