

US committed to increased assistance to Africa through ECA, says US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

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Addis Ababa, 14 June 2011 (ECA) - The US government on Monday in Addis Ababa pledged to increase support to the work of United Nations in Africa by re-engaging and working closely with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and committing to the UN/AU Ten Year Capacity Building Programme (TYCPB), according to the Information and Communication Service of ECA.

Conveying the pledge during a working visit to the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa where she addressed a Special Session of the African Union Permanent Representatives Committee, US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton declared that the US would assist in the context of the UN support for the African Union, especially through the TYCPB.

Mrs. Clinton received a huge applause when she announced the US decision to re-engage and work more closely with ECA. She later spoke on a wide-range of issues including democracy, economic growth, human rights as well as peace and security in Africa.



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She also witnessed the presentation to Mr. Abdoulaye Janneh, UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, of the letter accrediting Mr. Michael Battle as Permanent Representative to the ECA.

Mr. Battle currently serves as U.S. Ambassador to the African Union.

Earlier, the Chairperson of the AUC, Mr. Jean Ping, said that he viewed Ambassador Battle's appointment as a concrete manifestation of the determination of the US to put its weight behind the actualization of the UN support to the African Union by working more closely with ECA.

The AUC Chairperson also publicly endorsed the bid of Mr. Ban Ki-moon for re-election to the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations because of the good work that he has done to place African issues at the centre of UN's work.

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