

## **UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)**

### **Support to NEPAD**

**Period of Report: July 2006 to June 2007**

#### **Institutional/technical support to the NEPAD Secretariat**

UNDP continued to provide advisory and technical services to the NEPAD Secretariat, the NEPAD Steering Committee and the Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee through regular meetings held during the reporting period. UNDP also continued to provide similar technical and advisory services through the Africa Partnership Forums and the preparation of strategic papers and reports. It has also actively participated in and supported the preparatory meetings for the development of an African Capacity Development Strategy which the NEPAD Secretariat initiated in December 2006. A draft outline and a roadmap for the process have been developed.

#### **Support to the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Secretariat and country processes**

UNDP has actively provided direct technical and administrative support to the APR Panel and Secretariat.

To date, 26 African countries have acceded to the APRM. These countries are: Angola, Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sudan and Zambia. During the reporting period, UNDP has participated in the launching of the APRM in several countries, including Algeria, South Africa, Lesotho, and Mozambique. UNDP has also been supporting all the countries in their national self-assessment processes, including institutional support to the APR Focal points, setting up of national structures to oversee the process, as well as organization of sensitization workshops. This support has directly contributed to the successful launching and undertaking of the process. Countries that have benefited from UNDP direct support for the APRM process include Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, and Uganda.

UNDP, as one of the key strategic partners, has provided technical support to the APR Panel and the APRM Secretariat on a continuous basis. It has contributed to the preparation of country background papers, issues papers, as well as participated in the review of South Africa and Algeria during 2006. It has contributed to the preparation of the periodic Panel Reports and issues papers examining the review methodologies, organizational setups and the process itself.

Although the Rwanda review was completed in 2005, the actual review at the APR

Forum (Heads of State) level was only completed in July 2006 at the eve of the AU Summit in Banjul, The Gambia. Kenya was also reviewed at the same meeting. Both countries, as well as Ghana, reported at the APR Forum held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2007, on the progress they are making in implementing some of the recommendations of the Peer Review.

UNDP, in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB) and UNECA, organized a consultative meeting at AfDB in Tunis in March 2007 to discuss ways of supporting the implementation of the Programme of Action of the three countries (Ghana, Rwanda and Kenya) that have completed the process.

### **Financial assistance**

In accordance with the mandate given to UNDP by the APR Forum, UNDP has set up a Trust Fund to support the implementation of APRM. To date contributions have been received from Algeria, Lesotho, Malawi, Senegal, Canada, DfID and UNDP. UNDP contributed US\$2.75 million to the Trust Fund. In addition, it has spent an estimated US\$700,000 for the support of the Panel, the Secretariat and the Review Process, as well as about US\$2.8 million to country processes.

### **Collaboration with other UN agencies**

UNDP has continued to be active in the cluster arrangement of the Regional Consultation Mechanism intended to coordinate the UN support to NEPAD. It convenes the Governance Cluster and supports UNECA in the overall coordination of the clusters. Activities include:

(a) **Africa Governance Forum (AGF):** UNDP, in partnership with the APR Panel, UNECA and AfDB, held the AGF VI in May 2006 on the theme of "Implementing APRM". A media forum was also organized parallel to the meeting. The AGF VI, as well as the Media Forum, was very successful. In addition to an opportunity for experience sharing among the countries, it provided wide-spread advocacy for the APRM, as a result of which many development partners have expressed keen interest to support the process. UNDP, in collaboration with UNECA and AfDB, has held meetings to address the implementation of many important recommendations of the AGF VI.

(b) **Water Cluster:** As a long-standing member of the UN Water Cluster, UNDP participated in the World Water Forum IV, held in March 2006 in Mexico.

(c) **UNDP/UNECA Joint Activities:** UNDP has signed a compact with UNECA to actively work together on a range of priority areas. This compact was developed over the second half of 2006 and signed in January 2007.