This report covers four main areas in which the UN system in general and ECA in particular supported the implementation of NEPAD during the period May 2012 to April 2013, namely, ECA’s collaboration with other UN agencies in the context of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa (RCM-Africa); financial support for NEPAD programmes and projects; institutional support to the NEPAD agency; and advocacy work in support of Africa’s development. ECA’s contributions have helped facilitate formulation and implementation of NEPAD programmes and projects, strengthen the NPCA as a technical agency of AU, especially in areas of advocacy and communication, thematic research, design of strategic frameworks, and monitoring and evaluation, and create deeper awareness of NEPAD as a comprehensive framework for Africa’s development.

I. ECA’s Collaboration with other UN Agencies in Support of NEPAD

ECA’s collaboration with other UN agencies in support of NEPAD is mainly through the RCM-Africa, for which the Commission serves as the Secretariat, jointly with the African Union Commission (AUC). The work of the agencies in support of NEPAD is organized into nine clusters, each with an annual business plan based on the priorities of AUC, NPCA and the RECs.

**Formulation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda:** The 13th session of RCM-Africa deliberated on the ongoing discussion on the post-2015 agenda and made several suggestions relating to principles and issues for consideration by African policy makers in developing the African position on the global post-2015 development agenda.

**Agriculture and Food Security:** In the area of agriculture, UN agencies accompanied 24 countries in developing National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plans (NAFSIPs) based on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). The technical support of UN agencies led to the securing of $430 million funding by 11 countries – Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Togo, Niger, Ethiopia, Liberia, Burundi, Malawi, Gambia, Tanzania and Senegal – to implement their Investment plans. Five of the countries – Burundi, the Gambia, Malawi, Senegal and Tanzania – were selected in May 2012 to receive grants totalling $160.5 million from the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP). ECA support these efforts through provision of technical inputs for various NAFSIP plans.

**Sustainable Development:** On sustainable development, UN agencies spearheaded by ECA, assisted in the training of Africa’s Rio+20 negotiators and in the preparation of the Africa Consensus Statement which features prominently in the Rio+20 Outcome, “The Future We Want”. Through RCM-Africa UN agencies also supported the AU and its NEPAD programme in the area of infrastructure development, including in the preparation of the African Union Convention on Cyber-security, for which ECA provided technical leadership. RCM-Africa was also involved in the development of a gender-sensitive bio-energy framework and policy guidelines for Africa which should promote local decent employment. In addition, technical assistance was provided to
build capacity for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), and National Implementation Plans (NIPS) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) sub-region.

Advocacy and Communication: To promote reportage and better understanding of the work of AU and its NEPAD Programme, RCM-Africa cluster on Communication, led by OSAA and ECA, prepared a technical manual for journalists and others who routinely inquire about these two institutions.

Science and Technology: Key joint activities included the implementation of the Science journalists’ workshop series; and the launching of: (i) the network of science journalists by ECA, AUC and UNESCO; and (ii) the African Technology Development and Transfer Network (ATDN) by ECA.

Governance: In June 2012, the African Governance Platform – the coordinating arm of the African Governance Architecture (AGA) - was officially launched in Lusaka, Republic of Zambia with the support of the UN. The African Governance Forum (AGF-VIII) was also held in October 2012, and generated a rich policy-relevant and development-oriented debate on the current state of governance in Africa. It also contributed to the existing stock of knowledge on democracy, elections and diversity management in Africa. RCM-Africa Cluster members, including ECA, assisted the APRM secretariat by providing technical support to Country Review Mission (CRM) of Tanzania; self assessment process for Gabon; APRM country support to Sudan and the organization of a workshop on “Harmonizing the APRM National Plan of Action (NPoA) with the existing development strategies and Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF)” for both Mauritius and Tanzania in April and September 2012 respectively.

Coordinated Support to AU capacity building programmes, including NPCA: Following the recommendations of the Eleventh Session of RCM-Africa, to develop a comprehensive work programme for the Ten-Year Capacity Building Programme for the African Union (TYCBP-AU), the joint work programme for the implementation of the TYCBP-AU was completed, validated and officially handed over to the AU Commission on the 28 June 2012. The work programme for UN system support to NPCA is being developed. This work programme covered all departments and, units and sections of AUC. ECA provided all the financial and human resources required for the completion of this assignment.

Developments at the Sub-Regional RCM: A joint Sub-Regional Coordination Mechanism (SRCM) has been established for Eastern and Southern Africa. The joint SRCM has developed a business plan in line with the decision of the RECs in the sub-region to facilitate a free trade area across Eastern and Southern Africa. ECA through its sub-regional offices in East and Southern Africa provided the technical support for the development of the joint business plan.

II. ECA Financial Support to NEPAD

Total regular budget allotment under section 18 for the biennium 2012-13 was USD 52,246,000, all dedicated to facilitation of policies for Africa’s development. Under section 11 (UN Support to NEPAD) subprogramme 2, ECA received and dedicated an additional $540,000 to NEPAD. Furthermore an estimated $120 million in extra-budgetary resources to support five priority areas in Africa’s development, namely, macroeconomic analysis, regional integration, gender equality, food security and ICT and science was mobilized and allocated. Part of these resources was used to finance he development of the AUC Capacity Building Work programme.
III. ECA Institutional Support to NEPAD

ECA support to the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) is based on a Multi-Year Programme (MYP) between the two institutions. The MYP was developed within the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ECA and NPCA signed in April 2010 and in the context of the integration of NPCA in African Union (AU) structures, UN-AU cooperation, and the Ten-Year Capacity Building Programme for the AU. The key activities and achievements of the MYP are discussed below.

10th anniversary of NEPAD Programme: ECA supported celebrations for the 10th anniversary of NEPAD by: (i) providing substantive and financial support to organization of a high level NEPAD Colloquium and Congress on the past ten years of the Programme and challenges ahead in its implementation; (ii) providing substantive support to the Special briefing of the African Group in the UN, High level Panel Discussion on NEPAD and the MDGs, and the NEPAD 10th anniversary public lecture at Columbia University, New York; (iii) producing NEPAD advocacy tools, including the commemorative video documentary, “Ten years of NEPAD” and series of 60 second public service announcements on the priorities of NEPAD; and (iv) designing and producing the NPCA corporate brand as well as the NEPAD@10 logo. These events helped highlight achievements of NEPAD and improve understanding of NEPAD programmes and projects at the global and regional levels, in particular within the UNGA.

Resource Mobilisation for NEPAD Implementation: The 17th AU Summit, based on the conclusion of the 25th Meeting of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC), underlined the essence of domestic resource mobilization as a core development finance option for Africa. In light of this, ECA and NPCA have jointly prepared a draft research report on “Mobilising Domestic Resources for Implementing National and NEPAD Regional Programmes and Projects”. The draft report was presented by the Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD to the 46th meeting of the NEPAD Steering Committee and by the Executive Secretary of ECA to the 28th Session of the HSGOC.

South Sudan Development Initiative: Responding to the joint request from the Government of Kenya and the newly-independent Government of South Sudan for technical support, the NEPAD Agency, with ECA’s support, spearheaded a scoping mission to South Sudan. The mission aimed to identify strategies for organizing and facilitating technical assistance to the Government of South Sudan on the design, execution and resource mobilization for the national comprehensive development plan – the South Sudan Development Initiative (SSDI). ECA was part of the mission that was led by the CEO of NPCA and that also included, among others, the Minister of State of Public Services of the Republic of Kenya. As a result of the mission, areas of and modalities for providing support to South Sudan were agreed, including the formulation of a comprehensive development plan for the South Sudan.

NEPAD Statutory Meetings and Global Events

Regional Dialogue on Enhanced Coordination towards NEPAD Implementation: ECA supported NPCA to forge a common understanding among key stakeholders on implementing NEPAD; review the operations of NEPAD country offices, inter-country coordination and coherence, and coordination between NPCA and RECs; as well as to develop a mechanism for promoting inter-country coherence and coordination. This was achieved through the joint
the organization of a regional dialogue on coordination of NEPAD jointly organized by ECA and NPCA in June 2012. The key outcomes of the regional dialogue are contained in the Durban Statement – that includes and action plan – on enhanced coordination towards NEPAD implementation. The Durban Statement institutionalizes the Forum of NEPAD Focal Points, which provides a mechanism for coordination. Currently, ECA is supporting NPCA to develop a database to support efforts of NEPAD Country focal points to share and learn from their experiences and thereby enhance NEPAD implementation at the country level.

46th Meeting of NEPAD Steering Committee: ECA provided technical and logistical support in organizing the 45th and 46th meetings of the NEPAD Steering Committee that were held on 1-2 December 2012 in Cotonou and Addis Ababa on 23 January 2013, respectively. Overall, ECA’s support contributed in ensuring that the meetings were organized in an effective manner. Some major outcomes include the preparation of African position on G-20 and G-8 agenda for 2013.

28th Meeting of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee: As part of UN system-wide support to the implementation of NEPAD, UN Under-Secretary-General and ECA Executive Secretary, Mr. Carlos Lopes, made a statement on domestic resource mobilization for the implementation of NEPAD programmes at 28th Meeting of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC). The statement was based on a draft report on domestic resource mobilization that ECA and NPCA are jointly preparing, which now is being finalized. This report will attempt to provide ways and means to mobilize resources within Africa for specific projects under NEPAD.

Support to Africa’s Participation in G8 and G20 processes: ECA has provided technical support to ensure the effective participation of African countries in G8 and G20 processes. This has included the drafting of background documents and provision of advisory services. Africa’s role in the global meeting on Development Effectiveness held in Busan, South Korea attest to effectiveness of UN system support for the development of common African positions.

Rural Futures Programme: ECA assisted NPCA to prepare a Business Plan for the Rural Futures Programme. As a result, NPCA now has a document that will facilitate its engagement with partners and raise resources, both financial and technical, for implementing the Programme. In line with the Business Plan, a continental Forum on rural transformation is planned for 2013 and several organizations have already pledged their support to the Forum and the Programme in general. The Forum is part of the process to develop a blueprint for rural transformation in Africa.

Climate Change and Sustainable Development: ECA spearheaded the regional preparatory process for Rio+20, jointly with the African Union Commission (AUC), NPCA, and the African Development Bank (AfDB), in strong partnership with Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The regional preparations led to a consensus on Africa’s key sustainable development concerns and priorities, ensured that they were effectively articulated and adequately reflected in the Conference outcomes.

Regional integration and infrastructure: Support to PIDA: ECA provided substantive inputs to the development of the Energy and Transport Sections of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA). As part of PIDA steering committee, the Division actively participated in all the technical review meetings on the Energy component of the Programme. ECA also contributed in drafting the roles and responsibilities of key
actors in the implementation of PIDA, in line with the Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa (IAIDA). As a result of these activities there is better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders, which has improved coordination and reduced duplication of efforts and waste of resources in regional infrastructure development.

IV. Advocacy Work in Support of Africa’s Development

ECA’s advocacy work in support of Africa’s development follows three tracks: the work of ECA itself; direct support to AUC and NPCA communication units; and through RCM-Africa Advocacy and Communication Cluster. A key strategy in ECA’s support to development advocacy is to complement meetings at global, regional and sub-regional levels with messages, publications and events focusing on the challenges and opportunities in Africa’s development.

Support to NPCA: ECA and NPCA collaboration in the area of communications achieved the following: (i) capacity building for NPCA communications through needs assessment, restructuring of the NPCA team, redesign of the NPCA knowledge platform, successful organization of training workshops, and secondment of short term communications professionals to NPCA to enhance capacity, and (iii) joint ECA and NPCA publication of technical reports including “African Media Partners of NEPAD” and “A decade of delivery: Deepening African private sector ownership and partnership in NEPAD”.

Advocacy and Communication Cluster: The Cluster supported the following publications and events: (i) ‘Africa’s decade of change’, which covers the tenth anniversary of NEPAD; (ii) training of media professionals and NEPAD countries communication officers, with a webcast funded by the Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA); (iii) publication of the RCM Quarterly, a newsletter on intra-Cluster activities; (iv) briefing sessions for African Ambassadors and to UN Member States by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NEPAD Agency and press conferences organized at the UN headquarters; (v) Preparation of a technical manual on development reporting to provide common standards and tools for media practitioners in Africa; etc.