



APRM- UNECA side event

Africa sustainable development forum

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Harnessing governance mechanisms and partnerships to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 (SDG 1, 16&17)

Background

- [The African Peer Review Mechanism](#) (APRM) is a self-monitoring governance mechanism voluntarily acceded to by Member States with the aim to foster the adoption of policies, standards and practices that will lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development, and regional integration. In alignment with the African Union reforms, the APRM has been designated to equally support African countries in monitoring of implementing the African Union Agenda 2063 and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as enhanced national governance reporting at national level amongst african countries.
- The AU Agenda 2063 is Africa's blueprint for a peaceful, advanced and integrated continent. Economic integration and civil service reforms are imperative for the continent resilience, especially in the face of shocks and disasters. The current assessment of the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan (FTYIP) 2013-2023. The first and second continental reports on implementation of AU 2063 reveals a poor score for good governance, democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law – related to Aspiration 3 with an aggregate score of 16% and 42% respectively. This was mainly because of high levels of corruption in delivering public services, weak mechanisms and institutions of holding leaders accountable, and low freedom of the press. Same conclusion has been also emphasised with the continental progress towards SDG 16 “effective, strong and efficient institutions and inclusive societies” as per the latest reports.
- Connecting to this, the APRM has been supporting african countries to enhance reporting on SDG 16- efficient, powerful institutions and peaceful societies which meets Aspiration three of Agenda 2063- An Africa of Good Governance, Democracy, Respect for Human Rights, Justice and the Rule of Law. In 2023, the APRM in partnership with UNECA joined forces to develop the [Biennial Report - Governance Mechanisms for the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030](#) . The report sheds lights on current progress towards SDG 16 in Africa in tandem with Aspiration three. Further, it assesses the existing governance enablers (institutional mechanisms, legislative tools, partnerships, role of youth, media and NGOs) in executing global and continental agendas with a special focus on SDG 16. The report equally displays efforts made by AU member states to develop innovative initiatives to address SDG 16 and its interlinkages i.e. anti-corruption policies, social justice and protection programs as well as inclusion of women and gender-equality in national policies.

- As the African union has recently endorsed the second -ten-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063 (STYIP), it's imperative to emphasise the centrality of good governance, education, digitalisation, and partnerships as key enablers for the implementation of this plan. By 2034, the AU anticipates African countries to continue improving democratic practice, accountability, and integrity of civil service alongside embarrassing digitalisation for an agile service delivery.
- The proposed *APRM-UNECA/UNDESA-UNESCO side event* seeks to provide a peer-learning platform amongst experts, CSOs and national representatives of African countries, especially those reporting on SDGs this year, to share experiences and innovative initiatives to accelerate implementation of SDG 16 and its linked goals i.e. SDG 1 poverty and SDG 2 no- hanger. Further, it takes stoke of current progress towards the referred goals in some african countries including (Algeria, Egypt, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa). This side event supports monitoring SDG 16 periodically for analysis of outcomes to further inform improvements in the attainment of targets through evidence. Moreover, it enriches a multi-stakeholder approach with different partners to present their new initiatives which feed into executing the same goals.

Organisers, partners, panellists

- Organisers: APRM continental Secretariat, UNECA, Ministry of foreign Affairs (Egypt)
- Partners: UNDESA, [Afro barometer](#), [Good Governance Africa](#) (GGA), Republics of Sierra Leone and Algeria
- Targeted participants: experts in national planning, and specifically ministries / departments of good governance alongside other key actors including but not limited to national SDGs focal points, SDG 16 experts, RECs representatives, APRM strategic partners including UN agencies and specialised organs.

Panellists: (5-8 minutes each)

Moderation: Dr. Sherifa Sherif, Executive Director, National Institute of Governance and Sustainable Development, Egypt (her)

- H.E Amara Kallon, Minister of Public service and political affairs, Sierra Leone
- Ms. Dr. Sabine Alkire, Executive Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) : governance practices towards eradication of poverty in selected african countries
- Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch , UNDESA
- Ms. Caroline Makasa, a.g, Director, Sustainable Development centre for Africa,
- Prof. Bartholomew Armah, Chief of Development Planning, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA : digital planning for advancing the implementation of the Two Agendas one plan Framework

CSOs Discussants: Prof. Joseph Asunka, executive director Afro-barometer & Ms. Chrissy Dube, Head of Research (GGA) – South Africa

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