

AFRICA FUTURES INSTITUTE (AFI)

On 2nd September 2005, the African Capacity Building Foundation and the African Futures Institute (AFI) signed a Grant Agreement of US\$ 800,000, geared towards the strengthening of the capacity of national planning institutions to define, quantify and shape long term planning and development frameworks such as the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) process.

The African Futures Institute (AFI) is an independent institution derived from the African Futures Program at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). It was established in 1992 as a result of consensus among donors recognizing that sustainable development requires a long-term vision to guide the formulation of comprehensive and balanced poverty reduction strategies.

The overall goal for the project is to support development in African countries through strengthening capacity for long-term perspective studies. The project will provide technical support to African countries to develop National Long-term Perspective Studies (NLTPS) as a process aimed at institutionalizing long-term approaches to development planning.

Specific objectives include, enhancing the capacity of national planning institutions to define, quantify and develop long term development objectives and integrated studies to achieve them; strengthening national capacities to undertake broad based national dialogue and developing and expanding knowledge required to link long-term objectives and medium term planning and development frameworks

The envisaged result is that the impact of the project will reflect in enhanced capacity of African countries to undertake broad based long term perspective studies for policymaking and planning and increase their alignment to the PRSP and other policy instruments. Some of the envisaged impact will be derived from the institutionalizing the NTLPS process and improving national stakeholder involvement in identifying development priorities and strategies with stronger alignment of the PRSP with other poverty reduction frameworks on NTLPS.