

**Exploring the Possible Benefits and Pitfalls Embedded in the
New Partnership of Africa's Development (NEPAD) as a
Development Strategy for Africa**

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ABSTRACT The birth of New Partnership of Africa's Development (NEPAD) in Africa has heralded hope of Africa's economic and social integration with the hope of addressing its myriad problems such as mal-governance and poverty. The aim of the present paper is to make an autopsy of NEPAD'S milestone achievements and its possible pitfalls in African's development agenda and with respect to Millennium Development Goals. The paper has used a review of literature methodology. Findings indicate that NEPAD is an Afrocentric approach to achieving economic and regional integration; is both human centric and people-centred; has strengthened Africa's partnership with other countries; forms a formidable force to tackle governance problems in Africa; embarks on advancing African's economic problems; and also improving Africa's state of infrastructure. NEPAD also faces the following hurdles or pitfalls: African record of development is moving at a snail's pace; has weaker monitoring and evaluation tools; faces weaker infrastructure; weaker political will from the individual countries leaders; and apparently faces planning challenges. NEPAD has been challenged to urge African countries to shift their mode of production from the primary to secondary and tertiary production; and lobby countries to increase their commitment to NEPAD's mandate and interests.