

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

SUPPORT TO NEPAD

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Orientation of work in support of NEPAD

UNDP has been involved in supporting NEPAD in the Governance, as well as Peace and Security areas within the context of the Regional Consultation Cluster areas, and in providing direct institutional support to the NEPAD and APR Secretariat. In 2004, the APR Forum (Heads of State of the APRM countries) designated the UNDP as one of its 4 strategic partners (with the AU, ECA and AfDB). At the request of the APR Forum, the UNDP had set up the Trust Fund. It also approved a preparatory assistance of US\$750,000 until December 2004 as part of a large multi-donor programme of support for the APRM. The Preparatory Assistance is intended to provide support to the APRM Panel of Eminent Persons, the APR Secretariat as well as support to country level activities and the development of the multi-stakeholder programme of support.

Areas of support for NEPAD

Furthermore, the UNDP has participated in the APRM Country Support Missions to Ghana, Rwanda and Mauritius. The Country Support mission is headed by one of the Panel of Eminent Persons and is intended to develop a common understanding with the Panel and the countries on the objectives, philosophy as well as the specific details required to get the country ready for the formal review. The UNDP in all the 3 cases has been involved actively at the country level through the local office in addition to the HQ representation in the Mission exercise. It is also now

preparing to organise activities at the country level leading to the Africa Governance Forum (AGF VI) in December 2004 in Rwanda. The AGF VI's theme will be on "*NEPAD Implementing APRM*" and will provide an opportunity for the countries to draw lessons on the experience of getting ready for the review and sharing of best practices.

UNDP has also actively worked in promoting interagency collaboration through the Governance, Peace and Security Cluster of the Regional Consultations for supporting NEPAD programmes. Similarly UNDP has been actively participating in advancing a coherence programme of support in Water, particularly water governance. Furthermore it has been supporting ECA's coordination role through the Regional Consultations. The 6th Regional consultations took place in Addis Ababa from 9 – 10 July 2004.

Political and economic governance

The UNDP in collaboration with the NEPAD Secretariat and other UN agencies had agreed to organize the next Africa Governance Forum (AGF VI) on the theme of "*NEPAD – Implementing the APRM.*" In support of that activity, a high level stakeholders workshop was organized on 28–30 July 2003 in Cape Town, South Africa. The workshop targeted high level representatives of government, civil society, private sector and media. Its objectives were to familiarize participants with the APRM in general, understand requirements at the country level, clarify the role of technical assessments and the relationship among the various processes and agree on

next steps. Participants agreed on strengthening and expanding advocacy for APRM at national level and promote broader stakeholder involvement; reach consensus on guidelines for country APRM processes and initiate preparatory steps, and reach agreement on a time frame for national processes, including the completion of programme of action. The workshop recommended that (a) participating countries should establish national structures, including national APRM focal points; (b) link the national structures with the APRM Secretariat for interactive implementation and coordination. The workshop also recommended that the progress made at the national level in the sixteen participating countries would be reported and reviewed at the AGF VI.

In November 2003, UNDP supported the APRM Secretariat in the organization of a high level technical workshop to further develop detailed criteria and indicators in the four areas of focus: Corporate governance; Democracy and Political Governance; Social Economic Development and Economic Governance. The meeting produced a set of core indicators for each of the four areas of focus; a draft standard Memorandum of Understanding with participating countries; a draft standard MOU with partner institutions, and a strategic plan for providing support to countries and strengthening their capacities where needed.

As a follow up to the High Level Stakeholders meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa, UNDP and OHCHR in collaboration with an African NGO, The Africa Leadership Forum, organised a regional conference on APRM in December

2003 in Kampala, Uganda. Its objectives were to provide a forum for understanding APRM and facilitate and strengthen African parliamentarians in developing adequate response mechanism for the implementation of APRM in their countries. In addition, it also aims to identify legislative and administrative requirements at the national and sub-regional levels and create a broad based network of African parliamentarians that will work together in advancing APRM at the country and regional levels.

Financial contribution of UNDP to NEPAD

The AU Heads of State Forum mandated UNDP to set up a Trust Fund for the APRM. UNDP has just approved a preparatory assistance of US\$750,000 to help kick start the process. The NEPAD support programme approved last year with US\$3.5 million (US\$2 million from UNDP and \$1.5 million from bilateral donors) has been ongoing and will continue for another year. This programme provides support for a Technical Support Facility, country level promotion of NEPAD-MDG goals, and a number of Facilitators, including one for Democracy and Political Governance.

UNDP has also been supporting the AU transition with a US\$1.5 million project, as well as the alignment of the AU/NEPAD. Another major programme of support with US\$6.4 million (UNDP US\$2 million, and other donors the balance) has been approved and is ongoing.