

## Janneh receives Nigeria's new ambassador to Ethiopia and ECA

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Addis Ababa, 25 July 2011 (ECA) - UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, today in Addis Ababa received Nigeria's newly appointed Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to ECA, Mr. Bulus Paul Zom Lolo who assumed his position last week.

Welcoming the Ambassador to Ethiopia and ECA, Mr. Janneh said ECA had a long history of collaboration with Nigeria and recalled the service of Professor Adebayo Adedeji, former ECA Executive Secretary, under whom the Lagos Plan of Action was formulated before it became a regional plan.

"For us, Nigeria is a key country in many ways --- in size, resources and commitments at the subregional and regional level," said Janneh, adding that a strong democratic Nigeria "would rub off positively on the rest of the continent".

He urged the Ambassador to work with his colleagues accredited to the African Union to strengthen the ongoing collaboration between ECA, the African Development Bank and the African Union Commission in the context of the Joint Secretariat established by the three pan-African institutions.

Ambassador Lolo acknowledged the role that ECA has played in advancing the economic and social development of African countries and pledged the continued support of Nigeria for the Commission as well as for the joint Secretariat of ECA, AfDB and AUJ.

Ambassador Lolo has a long history of diplomatic career and as an international negotiator. He was appointed by the President of the General Assembly to facilitate the negotiation of the draft resolution on the development component of the 2005 World Summit Outcome. He chaired and coordinated the African Group of Economic Experts at the UN in 2004 and staunchly articulated and defended the African position at ECOSOC, Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

As Vice Chair of the (CSD), Ambassador Lolo chaired review sessions which identified constraints, gaps, challenges and opportunities for the achievement of the MDGs.

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