



UN DESA- APRM SIDE EVENT HYBRID

“Forging partnerships to enhance reporting on SDG 16/Aspiration three in Africa: lessons learnt from Rwanda and Peer-learning opportunities with other African countries”

Where? Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development – **Convention Centre – MH1**

Kigali Rwanda

When: (Friday 4 March 3-4.30 pm) – Kigali/ South Africa time

Register for the side event virtually through:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_om1FdC8rR_q6NkaXN6driQ?xzm_rtaid=F1zxMw6gSiCW1Xlf5VD4gg.1645771081346.e13ac75ebc13b415c9b7420c3219e7e1&xzm_rhtaid=976

Background

The African Peer Review Mechanism is as an autonomous body of the African Union organs. It is a voluntary mechanism dedicated to encouraging peer-learning and adherence of AU member states to the AU standards and codes for good governance at the continental level. Empowered by the AU assembly to assist in monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 and SDGs since 2017, the APRM has taken progressive steps for such a goal. This includes supporting Voluntary National Reporting in Africa, incorporating SDGs & Agenda 2063 indicators into governance assessment methodology, the advocacy and assessment of principles of effective governance for sustainable development.

UN DESA and Committee of Experts on Public Administration established strong collaboration with the African Union and APRM to help track aspects of SDGs, especially SDG 16- strong, efficient and strong institutions and peaceful societies. The APRM baseline study on the implementation of CEPA Principles in Africa is one of APRM key initiatives to promote understanding of SDG 16/Aspiration three of Agenda 2063 principles and institutional aspects across 17 African countries. The study's findings recommendations are imperative to enhance reporting on this goal, especially with the recognized low progress of various SDGs due to the daunting consequences of COVID-19 over the last three years.

Objectives of the side event and relevance to ARFSD themes

The overarching objective of this event is to offer a regional venue for African countries to share experiences on implementing CEPA principles at national level. Further, it aims to identify challenges towards efficient implementation of these principles during COVID-19 time. Further focus is paid to the “experience in Rwanda with CEPA principles” through the efforts conducted by Rwanda Governance Board and concerned ministries to enhance reporting on



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Agenda 2063 & SDGs and the role of partnerships (SDG 17) in fostering impactful results on pursuing CEPA Principles in Africa.

Themes of focus:

1. Rwanda's experience in enhancing reporting on good governance aspects and potential of peer-learning with other African countries.
2. Implementation of some CEPA Principles (leaving no one behind, sound policy making, integrity and transparency)
3. APRM Baseline Study on CEPA Principles
4. Way forward on putting the principles into actions: APRM-UN DESA cooperation

Organizers: UN DESA, and APRM, Rwanda Governance Board - Government of Rwanda

PROGRAMME

Friday 4 March 2022 15.00-16.30hr)

Time	Speaker (8minutes/each speaker)
Welcoming the audience 15.00-15.05 pm	<i>Moderator</i> Sara Hamouda, Agenda 2063 Unit-OIC, APRM
Opening remarks 15.05-15.10	Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi Chairperson, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration
Reflections from APRM study on CEPA principles and the role of the centre 15.10-15.17	Mr. Pali Lehohla, CEPA Statistical advisor & former SA statistician General
Experience of Rwanda in implementing CEPA Principles 15.20-15.30	Dr. KAITESI Usta, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Governance Board
Rwanda's capacity-building model for cooperation with African countries 15.30-15.40	Ms. Urujeni Rosine, Acting Director, Rwanda Cooperation Initiative
Promoting CEPA principles in the context of VNRs and VLRs in Africa 15.40-16.00	Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, DESA
16.00 – 16.10	Q&A from participants
Concluding Remarks 16.00-16.20	Prof. Eddy Maloka, CEO, APRM