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NEPAD ACCELERATES REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

VIDEO

FISHING BOAT (12")

DAM SHOTS (13")

OUMAR OUANE ON-CAMERA
(13")

DAM SHOTS (9")

AUDIO

NARRATION

In Senegal, West Africa, landing the daily catch is part of the centuries-old tradition. Now, changes affecting the whole region are altering the way people here make a living.

Since the Diama Dam was built, agriculture is replacing fishing as a source of income. Irrigated land has increased greatly, says Oumar Ouane, national coordinator of Africa Network 2000.

OUANE: (in French)

"From the 10 thousand tons of vegetables that are exported every year from Senegal, 80% come from this region. And further expansion of the market is possible."

NARRATION

The Diama Dam, across the Senegal River, is just one of the projects being developed by the New Partnership for Africa's Development, or NEPAD.

TRAIN STATION (15")

NARRATION

In Dakar, Senegal's capital, trains head towards Bamako, the capital of Mali. The port of Dakar makes the city an important export and import hub. The railway then transports goods to other cities in the region.

TRAIN SHOTS (13")

The railway and the dam are African initiatives. The United Nations played an active role in supporting these and other projects. Ahmed Rhazaoui is the UN Country Coordinator in Senegal.

AHMED RHAZAOUI ON-CAMERA
(17")

RHAZAOUI:

"The space for intervention will be much larger than the nation or even the sub-region. It will be much larger. That's where you would achieve economies of scale, and you would deal with sub-regional units, not nation states that have proved to be in the past obstacles to the development of Africa."

57th GA (15")

NARRATION

NEPAD is a truly African initiative, based largely on ideas drawn up by the Presidents of South Africa, Senegal, Nigeria and Algeria. It aims to attract foreign investment in return for good governance.

GA DELEGATION SHOTS (10")

Addressing the United Nations General Assembly in September 2003, Senegal's President Wade called on the international community to help NEPAD.

PRESIDENT WADE ON-CAMERA
(11")

WADE: (in French)

“NEPAD is not a compendium of requests for aid but a long-term partnership in which the real winner will be the global economy.”

RAILWAY SHOTS (12")

NARRATION

Hundreds of NEPAD-inspired projects are waiting to roll off the drawing board. One would widen the tracks on the Dakar-Bamako railway line and extend it to interconnect other countries in West Africa.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION (10")

Further projects include an inter-Africa road network linking Dakar to the Indian Ocean. Most money for the programs will come from the private sector.

TRADITIONAL DANCING (14")

With efforts by African leaders and the support from the international community, Africa is creating a favourable investment environment to realize its long-cherished dream of revitalization.

LOGO (20")

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