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The Continental Level Monitoring-Evaluation and Reporting System

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Background

The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) is a self-monitoring mechanism aimed at fostering the adoption of policies, standards and practices that lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development and accelerated regional economic integration through the exchange of experiences and reinforcement of best practices including identifying deficiencies and assessing the needs for capacity building of the participating countries. To date thirty-five Member States of the African Union have voluntarily acceded to the APRM, of which twenty (20) or 55% have completed their peer-review processes and are currently focused on implementing their respective APRM National Program of Actions (NPOAs).

The APRM's revitalisation programme entered its second year with the onset of the New Year (2017). The first year of revitalisation, 2016, was a success by any standards. Thanks to all the hard work in that year, the APRM, for the first time in its history, is now firmly grounded on a clear legal instrument in the form of the Statute of the African Peer Review Mechanism that was provisionally adopted by the APR Forum on 26 August 2016. It is awaiting final and definitive adoption by the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government at their next Summit. Again for the first time in its history, the APRM now runs its ambitious programme of activities on the basis of a five-year Strategic Plan that was adopted by the APR Forum at the same meeting in August 2016.

In addition, the 28th African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government decided to extend the mandate of the APRM to include tracking of the implementation and oversee monitoring and evaluation of the Continent's key governance areas specifically the African Union Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. Such developments have further solidified APRM's position to drive the governance agenda in Africa and restored confidence in the value and credibility of the process.

On March 2017, a methodology forum was organized, in Midrand, Johannesburg. During this forum, it came to light that a continental M&E system is needed to track and report performance of key governance activities against activities milestones, output, outcome and impact indicators as outlined in countries' National Program of Action (NPOA) and synthesis of commendable practices and key lessons learned.

With the above developments in mind, the APRM has embraced Results-Based Monitoring (RBM) and Evaluation as a key management tool to assess performance. To this end the APRM Secretariat has adopted RBM to measure and assess progress against its development agenda as outlined in its (Strategic Plan). The aim is to create a systematic, simplified but integrated results-oriented, reliable and effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system that links policy to program implementation and results. The Continental APRM Secretariat's Institutional Performance Monitoring Plan as outlined in the five-year Strategic Plan is rooted in a results framework that links strategies with results and outcomes that can be measured against agreed-upon targets and indicators to be achieved in the short to medium terms.

The Continental MER System

The Continental Level Monitoring-Evaluation and Reporting System will outline the essential processes and procedures necessary in managing an efficient and effective implementation of the NPoA and the Recommendations of the country Review Reports. The system will achieve this by using robust tools and systems to provide reliable feedback in real-time or at regular intervals on the progress achieved towards the implementation of NPoA and other APRM Programmes. The Continental Level MER System will also intend to serve as a proactive decision-making forecasting and reporting tool or early warning system for detecting and/or managing possible causes of conflict and/or fault lines in governance. The Continental Level MER System will also serve as an accountability tool and platform.

Objectives of the Expert Meeting

The primary objective of the validation meeting is to bring together leading experts and representatives of APRM member states in the field of governance monitoring and evaluation who will consider the draft M&E report in terms of approach, structure, content and recommendations on the way forward and advise the APRM Secretariat on how best to improve the quality of the document and enhance the practicability of its recommendations and action points.

More specifically, the meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for APRM and Monitoring and Evaluation experts to review rigorously and provide pertinent inputs on the draft framework commissioned by the UNECA, and internally reviewed by the APRM Continental Secretariat and UNECA.

Expected outcome

At the end of the expert meeting, it is expected that the experts will have reviewed and provided comprehensive inputs on the draft final report for its completion.

Format of the Expert meeting

The expert meeting will be fully participatory through interactive dialogue and presentations by experts from AUC, APRM Secretariat, think tanks, independent consultant and UNECA. The workshop will be organised in plenary sessions that will address all sections of the MER document.

Documentation

The following documents will be shared with the participants:

- The final draft of the APRM Continental Monitoring and Evaluation System;
- Aide Memoire;
- Draft Agenda of the Expert Meeting; and

- Presentations and notable inputs from experts during the meeting

Key documents

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Participants

- APRM Panel of Eminent Person
- Members of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the NGCs
- Members of the APRM Secretariat
- AU Commission experts
- NEPAD experts
- ECA experts
- Regional Economic Communities
- Independent APRM and Monitoring & Evaluation experts

Partnerships

The Expert Meeting is co-organized by the APRM Secretariat and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

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