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## THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE OF FAO PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Gana Diagne, the new Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Ethiopia presented today his credentials to Mr. Makha D. Sarr, Acting Executive Secretary of the ECA at Africa Hall.

Mr. Gana Diagne conveyed, on the occasion, to the head of ECA an assurance of cooperation between FAO and ECA from Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director General of FAO.

In a special letter handed over to Mr. M.D. Sarr, the FAO's Director General stated that the close cooperation between FAO and ECA will continue in the interest of Africa, despite the recent dissolution of the Joint ECA/FAO Agriculture Division (JEFAD).

The Director General emphasized that a sectorial assistance to ECA will continue through the Regional Offices based in Accra and in Harare and that as such there are broaden know how to call on.

The Acting head of ECA in his response, thanked Mr. Gana Diagne for his visit and through him conveyed the Commission's appreciation to the Director General for appointing him as a Representative at ECA and OAU.

He added that ECA attaches great importance to the cooperation between FAO and ECA and is confident that this cooperation will continue. He said that the ECA is fully aware of the importance which the Director General attaches to the African region as it is among the priorities of the organization and because food and agriculture are major priorities for Africa.

The Acting Executive Secretary emphasized that with the support of the FAO, we can realize better results or performances in this field. Mr. M.D. Sarr concluded by assuring the new Representative of FAO of ECA's support and promised to work closely with him.

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