Within the context of the Africa-New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) Week: celebrating the 10th anniversary of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), which is coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Organization of the African Unity (OAU)/African Union (AU), the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI), the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations, the African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency will organize a dialogue with the Diaspora, including NGOs, Women, Youth and Academia.

NEPAD is the African-owned and led vision and strategic framework adopted by African leaders to address critical socio-economic development issues facing the continent, including poverty reduction, sustainable development, the marginalization of Africa, and empowerment of women. The APRM, a key component of the NEPAD, is a voluntary and mutually agreed upon instrument accepted by the Member States of the AU, as a peer review and self-monitoring governance mechanism (www.aprm-au.org/).

Featuring members of the African Peer Review (APR) Panel of Eminent Persons, the session will provide an opportunity for leaders from the African diaspora, representatives from non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, including youth and women’s groups, academia and the media to discuss the APRM’s achievements, best practices and challenges over the last 10 years. The session will explore future prospects for enhancing the Mechanism’s contributions to political and economic integration, equitable growth and inclusive sustainable development that will ensure a peaceful and harmonious future in the African continent.

Opening Statement:
Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa

Moderator:
Dr. James Braxton Peterson, Director, Africana Studies, Lehigh University

Invited Panelists:
Ambassador Fatuma Ndangiza Nyirakobwa, Vice Chair, APR Panel of Eminent Persons
Ambassador Ashraf Rashed, Member, APR Panel of Eminent Persons
Dr. Mustapha Mekideche, Member, APR Panel of Eminent Persons
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