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**Pan African Parliament
(PAP)**

**Training Workshop
on**

**“ Enhancing the Role and Effective participation of Parliamentarians in the
APRM process”**

UNCC, Addis Ababa

12 – 14 May 2010

Draft Work Programme

Objectives of the Training

The main objective of the training is to strengthen the capacity of parliamentarians in order to enhance their role and participation in the APRM process. The training will provide an in-depth understanding of the rationale, structure, institutions and processes of the APRM and outline strategies for engagement of Parliamentarians in the APRM.

The training will provide a platform for the exchange of experiences and tactics, and will help African MPs to build common strategies.

The format of the training will provide invaluable learning opportunities for exchange of views, sharing country specific experiences and peer learning among Parliamentarians from both pioneer and newly acceded countries. It will also emphasize the need to build **coalitions between Parliamentarians and civil society organizations** to improve the level of citizen engagement in the APRM as a whole. They will be engaged in debates to find effective solutions for tackling the challenges.

Delivery of the training

To promote a participatory approach and encourage peer learning and sharing, the training will include presentations, exercises and where applicable use group interaction and group work. This will promote peer learning as well as promote sharing of knowledge and competencies among the participants.

Challenges

There are two main levels of engagement of the legislature in the APRM process, at the continental and national levels. Consequently, this training is designed in a way as to respond to the needs of both PAP members and national MPs.

Day One – 12 May 2010

08:15- 09:00	Arrival of Participants and Registration at UNCC	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Moderator: _____</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Ms. Zemenay Lakew Programme Advisor 2. African Development Bank (AfDB) 3. Pan African Parliament (PAP), Mr. Mourad Boularaf, Acting Clerk 4. APRM Secretariat 5. Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) 	Plenary
10:30- 11:00	<i>Health Break</i>	
11 :00- 12 :00	<p>Session 1- Overview of the NEPAD/APRM Process as a Continental Project of Renewal: Progress, Problems and Prospects</p> <p>Moderator: Member PAP</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Presenter: Ms. Rachel Mukamunana, Continental APRM Secretariat, South Africa</p> <p>Objective and Core Principles of NEPAD/APRM; Structures and Institutions of the APRM process; Essential elements of stakeholder participation; Progress and Challenges of Implementation and the Prospects.</p> <p>Discussions</p>	Plenary
12 :00- 13 :00	<p>Session 2- The APRM as a Domestic Accountability System: The Role of Parliaments, CSO and the Media</p> <p>Moderator: AfDB</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Presenter: - Mr. Kojo, Busia, UNECA</p> <p>The APRM offers opportunities to engender more robust domestic public debate on public policy issues and consequent recommendations for policy reform and action for development. While formal supply-side accountability institutions exist in African political systems (executive, legislature, judicial systems, electoral investigative commission), they are often associated with the political regimes in power and the space for citizen participation through demand-side institutions (parliaments, CSOs, media) is limited reducing the effectiveness of accountability institutions in Africa. The APRM opens up space for all stakeholders to participate in decision-making processes that affect them thereby strengthening the domestic governance system of the country. The mechanism further provides demand-side institutions with a unique opportunity to reclaim the arena and space for development policy-making which has hitherto fore been the preserve of the executive branch of governance.</p> <p>Discussions</p>	Plenary

13:00– 14:30	<i>Health Break – (Payment of DSA)</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 3- Continental Oversight Structures of the APRM: The PAP, ECOSOCC and the African Commission of Peoples and Human Rights</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Zemenay Lakew , UNDP</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Adele Jinadu</p> <p>The APRM is a major focus of the continental renewal agenda for governance and development within the broader context of the reconstituted African Union. As a continental project, the mechanism offers a practical approach to monitoring the entire corpus of African democratic governance and human rights treaties, protocols, codes and standards that member states of the African Union have committed themselves over the years, but were not able to implement. The continental institutions mandated to play an oversight role in monitoring implementation are the Pan-African Parliament, the ECOSOCC and the African Commission for Human and People’s Rights. The presentation will focus on the prospects and challenges of these pan-African institutions in meeting their mandatory roles.</p> <p>Discussions</p>	Plenary
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Health Break</i>	
15:45– 17:45	<p>Session 4- Panel Discussion: Building Strategic Partnerships between Parliamentarians and civil society organizations</p> <p>Moderator: PAP (Clerk)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PAP Member (PAP will give a name) 2. Mr. Jalal Abdel-Latif, UNECA 3. Mr. Khabele Matlosa UNDP 4. Mr. Gustave Benjamin Assah, CSO <p>A panel discussion of how CSOs and Parliaments can form effective and strategic partnership in the APRM process to advance their issues both in the self-assessment and implementation phases of the APRM. Short presentations will be made and then respond to questions.</p> <p>Discussions</p>	Plenary
18:30- 19:30	<i>Reception</i>	

Day Two – 13 May 2010		
08:30-08:45	Recap of previous day and Presentation of the Program	Plenary
08:45-10:45	<p>Session 5- Media and ICT- Tools to enhance Parliamentary roles</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Mr. Njingum Musa Mbutoh</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5-1 Managing the Media and Parliament in the APRM Process</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Presenter: Mr. Youssouf Touré, ORTM</p> <p>The ability to exploit the Media by using Members of Parliament as champions of the APRM process is the surest way to get the general public to buy in to the Mechanism. The two institutions have the capacity to unmask, create public awareness for and simplify the APRM process.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5- 2 "How ICT can Enhance Parliamentary Oversight of the APRM"</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Presenter: Mr. Thierry H. Amoussougbo, ISTD, ECA</p> <p>This presentation will cover ECA ICT, Science and Technology Division works with African Parliaments, aiming at building Parliament staff and Parliamentarians' capacity through ICT in supporting parliament's involvement in the knowledge society and its basic values of transparency, accessibility, accountability and effectiveness, and, at the same time, its representative, legislative and oversight functions. In addition it will demonstrate how ICT's constitute a foundation and tool for effective participation of MPs in the APRM process</p> <p>Discussions</p>	Plenary
10:45-11:00	<i>Health Break</i>	
11:00-13:00	<p>Session 6- Challenges and Opportunities for Engaging the Legislature in the APRM: Lessons Learned from Country Experiences</p> <p>Moderator: PAP Member (PAP will give a name)</p> <p>Presentations will focus on the opportunities and challenges for the legislature to effectively participate in the APRM at the national and continental levels. Experiences from pioneer countries will highlight the benefits of engaging parliaments early in the review process and the perils of ignoring parliament until the last stages. What specific roles can Parliaments play in overseeing the implementation of the National Program of Action (NPOA) would also be discussed.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Benin – Amb. Zacharie Richard Akplogan, NGC/APRM Benin 2- Algeria – Ms. Fatima-Zohra Karadja, NGC/APRM Algeria 3- Mali –Mr. Ousmane M. Diallo, NGC/APRM Mali 4- Mozambique – Mr. Marechal David Nhavoto, NGC/APRM Mozambique 5- Burkina Faso – Mr. Jean Baptiste Natama, NGC/APRM Burkina Faso <p>Discussions</p>	Plenary
13:00-14:30	<i>Health Break</i>	

Session 7- Parallel breakout sessions

14:30-
17:30

The participants will be divided into two groups. Each group will come up with a list of Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies for Enhancing the role of Parliamentarians in two stages.

(Health Break – 15:30 – 15:45)

Group A- MPs role in the self-assessment exercise

APRM has the real potential of playing a decisive role in “collective self-governance”, in the continent. It requires in particular the participation of parliaments, as stakeholder in the self-assessment phases. In this breakout session the participants will discuss best practices for MPs to play an effective role in this self-assessment process.

Facilitator:

Group B- Monitoring and tracking the implementation of the APRM National Programme of Action (NPOA)

The NPOA is the key input delivered by the country into the peer review, and it, therefore, serves to present and clarify the country's priorities; the nature of the national consultations; as well as explicitly explain the responsibilities of various stakeholders in government, legislator, CSOs and the private sector in implementing the Programme.

Facilitator:

Day Three – 14 May 2010

09:00-09:15	Recap of previous day and Presentation of the Program	Plenary
09:15-10:45	<p>Session 8- Participation of African women parliamentarians in the APRM process</p> <p>Moderator: PAP Member (PAP will give a name, in particular a woman MP)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hon Ms. Farida ILIMI, National Assembly, Algeria - Ms. Souad Ben Abdennebi, ACGSD, UNECA - Ms. Houada Mejri , ACGSD, UNECA 	Plenary
10:45-11:15	<i>Health Break</i>	
11:15-13:00	<p>A- Reporting of Group A- MPs role in the self-assessment exercise</p> <p>The group will present the report of their discussions and recommendations, with a list of Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies for Enhancing the role of Parliamentarians in self-assessment process.</p> <p>B- Reporting of Group B- Monitoring and tracking the implementation of the APRM National Programme of Action (NPoA)</p> <p>The group will present the report of their discussions and recommendations, with a list of Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies for Enhancing the role of Parliamentarians implementation of the APRM National Programme of Action (NPoA).</p> <p>Moderator:</p>	Plenary
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30-15:30	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAP • UNDP • AfDB • APRM Secretariat • UNECA 	Plenary
15:30	Departure of participants	