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(PAP)**

Training Workshop

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

Hotel Oceanic Bay, Tanzania

12-14 November 2008

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.

Tuesday, 11 November		
	Arrival of Participants	
14:00-16:00	Registration at Hotel	
18:00-19:00	Rapporteurs and Resource Persons Meeting at the Hotel	
Wednesday, 12 November		
10:00-10:45	<p>Opening Session.</p> <p>Moderator: Prof Hasa Mlawa, Chief of APRM Tanzania</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, Resident Coordinator - Resident Coordinator of the United Nations Systems and Representative of UNDP in Tanzania 2. Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) 3. Hon. Gideon Mung'aro, MP, Representative of the Speaker of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) 4. H.E. Amb. Seif Idd, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 	Plenary
10:45-11:15	Tea Break and payment of DSA	
11:15-11:30	<p>Rational, Objectives and Content of the training -</p> <p>Mrs. Hodane Youssouf - UNECA</p>	Plenary
11:30-13:00	<p>1- Overview of the NEPAD/APRM Process as a Continental Project of Renewal: Progress, Problems and Prospects</p> <p>Moderator: Prof Hasa Mlawa, Chief of APRM Tanzania</p> <p>Presenter: Mrs. Evelynne Change - 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
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	Plenary
14:00-15:00	<p>2- The APRM as Alternative Accountability Mechanism in the National Governance System: The Role of Parliaments</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Vincent Smith - MP, Parliament of the Republic of South Africa</p>	Plenary

	<p>Presenter: Mr. Kojo Busia - UNECA</p> <p>The APRM offers opportunities to engender more robust public debate on public policy issues and consequent recommendations for policy reform and action. While formal structures of accountability exist in African countries (parliaments, judicial systems, electoral investigative commission), they are often associated with the political regimes and the space for citizen participation is limited reducing the effectiveness of these formal governance institutions. The APRM opens up space for all stakeholders to participate in decision-making processes that affect them thereby strengthening the governance system of the country.</p> <p>Discussions</p>	
15:00-15:30	Tea Break	
15:30-16:30	<p>3- Continental Oversight Structures of the APRM: The PAP, ECOSOCC and the African Commission of Peoples and Human Rights</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Bethel Amadi, MP, Republic of Nigeria</p> <p>Presenter: Prof. Adele Jinadu - ECA</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
16:30-18:00	<p>4- Media and ICT- Tools to enhance Parliamentary roles</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Moses Muteteka, MP, Republic of Zambia</p> <p>4-1 Managing the Media and Parliament in the APRM Process</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Jerry Okungu, Okuthe-Okungu Association, Kenya</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>4- 2 "How ICT can Enhance Parliamentary Oversight of the APRM"</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Thierry Amoussougbo, 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 ICTs constitute a foundation and tool for effective participation of MPs in the APRM process</p>	Plenary
19:00-20:00	Welcome Reception	

Thursday, 13 November		
08:30-08:45	Recap of previous day and Presentation of the Program	Plenary
08:45-10:15	<p>5- Challenges and Opportunities for Engaging the Legislature in the APRM: Lessons Learned from Country Experiences</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Fred Jachan Omach (Minister)</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- Kenya, Prof. Peter Wanyande 2- South Africa, Hon. Vincent Smith, MP 3- Nigeria, Prof. Adele Jinadu 	Plenary
10:15-10:45	Tea Break	
10:45-13:00	<p>(Cont.) Lessons Learned: Case Studies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4- Uganda, Mrs. Silvia Angey 5- Tanzania, Prof. Daudi Mukangara 6- Zambia, Hon. Moses Muteteka, MP <p>Discussions</p>	Plenary
13:00-14:00	Lunch – Hotel	
14:00-15:30	<p>6- Panel Discussion: Building Strategic Partnerships between Parliamentarians and civil society organizations</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Janguo Saidi, MP, United Republic of Tanzania</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Ozias Tungwarara, Africa Governance & Monitoring Project (AfriMAP) 2. Mr. Grant Masterson, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA), and 3. Mr. Tšoeu Z. Petlane, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) 4. Mrs. Astrunalt Bagile, Women in Social Entrepreneurship (WISE) <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

15:30-
16:00

Tea Break

16:00-
18:30

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.

7- Parallel breakout sessions

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: Hon. Vincent Smith

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: Mrs. Hodane Youssouf

Friday, 14 November		
09:00-09:15	Recap of previous day and Presentation of the Program	Plenary
09:15-11:15	<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: Hon. Mike Sebalu, APRM Commissioner and Member of Parliament for East African Legislative Assembly</p>	Plenary
11:15-11:45	Tea Break	
11:45-13:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAP • UNDP • UNECA • Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - Tanzania 	Plenary
13:00-14:30	Lunch and Departure of participants	