



NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency
Agence de Planification et de Coordination du NEPAD



AU-NEPAD ENGAGEMENT AT RIO+20

18 June 2012 from 10:30-13:00 Venue: Pavilion 3 Room F (P3-F)

The NEPAD vision and agenda is the basis for Africa's engagement into the Rio+20 and beyond on sustainable development agenda.

What specifically does the AUC-NPCA want to achieve at the Rio+20 ?

- Ensure the Rio+20 discussions and outcomes acknowledge and reflect the NEPAD Agenda as Africa's vision and framework for sustainable development
- show case "within-the-NEPAD-agenda" programmes and initiatives to demonstrate Africa's resolve, capacity and systems in pursuing sustainable development as an integral feature in the continent's socio-economic growth agenda.

Key Events

Opening remarks:

Abebe Haile Gabriel, Director, DREA-AUC, Mary Barton-Dock, Director- Word Bank, ENV or Rachel Kyte, Vice President SDNVP, Lula Institute and Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, NEPAD CEO

High-profile Seminar on NEPAD and Sustainable Development in Africa

- Discussion on the **NEPAD Agency's thematic areas and programmes** in relation to social, economic and ecological sustainable objectives and enhancing Africa's policy and institutional capacity to respond to growing challenges including climate change, land and water/ecological degradation, population increase, etc...
- Discussion on **Green economy and implications for Africa's socio-economic development and growth agenda**
- **Strengthening partnership between Lula Institute and NEPAD programs in the field of sustainable development**

Movie screening: **The Man Who Stopped the Desert**

This new documentary tells the remarkable story of Yacouba Sawadogo, a Burkinabe farmer who led an economic and environmental transformation in his community's corner of the Sahel. Using a combination of local land management innovations, he succeeded in making the land produce more food and be more resilient with greater yields, more water, regenerated forest cover and biodiversity.

Speaker: Yacouba Sawadogo, the Man Who Stopped the Desert



TerrAfrica Green Radio

Presentation of the TerrAfrica Green Radio project with training of African journalists and broadcasters to recognize environmental, SLWM and landscape issues, discuss them on radios and upload all programs on a centralized website.

Speakers: NEPAD Agency – TerrAfrica Secretariat

An example of Best Practices in Landscape Approach: the Burkina Faso Sahel Integrated Lowland Ecosystem Management (SILEM)

The SILEM created and catalyzed community dynamic for the sustainable management of natural resources at micro watershed level using a landscape approach. Some results are: increased demand and mobilization for natural resources management actions, yields of cereal production increased by 23% due to improved soil fertility, enhancement of biodiversity and habitat for wildlife, and improvement of social peace between herders and farming.

Speakers: Mamadou Onadia, GEF Focal Point / Minister of Environment, Burkina Faso

Results from the TerrAfrica Investment in Landscape and SLWM

Presentation of Strategic Investment Program achievements, emerging lessons and next steps Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall (SAWAP)

Speakers: World Bank / Africa Union

TerrAfrica Knowledge Management

Presentation of WOCAT report

Speakers: WOCAT / NEPAD

Presentation by other TerrAfrica partners on concrete SLWM interventions at country level

Information Kiosk

The NEPAD Agency will in this Kiosk display and distribute documents and information materials to highlight and show case, particularly, the NEPAD Agency's work and programmes in stimulating and facilitating support to Africa's sustainable development aspirations and initiatives.

The Kiosk will also allow Rio+20 participants to directly interact with NEPAD Agency staff on issues of their interest

Social media

NEPAD-Rio+20 blog: The NEPAD Agency will also use social media to reach out and interact in the continent and globally in raising awareness and drawing attention to experiences, lessons and initiatives, principles, opportunities and challenges in advancing sustainable development within Africa and at global level.