

## Workshop on Accelerating the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and AU Agenda 2063 in Africa: Building Resilient Institutions for the SDGs in the time of COVID-19

Co-organized by APRM and UN DESA

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Day 1 28 October	
08:30 – 9:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 9:45	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>  Moderator: <b>Prof. Eddy Maloka</b> , CEO, African Peer Review Mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano</b>, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN DESA [pre-recorded video message]</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi</b>, Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Ayanda Dlodlo</b>, Minister of Public Service and Administration, South Africa</li> </ul>

09:45 -10:45	<p><b>Session 1: Accelerating Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and 2063 Agenda in Africa</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas</b>, UN Resident Coordinator, South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Obeth Kandjoze</b>, Director General, National Planning Commission, Namibia</li> <li>▪ <b>Professor Adebayo Olukoshi</b>, Wits School of Governance, South Africa</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Caroline Makasa</b>, Acting Director, SDGs Centre for Africa, <i>Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and AU Agenda 2063: the imperative to promote the principles of effective governance for sustainable development</i></li> </ul> <p>Interactive Discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have African institutions risen to challenge of responding to the pandemic? What approaches are working, and which should be discarded?</li> <li>2. What lessons learned and good practices can be scaled up to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063?</li> <li>3. Where are the innovations taking place that can help drive transformative change? Do we have the data and analysis to identify leverage points for change?</li> </ol>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Break/Coffee</b>
11:00- 12.30	<b>Session 2: Institutions and the Decade of Action and Delivery in Africa: Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic</b>

	<p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Ayodele Odusola</b>, Resident Representative, UNDP South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ambassador Eric Wafukho</b>, Chief Administrative Secretary, State Department of Planning, Kenya</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Sibusiso Nkomo</b>, Head of Communications, Afrobarometer, Cape Town office</li> <li>▪ <b>Ambassador Salah Hammad</b>, Head of African Governance Architecture (AGA), AU– <i>Gaps, challenges and progress in developing institutional frameworks for the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs</i> (virtual)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Augustin Fosu</b>, Member, Professor, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Member, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (virtual)</li> </ul> <p>Interactive Discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How has the institutional framework/mechanisms or setting promoted the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development and that duplication of work is avoided? How can countries ensure vertical and horizontal coherence in their institutional arrangements for achieving the SDGs?</li> <li>2. What are some of the key actions that could be taken by governments to build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and delivering on the SDGs?</li> <li>3. What good practice lessons are there from Africa and around the world to improve institutional structures to be able to be able to respond effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic and deliver the SDGs?</li> </ol>
12.30- 14:00	<b>Lunch break and media coverage by South African and African media</b>

14:00- 15:00 -	<p><b>Session 3: Accelerating recovery from the impacts of COVID-19</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Amson Sibanda</b>, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Professor Emmanuel Nnadozie</b>, Executive Secretary, Africa Capacity Building Foundation, <i>“Challenges and prospects of building the capacity of African institutions and providing technical skills that are needed to bring about economic transformation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic”</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Professor Zwelinzima Ndevu</b>, Director, School of Public Leadership, University of Stellenbosch</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Sherifa Fouad Sherif</b>, Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, member, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (virtual)</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What kind of institutional capacity building is needed to accelerate the recovery from COVID-19? How can institutions identify and embed innovative practices that were adopted during the pandemic response?</li> <li>2. How can institutions help share and better disseminate good practices within and between African countries? Are continental institutions playing their role?</li> </ol>
15.00-16.00	<p><b>Session 4: Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development: Findings from the APRM Baseline Study</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Sara Hamouda</b>, SDGs &amp; Agenda 2063 Unit, Officer-in-Charge, APRM Secretariat</p> <p><b>Kick-off presentation: Professor Pali Lehohla</b>, former Statistician-General, South Africa (10 min)</p>

	<p><b>Reflections from member states:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ambassador Zenene Sinombe</b>, Representative of Botswana to the African Union</li> <li>▪ <b>Ambassador Ashraf Rashed</b>, APRM National Governance Council, Egypt</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Saitoti Torome</b>, Principal Secretary, State Department for Planning, Kenya</li> </ul> <p>Interactive Discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are key enablers and barriers to implementing the Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development in the Africa? How can these obstacles and challenges be overcome?</li> <li>▪ How do you assess the APRM Baseline Study on the implementation of CEPA Principles in Africa? do you think it is imperative to develop certain capacity building programs to enhance effective implementation of these principles</li> <li>▪ What is your country's experience in implementing some of the CEPA Principles?</li> </ul>
16.00-16.15	<b>Wrap-up Session and briefing for day two, Mr. Amson Sibanda, UNDESA</b>
<b>Day 2</b> <b>29 October</b>	
09:00 –11:00  <b>Session coordinator:</b> A	<b>Session 5: Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 into national planning instruments and strategies</b>  Moderator: <b>Mr. Amson Sibanda</b> , Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Kefiloe Masiteng</b>, Deputy Secretary, National Planning Commission, South Africa</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Marcelin Z. Cisse</b>, Managing Director, Directorate General for Planning, Ministry of Planning, Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>▪ <b>Professor Admos Chimhowu</b>, University of Manchester, <i>Prospects for effective development planning in Africa in a world reshaped by the COVID-19 pandemic (virtual)</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Malefu Delinah Khanyapa</b>, Director for Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Development Planning, Maseru, Lesotho</li> </ul> <p>(45 min)</p> <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p><b>Break-out Groups (3): Obstacles and lessons learned (45 min)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What tools and approaches have countries used when mainstreaming the two Agendas? Facilitator: Prof Pali Lehohla</li> <li>- How have plans and planning frameworks adapted to address the impact of the pandemic? -Facilitator: Ms. Sara Hamouda</li> <li>- How can planning play a more useful role in fostering sustainable development and the achievement of the SDGs? What are weaknesses and strengths of current approaches to planning? Facilitator: Ms. Julie Muia</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12.30</b>	<p><b>Session 6: Lessons learned from Implementation at Local Levels and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Natasha Primo</b>, Head of Organisational Research, City of Cape Town SDG and VLR lead</p>

	<p><b>Kick-off presentation: Mr. Simon Masanga</b>, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe (10 min)</p> <p><b>Reflections on localization of the SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Priscilla Margery</b>, District Planner, Ngora District Local Government, Uganda</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Jan Magoro</b>, Acting Chief Director, Policy Research &amp; Advisory Services Branch, Office of the Premier, Gauteng Province</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Ken Oluoch</b>, Sustainable Development Goals Technical Lead, Kenya Council of Governors</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Rogers Dhlwayo</b>, Senior Economist, UNDP South Africa (<i>virtual</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the role of local and regional governments in SDGs implementation and how can they be empowered to fulfill their potential in implementing the 2030 Agenda and the Agenda 2063?</li> <li>2. What are the main benefits of Voluntary Local Reviews and how can they contribute to better recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?</li> <li>3. How can peer learning and peer reviews contribute to effective sharing of lessons learned and more robust VLRs?</li> </ol>
<b>12:30- 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00-16:00</b>	<b>Session 7: Mobilizing Partnerships and Stakeholders for 2030 Agenda and 2063 Agenda implementation and COVID-19 recovery</b>

Moderator: **Mr. Bartholomew Armah**, Officer-in-Charge, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, Economic Commission for Africa

Kick-off presentations:

- **Ambassador Mohamed Khalil**, Secretary General, Egyptian Agency for Partnership for Development (10 min)
- **Mr. David Moinina Seneh**, Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, Sierra Leone, Member UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) (10 min) (*virtual*)

**Mr. Moussa Kondo**, Accountability Lab, Mali (CSO)

**Ms. Mandipa Ndlovu**, Visiting Researcher, Centre for African Studies, University of Edinburgh

**Ms. Julia Muia**, Programme Officer, African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM)

**Mr. Rishy Bukoree**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius

Interactive Discussion

Guiding questions:

1. How can we strengthen mechanisms and platforms to bring all stakeholders together to contribute to the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063?
2. How are all sectors and levels of Government, including Parliament and human rights institutions, engaged in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063?



	3. How can partnerships with non-State actors and the private sector contribute to the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063?
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Wrap-up Session and briefing for day three, Mr. Bartholomew Armah, UNECA</b>
<b>Day 3 30 October</b>	
9:00 – 10:45	<p><b>Session 8: Special capacity-building segment - monitoring and reporting on SDGs and Agenda 2063</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Professor Pali Lehohla</b>, former Statistician-General, South Africa</p> <p>Kick-off presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ambassador Samori A. Okwiya</b>, CEO, APRM &amp; NEPAD Secretariat, Kenya (10 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Bartholomew Armah</b>, Officer-in-Charge, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, Economic Commission for Africa, <i>Big data and the implementation of the governance and institution-building objectives of 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063: risks and opportunities</i> (10 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Selamawit Mussie</b>, SDG Policy Officer, African Union Commission, <i>AU efforts to report on Agenda 2063 and 2030 Agenda</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Jean Adou</b>, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, APRM, South Africa</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Eunice Kamwendo</b>, Director, ECA Sub-Regional Office, Lusaka (<i>virtual</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can new technologies and non-traditional data sources contribute to enhanced monitoring and reporting?</li> <li>2. How have AU organs been collaborating to improve quality of reporting on Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 respectively?</li> <li>3. Given the strategic UN-AU framework to implement both agendas, how synergies are created between AU and UN organs (UNECA) to assist countries in reporting on both agendas?</li> </ol>
<b>10:45-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Break</b>
<b>11:00-12:30</b>	<p><b>Session 9: Taking CEPA principles to strengthen institutions, policy coherence and governance in the post-COVID-19 era</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Patrick Spearing</b>, Senior Governance Officer, UN DESA</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi</b>, Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr Louis Meuleman</b>, Visiting Professor at Public Governance Institute, KU Leuven (Belgium) and Vice-Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Ernesto Soria Morales</b>, Senior Policy Analyst on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development, Public Governance Directorate, OECD (<i>virtual</i>)</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Jaco du Toi</b>, Chief of Universal Access to Information Section, communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</li> </ul>

	<p>Good practices and lessons learned in applying principles of effective governance for strengthened implementation of the 2030 Agenda and AU Agenda 2063. The aim of the session is to support countries in transitioning from the immediate response to the crisis to longer-term recovery efforts: gaps, challenges and opportunities</p> <p>Interactive Discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does it mean in practice to reimagine the role of institutions and shift towards transformative pathways that strengthen resilience and accelerate action to achieve the SDG?</li> <li>2. Where and how have public administrations been successful in resolving tensions between responding to urgent and important needs and attempting to deliver on longer-term policy objectives?</li> <li>3. What are the early success stories from the APRM-OECD partnership on policy coherence of African institutions?</li> <li>4. What do the APRM targeted reviews tell us about strengthening institutions, policy coherence and governance in the post-COVID-19 era?</li> </ol>
<b>12:30 – 13:15</b>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Professor Eddy Maloka</b>, CEO, African Peer Review Mechanism</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi</b>, Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas</b>, UN Resident Coordinator, South Africa</li> </ul>