

Suggested opening remarks and moderation notes for Prof. Eddy Maloka

**Occasion: High-level 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  
Time: 28-30 October 2021**

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Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy  
Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN DESA,

Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University and  
Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration,

▪ Ms. Ayanda Dlodlo, Minister of Public Service and Administration, South  
Africa

Distinguished African ministers, experts and colleagues,

- Good morning and a warm welcome to all of you in Cape Town, South Africa, where we are organizing the Second edition of APRM- UN DESA workshop on the acceleration of Agenda 2063 and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This workshop is probably the largest event organized by the APRM continental Secretariat since the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic, which still has daunting consequences on human lives and societies.
- The APRM, in the realm of such a crisis, has taken many actions to support the AU efforts in containing the pandemic while offering its regional platforms and governance assessments for member states to share best governance practices on the pandemic management. Under our VNRs platform, we continued supporting member states in enhancing reporting on various SDGs and Agenda 2063, particularly those goals pertinent to good governance issues to ensure inclusive and responsive policies against the pandemic.

- The pandemic also presents an opportunity to appreciate the significance of CEPA principles, especially those pertinent to sound policy making, collaboration, transparency and inclusiveness. We are very proud and grateful for the partnership with UN DESA and other partners, including the SDGs centre for Africa, to conduct the APRM Baseline Study on the implementation of CEPA principles in Africa. I hope you may have a chance during the workshop to have a look at the report and share your insights and recommendations.
- I also wish you fruitful deliberations and discussions across the three days as there are various sessions designed by our technical team from UN DESA and APRM to share experiences between African countries on various issues related to Monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 and 2030 for Sustainable Development, public service delivery and public institutions empowerment.
- Now and without overdue, allow me to give the floor to Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs at UN DESA as she prepared a recorded message for the opening session of our workshop.
- The second speaker in the opening session is Ms Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Chancellor, Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the UN CEPA.
- Finally, allow me to welcome the focal point of South Africa to APRM and Ms. Ayanda Dlodlo, Minister of Public Service and Administration, South Africa.

I thank you,