



## MEDIA ADVISORY

# “Africa Week” at the UN General Assembly 13 – 17 October 2014

**WHAT:** A series of events to mark the Africa Week at the UN General Assembly.

1. **High-Level Panel Discussion** on the theme “The Africa We Want: Support of the United Nations system to the African Union’s Agenda 2063.”

- **Sam Kahamba Kutesa**, President of the UNGA 69<sup>th</sup> Session
- **Jan Eliasson**, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- **Maged Abdelaziz**, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa
- **Smail Chergui**, Commissioner for Peace and Security, African Union Commission (AUC)
- **Anthony Mothae Maruping**, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, (AUC)
- **Ibrahim Mayaki**, CEO, New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) Agency and interim CEO Africa Peer Review Mechanism
- **Fatuma Ndongiza Nyirakobwa**, Chairperson, APR Panel of Eminent Persons

**Date:** Monday, 13 October, 2014. 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Venue:** ECOSOC Chamber, UN Conference Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

2. **Briefing to Member States by OSAA, NEPAD and APRM on three Secretary-General reports:**

Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/69/162-S/2014/542)

New Partnership for Africa’s Development: Twelfth Consolidated Progress Report on Implementation and International Support (A/69/161)

The Interim report on the UN Monitoring Mechanism to Review Commitments towards Africa’s Development Needs (A/69/163)

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 October 2014, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Venue:** Conference Room 6

3. **Press Briefing with:**

- **Maged Abdelaziz**, Under-Secretary-General and head of OSAA
- **Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki**, CEO NEPAD Agency and interim CEO, APRM
- **Fatuma Ndongiza Nyirakobwa**, Chairperson, APR Panel of Eminent Persons

**Date:** Wednesday, 15 October 2014 12:30pm – 1:30 pm (after noon briefing)

**Venue:** Press briefing room, UNHQ, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

4. **Launching of six publications on Africa (see back page).**

**Date:** Thursday, 16 October, 2014. 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Venue:** Conference Room 2, UN Conference Building

## **Background Information**

The Office of the UN Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Department of Public Information (DPI) in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union (AU) in New York, the AU's New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), are jointly organising a series of activities to mark the "Africa Week." This year's Africa Week at the UN General Assembly is expected to focus on Africa's development in the context of Agenda 2063, which is the African Union's ambitious plan for a prosperous and integrated Africa by that date. One of the highlights of this year's Africa Week will be the launch of six publications dealing with various issues pertaining to Africa's socio-political development:

1. Role of Microfinance in Africa's Development,  
co-published by OSAA and NEPAD Agency
2. Role of New and Emerging Development Partners in Infrastructure  
Development in Africa, co-published by OSAA, NEPAD Agency and UNECA
3. The Africa Innovation Outlook IT, published by NEPAD Agency
4. Agriculture in Africa: Transformation & Outlook for Next 20 Years,  
published by NEPAD Agency
5. Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Implementing NEPAD  
Programme and Projects – Africa Looks Within,  
co-published by the NEPAD Agency and UNECA with support of UNDP, AfDB and UNCTAD
6. Commendable Practices from Peer Review Reports of Zambia, Tanzania and  
Sierra Leone, a policy brief by APRM secretariat

Expected participants will include representatives of UN Member States, UN entities, academic community, think tanks and civil society representatives.

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