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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE FIRST BUREAU OF AMCOST V

The first meeting of the Bureau of the Fifth Ordinary Session of the African Union Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST V) took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the 4th of October 2013. The meeting was preceded by Senior Official Session from 1st to 3rd of October 2013. The conference discussed among other issues, the progress report on the implementation of Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA), the review of the CPA and the Draft AU Science Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa 2014-2024 (STISA-2014-2024), the implementations of the African Union (AU) decisions on science and technology cooperation and other Initiatives.

The Bureau of the AMCOST V took note of the Report of the Steering Committee Session and made the following recommendations and decisions.

The AMCOST Bureau:

1. **URGES** AU Member States, RECs and development partners to mobilize/allocate funds to ensure the sustainability of the AU research grant programme. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** Member States and Partners to provide support including financing the implementation of the African Observatory on Science Technology and Innovation (AOSTI) programmes.
2. **INVITES** Members States in the Northern and Central Africa regions to work with the Scientific, Technical and Research Commission (STRC) to identify their respective regional networks for Infectious Diseases Surveillance (IDS).
3. **REQUESTS** the AUC and NEPAD to ensure the integration of observation missions of African Science Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII) project (NEPAD) into AOSTI institution.
4. **CALLS UPON** the African Space Working Group to submit the African space policy and strategy to the next AMCOST Bureau meeting in 2014.
5. **ENCOURAGES** the AUC to strengthen its cooperation with the African Academy of Sciences (AAS).
6. **URGES** the AUC to harmonize scientific awards programs, projects and initiatives among UNESCO, African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions (ANSTI), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), AAS, The International Council for Science Regional Office for Africa (ICSU ROA), and UNECA.

the on-going cooperation between Africa and EU and submit to the Bureau before the meeting of the HLPD in late November 2013 for further guidance.

8. **REQUESTS** the AUC, NEPAD Agency and UNESCO to develop a concept paper on the establishment of the engineering Sciences networks and platforms taking into consideration, the various existing engineering and scientific bodies and networks to be presented to the next AMCOST Bureau Meeting.
9. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the AUC and AMCOST Chair to liaise with the African Development Bank (AfDB), Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and other regional development banks to study the conditions of eligibility of science projects to the bank funding.
10. **ADOPTS** the STISA-2024 and **REQUEST** the AUC to take into account its comments and submit the final version of the strategy to the relevant AU Policy Organs to ensure that it becomes effective in 2014.
11. **REQUESTS** the AUC and the NEPAD Agency to develop an implementation roadmap for the realization of STISA-2024.
12. **URGES** the AUC to take into account the Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA) in the implementation of STISA-2024 programmes.
13. **AGREES** to launch the STISA-2024 in Brazzaville in mid-February 2014.
14. **WELCOMES** the invitation by H.E. Dr. Tahani Abdalla Attia, State Minister of Science and Communications of the Republic of Sudan to host the next AMCOST bureau meeting in Khartoum, at the end of April, 2014. The date will be fixed through diplomatic channel.
15. **APPRECIATES** the reconfirmation by Namibia on its offer to host the next AMCOST meeting in Windhoek, in October 2014.

Adopted on the 4th of October 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



AMCOST Chair

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