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**AU COMMISSIONER FOR RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE HOLDS MEETING
WITH THE 2050 AFRICA'S INTEGRATED MARITIME STRATEGY (AIM-STRATEGY)
TASK FORCE**

Addis Ababa, 18 November 2011 – The Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission (AUC), Mrs. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, held a meeting on 18 November 2011, with members of the cross-department task force, which was formed to develop and implement the comprehensive 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM-Strategy).

The meeting, which took place at the AU headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, was an opportunity for the Commissioner to “touch base” with the 2050 AIM-Strategy Task Force members.

After a presentation by the 2050 AIM Strategy Coordinator, Mrs. Tumusiime reminded all task force members that, as a result of concerns related to disaster management, water resources, environmental degradation, climate change, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Fishing) and sustainable rural growth; the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture “has a big stake and commitment” in this project.

The Commissioner encouraged and commended the 2050 AIM-Strategy Task Force. She emphasized that she looks forward to receive the outcome of the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis.

She further invigorated the 2050 AIM-Strategy Task Force in the pursuit of their respective contribution to this “very important multifaceted and very good cross-department initiative on Africa's holistic approach to oceans and seas”.