

KENYA

COUNTRY POSITION

KENYA appreciates the hospitality of the senegalese people for the wonderful reception and hosting of the 2nd African Minister's Conference Science and technology. On this respect, we would like to extend our deepest regards, congratulations and thanks to his excellency M. Abdoulaye WADE, the President of Senegal, Honorable Mrs Pr Yaye Kène GASSAMA DIA, Minister for Science and Technology, and the NEPAD Secretariat for making the Conference a success.

KENYA is committed to its pledge in adopting NEPAD in the social-economic framework for Regional integration, poverty reduction and sustainable development. The critical role of Science and Technology in enhancing and advancing industrial and economic development is evident in the developed countries which are worthy to be emulated.

The NEPAD Information-Technology (IT) initiative has been successfully launched in KENYA rural schools. This is part of the larger project that aims to provide IT to over 600,000 schools in Africa. The eventual completion of the project will provide useful IT skills and competencies to our youth. This will enhance the capacity to create, diffuse and utilize scientific and technological Information for application in National development activities and this enable us to effectively compete in International Trade in the globalized economy.

In pursuance of NEPAD goals and objectives Kenya commits to continue to search for ways and means to strengthen individually and collectively, science technology and innovation systems that embrace best practice (in order) to create wealth and eradicate poverty among our people.

We used solutions to the perennial problems of food insecurity, poverty, inadequate housing, unemployment and disease (especially HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and Malaria). In this respect therefore, KENYA offers to host the 3rd African Minister's of Science and Technology Conference in NAIROBI, in the year 2007.