



STATEMENT PRESENTED BY THE CEO OF THE APRM SECRETARIAT, PROF. EDDY MALOKA AT THE EXPERTS WORKSHOP ON CONTINENTAL MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING SYSTEM IN APRM, HELD IN DJIBOUTI.

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**Hon Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,
& APRM Focal Point of Djibouti, Hon. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf,
The Chairperson of NGC of Djibouti, and his team,
Hon. Member of APR Panel of Eminent Persons, Hon Fatima Karadja,
The representative of the Executive Secretary of UNECA, Ms. Hodane Yousouff,
Former Panel member and current Chairperson of the NGC of Egypt, Amb. Ashraf
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The APRM Focal Points and members of the NGCs present,

Esteemed Experts and Consultants,

Dear participants,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed a great honour for me to welcome you to this important Experts workshop on Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Systems in APRM.

On behalf of the CEO, Prof. Eddy Maloka, the Secretariat and on my own behalf, I would like to express our gratitude to thank the President of Djibouti, H.E Ismail Omar Guelleh, the APRM Focal Point and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf and NGC members for their continued commitment and support to the APRM process in this country. The decision of Djibouti to accede to APRM and its subsequent review was a milestone in the governance process of this country. We are proud of this country for taking such a bold decision.

We further- more thank Djibouti for accepting to host this important Workshop on Monitoring, Evaluation and reporting Systems. Your hospitality extended to us since we arrived in this country is very commendable. We are sincerely grateful.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am also grateful to the UNECA for funding for this important workshop, at the time when resources are becoming scarce and scarce across the globe. Your

partnership with APRM has been cemented; and your preparations this workshop are indeed commendable in this beautiful city of Djibouti, which stands elegantly on the Red Sea.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to remind you that since its inception, the APRM has now attracted 36 members of the African Union, 21 of these countries have been peer reviewed successfully. These reviewed countries are Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Kenya has now been reviewed for a second time, while Sudan and Liberia will also be peer reviewed at the next APRM Summit. It is for sure that the reviewed countries have gained a lot especially in opening political space for citizenry participation in policy debates, service delivery, experience sharing, early warning mechanisms and accountability. This indeed will improve governance and development in Africa, which is a core mandate of the APRM. What we are now grappling with is the implementation, monitoring and evaluating the level of implementation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The APRM workshop therefore comes at a very critical stage where we cannot afford to lose its benefits. It is the time to galvanise our achievements. We need to ensure that our APRM recommendations are taken seriously and followed up. Our APRM Stakeholders, who implement the APRM recommendations, need not to relax. I am therefore happy that this workshop is tailored towards sharpening our methodologies in monitoring, evaluating and reporting systems within APRM. This will greatly meet our desired goals of effectively implementing the NPOA and reporting as well. This is also in conformity with the APRM's expanded Mandate by which President Paul Kagame's Report recommended that "the African Peer Review Mechanism could be strengthened to track the implementation and oversee the monitoring and evaluation in key governance areas of the continent as well as repositioning of the APRM to play a monitoring and evaluation role for the African Union Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030"

In this regard, I now wish to call upon the participants to take this workshop seriously because it will inculcate and share better methodology on monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the APRM processes. In the same vein, I want to call upon member States of APRM to deliberately budget for the duties of the implementers, i. e. NGCs, government departments, CSOs and also pass a Legislation to empower the National APRM leadership to perform their duties efficiently. The National leadership of APRM process will not report on NPOA without the necessary investments in its implementation. Not only are the States required to budget for the APRM processes, they are also encouraged to honour their national obligations of paying their annual contributions to the APRM.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Lastly, let me to wish you fruitful deliberations during this workshop, and look forward to getting a sharp methodology on Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting on APRM. I wish you success.

I thank you for your kind attention.