

## UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

### Support to NEPAD

#### Period of Report: July 2007 to June 2008

UNDP has been providing advisory services to NEPAD at the highest level and has consistently participated in the NEPAD Steering Committee meetings as well as the Heads of State and Government meetings and the Africa Partnership Forum. UNDP has also worked very closely in two major initiatives, the Capacity Development Strategic Framework, and the Communication and Advocacy Strategy. Workshops at regional as well as country level have been held. The Capacity Development Framework has been endorsed by the Ministers of Public Service and pilot activities have taken place in a number of countries including Ghana and Kenya.

#### Support to the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)

- Financial and Institutional Support: The APRM Trust Fund was set up in 2005 and has been operational. It has a budget of about US\$15 million over a period of three years expiring on 30 September 2008. Currently, over US\$13 million has been mobilized including US\$2.7 million from UNDP. Other contributors include Algeria, Canada, DFID, Lesotho, Malawi, Senegal, Switzerland and Spain. Ireland has also expressed interest. Currently the Trust Fund provides support to the APRM Panel and Secretariat operations including staff cost, missions and meetings as well as Country Review Missions, and networking and experience sharing. Discussions are underway for the continuation of the Trust Fund. The new phase will be based on the Three Year Strategic Plan (2008 - 2012) of the APRM approved in January 2008 by the APR Panel and Forum. It is envisaged that new elements of the work plan, i.e. capacity development and institutional strengthening of the Secretariat, advocacy, and codification of knowledge and best practices emerging from the APRM will be included in the new phase.
- Technical and Advisory Services:
  - i) *Technical Support to the APR Panel and Secretariat:* UNDP has been actively engaged in supporting the implementation of APRM and technical support has been given on a continuous basis. It has participated in launching the APRM in 14 countries as well as in the reviews of seven (Ghana, Rwanda, Kenya, South Africa, Algeria, Uganda, Nigeria and Burkina Faso. Uganda was peer reviewed in the just concluded APR Forum in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt on 29 June 2008. Nigeria and Burkina Faso are expected to be reviewed in an Extra Ordinary meeting of Heads of State in the coming months before the next AU summit in Addis Ababa, in January 2009.

- ii) *Review of the Methodologies for costing the Plan of Action (POA) and the national process:* Based on the recommendations of the AGF VI which UNDP organized in May 2006 in Kigali, Rwanda, UNDP in collaboration with ECA and the AfDB has organized consultations with other multi-lateral and bilateral partners to discuss support for further accelerating the process at the country level as well as the implementation of the Programme of Action. To that end, a preliminary study was conducted and a follow up is underway. It is expected that the study would guide the methodologies of the costing of the Programme of Actions so as to avoid double counting and ensure integration in the national development strategies of the countries as well as support countries as they embark on the self-assessment exercise.
- iii) *Monitoring and Evaluation of the APRM implementation:* Technical support was provided in the initial consultations on the development of the process and tools for evaluating the Programme of Action. This is work in progress that will be further developed.
- iv) *Review of the APRM process, institutions and instruments:* As part of the efforts to implement the recommendations of the Africa Governance Forum VI, UNDP has been supporting the APRM Secretariat in holding discussions on reviewing the APRM process as well as the questionnaire based on the experiences gathered so far. Two technical workshops were organized in Pretoria, South Africa and Algiers.

All the above activities have been implemented in collaboration with, in particular, the UNECA and the AfDB in the context of the Annual Regional Consultations that is convened by UNECA. In this regard UNDP is the Convener of the Governance Cluster. In addition to the above specific support to NEPAD and APRM UNDP has also organized the Africa Governance Forum VII (AGF VII) on the theme of "Building a Capable State". The Forum was organized in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 24 - 26 October 2007. This Forum was organized under the guidance of a Multi-agency Steering Committee that met four times during the year. Both AU Commission and NEPAD Secretariat are members of the Committee and AU participated in Forum. This has inspired preparatory work of the NEPAD Capacity Development Strategic Framework. At AGF VII, 32 countries, a number of them at ministerial level, participated and considered several thematic issues guided by technical papers that were produced. The Forum also had a Heads of State segment with open dialogue with participants and the media. President Chissano, winner of Mo Ibrahim Award, delivered the keynote address. Parallel to the Forum was also a Media Forum that brought together a number of African and international journalists.