



OVERVIEW OF APRM TARGETED REVIEWS

Regional Preparatory
Workshop For Africa
Voluntary National Review

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BACKGROUND

- ❑ The Targeted Reviews were conceived in the context of deepening the peer review.
- ❑ The aim is to establish a process that enhances and refocuses the review exercise.

TYPES OF APRM REVIEWS

APRM Statute and Base Document (AHG/235 (XXXVIII) Annex 2) provides for Four (4) distinct reviews:

- 1. Base Review** - after a country officially accedes to the APRM
- 2. Periodic Review** - that shall be conducted every four-five years;
- 3. Targeted/Voluntary Review** – that may be requested by an APRM Member State for its own reasons;
- 4. Special Review** – that may be initiated at any moment when early warning signs suggest an impending political, economic or social crisis in an APRM Member State.

KEY FEATURES OF TARGETED REVIEWS

1. The Calendar for Targeted Reviews will be derived from an **Annual Call for Targeted Reviews**
2. **Theme identified by the requesting Country** the Focal Point of APRM Member States
3. **Selection of theme for Review based on**
 - cross-cutting issues,
 - areas of possible conflicts and/or crisis,
 - issues that emerge during Base Review,
 - AU Annual Theme
 - good practice for experience sharing.

KEY FEATURES

- 5. Lean Mission Team comprise of five** (one APR Panel Member, who shall lead the Mission, one coordinator, two assistants, and two independent experts.)
- 6. Focused and concise** the field Mission shall be conducted in one week.
- 7. Anchored in engagements with competent authorities** and relevant non-state stakeholders, including National Governing Structures and all National Structures.
- 8. Calendar & tools developed by Continental Secretariat** timing of all the stages, and use approved ICT platforms, electronic questionnaire etc to collect of data. (integrity and credibility of approach).
- 9. Comparatively Less Costly.** The Secretariat will endeavour to conduct the Review within the minimum estimated budget.

METHODOLOGY



STAGE ONE

Preparatory Phase **Four weeks**

- i. Call for Theme/Questions
- ii. Commission of the Targeted Review
- iii. Confirmation of Calendar
- iv. Background Documentation
- v. Stakeholders Mobilization
- vi. Recruitment of Reviewers

STAGE TWO

Targeted Review Field Mis. **One week**

- i. National Consultations and Literature Review

STAGE THREE

Preparation of the Report **Five weeks**

- i. Drafting the Report
- ii. Review by Country Translation
- iii. Circulation to Member States for confidential comments
- iv. Final Draft

STAGE FOUR

Peer Review of Targeted Review Report

- i. Heads of States Review at the Summit in February of every year

STAGE FIVE

Publication, Launch and Dissemination

- i. The Final Targeted Review Report shall be disseminated to all AU Member States.

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Stage One: Preparatory Phase

The preparatory phase will take four (4) weeks and shall include the following:

- i. Call for Targeted Review Themes/Questions
- ii. Commission of the Targeted Review
- iii. Confirmation of Review Calendar
- iv. Recruitment of Reviewers
- v. Background Documentation
- vi. National Stakeholder Mobilization

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Stage Two: Targeted Review Field Mission

- i. The Targeted Review Field Mission shall be conducted in one (1) week in the Capital city and selected regions
- ii. National Consultations and Literature Review: The Review team shall engage and consult the relevant stakeholders in the Public sector, Private sector, media, Civil Society and National Governing Council. The review team shall use approved ICT platforms to collect data.

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Stage Three: Preparation of the Report

Reporting: A report of a maximum of 50 pages shall be prepared within five (5) weeks of completion of the Field Mission and shall involve the following:

- i. Drafting: Prepare a draft Report (one week);
- ii. Review by Country (one week);
- iii. Translation (one week);
- iv. Circulation to AU Member States for confidential comments (one week);
- v. Final Draft (one week).

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Stage Four: Peer Review of the Targeted Review

The Targeted Review Report shall be presented by the Lead Panel Member to the APR Heads of State Forum in February of every year, followed by three (3) minutes comment from the Heads of the reviewed Countries.

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Stage Five: Publication, Launch and Dissemination

- i. The Final Targeted Review Report shall be published, launched and disseminated to all AU Member States. African Countries.

REPORTING TEMPLATE

1. Executive Summary
2. Introduction
3. Methodology and process for preparation of the Targeted Review
4. Policy and enabling environment
5. Institutional Mechanisms
6. Data Analysis
7. Best Practices
8. Subsequent Steps, Commitments and National Plan of Action
9. Conclusion

ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN

- The **Targeted Review Guidelines** have been prepared and sent to all Member States.
- The Targeted Review Research Framework.
- Targeted Review Preparatory workshop was held in Livingstone, Zambia on 27th and 28th June 2019

TARGETED REVIEW UNDERTAKEN IN THE YEAR 2019

1. DJIBOUTI

Djibouti was the pioneer in undertaking Targeted Review on “Fiscal Decentralization”.

The Field Mission was conducted from 13th to 17th January, 2019. The Lead Panel Member was Prof. Fatima Karadja. The Report was presented to the Heads of State and Government in February 2020. However the Head of State did not respond as he had to leave for another meeting. He will be given an other opportunity to respond to the findings of the report during the Special Summit meeting in May 2020.

TARGETED REVIEW UNDERTAKEN IN THE YEAR 2019

2. & 3. ZAMBIA

Zambia was the second Country to undertake Targeted Review and the first to conduct Targeted Review in more than one theme as follows:

- (i) **The Contribution of Tourism to the Economy of Zambia**, and
- (ii) **The Contribution of Mineral Resources to the Economy of Zambia.**

The Field Mission was conducted **from 9th to 24th November, 2019.** The **Lead Panel Member Bishop Don Dinis Salomão SENGULANE** will present the report to the Heads of State and Government in May, 2020 during the Special Summit meeting.

TARGETED REVIEW UNDERTAKEN IN THE YEAR 2019

4. NAMIBIA

Namibia decided that they would not be left behind during the year.

- **Namibia acceded to the APRM on January 28th 2017.**
- **The National Governing Council, a 15 member structure headed by Ambassador Wilfried Emvula, was inaugurated by H.E Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia in the presence of Ambassador Lineekela Mboti, APRM focal point in Namibia, the APRM Lead Panel Member for Namibia, Ambassador Ombeni Yohana Sefue and The Chief Executive Officer Prof. Eddy Maloka on 6th November, 2019.**
- **The Country undertook a Targeted Review on “Youth Unemployment”; yet it has not conducted its Base Review (Country Review) which is planned for in the year 2020.**
- **The Field Mission was conducted from 2nd to 12th December. The Lead Panel Member Ambassador Ombeni Yohana Sefue presented the report to the Heads of State and Government in February, 2020.**

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MISSIONS		
COUNTRY	THEMES	DATES
UGANDA	Governance on Implementation of SDGs	July 2020
GHANA	Education, Agriculture and Local Governance	TBC
MAURITIUS	TBC	TBC
SENEGAL	Mineral Resources in the heart of Structural Transformation of the Senegalese Economy	TBC
LESOTHO	Corruption	TBC
KENYA	the big four agendas which include, Affordable housing, Expansion of Manufacturing and quality jobs, Food Security & Nutrition and Affordable healthcare for all	TBC
SIERRA LEONE	TBC	TBC
BOTSWANA	TBC	TBC
????????	All AU and APRM Member States present here, are kindly requested to offer themselves for a Targeted Review either on Migration or any other Topic of interest for their Country	TBC

AREA OF SYNERGY between VNR AND TARGETED REVIEW

Conduct Targeted Reviews on areas of e.g. challenges in the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 with the aim of accelerating/facilitating the implementation in those problem areas.

*Thank you
Merci beaucoup*