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**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ROLL OUT OF AGENDA 2063 FIRST TEN PLAN
MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK AND INDICATOR HANDBOOK
YEAR IMPLEMENTATION**

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List of Abbreviations

ACBF	African Capacity Building Foundation
AfDB	African Development Bank
APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism
AU	African Union
AUC	African Union Commission
AUDA	African Union Development Agency
CoP	Community of Practice
FTYIP	First Ten Year Implementation Plan
HLPF	High Level Political Forum
JSSO	Joint Secretariat Support Organization
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
TWG	Technical Working Group
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MS	Member State
RECs	Regional Economic Communities
OSAA	UN Office of the Special Advisor on Africa
UN	United Nations

1.0 Introduction

Following the approval of the Agenda 2063 First Ten Year Implementation Plan, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Indicator Handbook by the Executive Council during its 32rd Ordinary Session of 25 – 26 January 2018, the African Union Commission led the coordination and consultative processes with key stakeholders in a collaborative manner to effectively and efficiently roll out and domesticate the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework in Regional Economic Communities and Members States

The report outlines the progress made in the roll out process through presentation of updates on execution of action points of the comprehensive roll out plan, challenges and recommendations and next steps.

2.0 Progress on the roll out of Agenda 2063 FTYIP Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The Roll out of Agenda 2063 First Ten Year Implementation Plan (FTYIP) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework and Indicator Handbook was commenced in March 2018 with the onset of consultative and collaborative meetings of the Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Working Group.

The Technical Working Group comprised of representatives from the African Union Development Agency, (AUDA), United Nations Economic Commission of Africa, (UNECA), Joint Secretariat Support Office (JSSO), African Peer Review Mechanism, (APRM), African Capacity Building Foundation, (ACBF), the Pan African Parliament (PAP), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and the African Union Commission.

Through these consultative meetings, specific critical and important guiding and foundational outputs have been developed to facilitate joint progressive roll out that will cascade into member states with full participation and engagement of RECs. The main outputs include the roll out plan, Terms of Reference of the M&E Task Team, communication strategy and proposal for funding. Other documents that are yet to be finalized are the training manual and a documentation of tools to support the roll out process.

A comprehensive roll out plan has been prepared to guide key stakeholders on their roles founded on the respective agency mandates. According to the roll out plan, progress on the following main actions are presented;

Action 1: Widespread Dissemination of Agenda 2063 FTYIP M&E Framework and Indicator Handbook

The M&E Framework Document and Indicator hand book have been translated into all the four AU official languages. The procurement process to enable publication of the documents is ongoing.

Action 2: Endorsement of the FTYIP M&E Architecture

The Agenda 2063 FTYIP M&E implementation architecture presented in figure 1, was prepared and technically validated through two expert meetings.

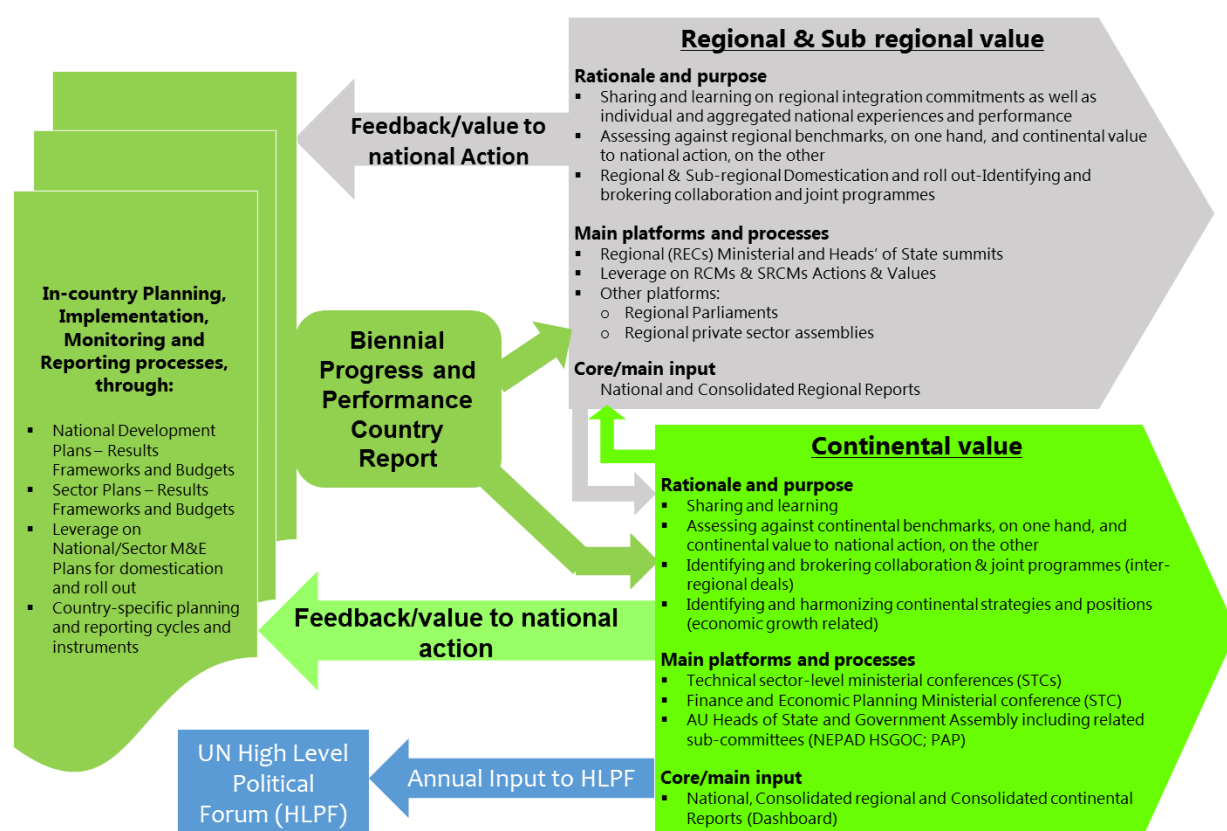


Figure 1

Action 3: Refine and review tools and templates;

To ensure that the data collection, analysis and reporting processes for agenda 2063 and 2030 are streamlined into a single platform, three tools to implement the Agenda Monitoring and Evaluation Framework that were presented to the TWG were reviewed and assessed based on each of their unique attributes. These attributes were

categorized and described based on the purpose, capabilities of the tool, limitations, data and data sources and synergies or complementarities with other tools. Detailed description of this is provided in Annex 1.

The tools reviewed included:

- Integrated Approach to Development (AUDA)
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Tool (UNECA)
- The Governance tool of the APRM

Each of the tools have been piloted in at least more than five African countries. And the respective templates are being finalized for collective documentation and dissemination to support the roll out process.

Action 4: Review and formalize Task Team

The roll out processes is being technically driven by the Monitoring and Evaluation Technical working group. Given the importance of the tasks performed through this forum coupled with the mandates of each institution and related cost implications, it is necessary that the existence of the M&E Task Team is formalized. Hence Terms of Reference of the M&E task team have been outlining its purpose, composition, operational model and financing have been prepared pending endorsement

Action 5: Setting up and operationalization of the key constituent components of the FTYIP M&E implementation architecture

Most of the activities to be carried out under this action item are have lagged behind due to the cost implications. Nonetheless remarkable progress has been made on the development of the Agenda 2063 Knowledge management portal. More efforts and funds need to be devoted to the finalization of the training manual and the establishment of the Community of Practice, (CoP), team of technical experts.

Action 6: Rolling out Agenda 2063 – SDGs domestication and internalization at MS and REC level

This action point requires finalization of the tools and related documentation to ensure formal engagement of RECs, for the domestication and internalization of the roll out plan based on standardized components. It will entail assessments and alignment processes between Agenda 2063 and 2030 as well as the REC strategic plans and consequently led to the country level domestication processes. It is envisaged to begin by 10th Feb 2019.

Action 7: Engagement with the UN Office of the Special Advisor on Africa

Activities within this action point are in the initial stages as concrete partnership only took place during the last quarter of 2018. It is planned that this partnership will enable

connection of the Agenda 2063 M&E with the open SDG data hub to leverage data and harmonize reporting on both development frameworks. It is also envisaged to enable development of a Joint advocacy strategy with OSAA in the context of AU-UN Partnership Framework on Peace, Security and Development.

Action 8: Engagement of Task Team Members Communication Teams to Build and Roll out and aggressive Communication Strategy

An effective, fast and effective roll out process has to be supported by a clearly targeted and aggressive communication strategy so that the target audience is equipped with common standards and accurate information. This will be propelled through the execution of a well - developed communication strategy. A draft outline of this strategy has been developed pending finalization.

Action 9: Proposal for funding

A proposal to support funding of the roll out process has been developed. It constitutes funding items for each of the action items in the roll out plan and is just over 1,600,000 USD. This funding is being sought from various funding partners including AfDB

A breakdown of the Budget is as follows:

	Budget Item	Cost (USD)
1	Consultative quarterly task team meetings	68,738
2	MS & REC level domestication exercises	1,174,900
3	Training and Orientation activities	89,560
4	Communication and Advocacy	269,560
5	Joint up-dating Report to AU Organs	8,436
	Total	1,611,192

3.0 Challenges

- Major challenge is funding of the roll out process
- Lack of adequate capacity of M&E personel to support the roll out process at MS and REC level

4.0 Recommendations and Next Steps

- Enhance capacity at MS and REC level
- Ensure Joint Roll out activities

- Institutional of M&E Task Team to support the roll out process.
- Finalization of the knowledge management portal
- Documentation and dissemination of the Tool Assessment Document

Annex 1

1) Integrated Approach to Development (IAD) - AUDA				
Purpose	Capabilities of the Tool	Limitations	Data and Data Sources	Synergies/ complementarities
To enhance planning, implementation and monitoring of Africa's Transformation Agenda	<p>Supports multi sectorial approach to data collection, analyses and reporting. Promotes horizontal and vertical integration in the implementation of development initiatives at continental, regional and national levels</p> <p>Enables primary data collection and visualization with greater ownership and control at user level</p> <p>Impact based indicator dashboard to synthesize performance towards targets of Agenda 2063 and SDGs</p> <p>In depth analysis of thematic priorities based on Agenda 2063 Aspirations and goals</p> <p>Strong at forecasting and serves as a basis for prospective analyses & scenario planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the moment not connected to cover the whole continent – technology exist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geospatial data are captured continuously through GIS. This is validated and supported by primary surveys data from thematic and NSOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with NDPs that each country will customize accordingly
2) Integrated Planning and Reporting Tool - UNECA				
Purpose	Capabilities of tool	Limitations	Data and Data Sources	Synergies / Complementarities

Alignment, planning, data collection, progress tracking & reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective for supporting alignment of NDPs with Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 • Dynamic & adaptable to country-specific planning frameworks • Supporting country planning processes • Progress tracking • Secondary data for evidence-based policy analyses • Analysis & reporting • User-friendly • Already in use by some countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment is more qualitative; not very suitable for in-depth quantitative analyses • Primary data collection • It is not web-based but rather desk-top based • Administered periodically and does not provide real-time primary data • Needs to be enriched with missing parameters • The system is mainly driven data from government to report their progress towards global. However these data are not verifiable independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDP monitoring data • Sectoral data • Data is generated by the countries NDPs, and continual updating is essential for the usability of the system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIA (MAPS) & geo-spatial tools to complement IPRT for in-depth quantitative analysis & reporting • With APRM tool for online data gathering on governance issues • Builds on Integrated Approach to Development Tool for real-time data and APRM Tool for primary data • NPAs which is inclusive qualitative data should be integrated with NDPs
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3) APRM Tool for Monitoring and Evaluation and reporting of Governance aspects				
Purpose	Capabilities of tool	Limitations	Data and Data Sources	Synergies / Complementarities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APRM tool to assess the state of governance in Africa against four thematic areas of Governance, which are democracy and political governance, economic governance, corporate governance as well as socio-economic development • Provides the ability to consult through broad participation as it can reach a wider audience without the need for physical presence of researchers. (via sms, online surveys, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring status & trends in governance – is the key value add • Can be used outside governance domain • Access and security controls are built in which enhances safety and security of data / information • The tool collects primary data for a wide range of variables which enables multi-variate analyses • Used to gather both quantitative and qualitative data which enables in-depth analyses particularly on poverty indicators • Multi-Platform support (Personal Computers, smartphone, tablet etc.) • A statistical database for predetermined information, real time reporting and monitoring • Capable of generating customized country specific and adaptive questions based on user's prior response • Accommodate a large number of different types of questions • Instant results and analysis based on predetermined reporting requirements and powerful reporting and analytical tools • Offline capability so that users are able to upload information onto any smart device to be synchronized to the database when internet connectivity is re-established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ownership and sustainability • Centralised data storage (Currently) • Voluntary nature of its application • Some skill required for generating questionnaires /surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generates data • Structured Data - Allows for better record keeping and archiving of huge volumes of data • Generate Country Specific Reports • Statistical hub for statistical trends and analysis on the Continent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be used to deepen engagement at sub-national level • Complements the ECA & NEPAD tools by providing primary data • Can be used to provide up to date and real time statistics of all African Countries • Has the ability to monitor and track KPI's real-time • Web based but save response data in areas with no or limited connectivity and synchronize captured data when internet connectivity is restored

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for better record keeping and archiving of huge volumes of data including indexing of uploaded supporting documents or information • Provides SMS functionality within the electronic questionnaire tool - to send and receive SMS for opinion polls and other surveys • Applied in some countries already • Useful for forecasting, early warning, risk and mitigation analyses • Tool is a potential solution to the need for African Based Alternative to country rating • KPI Monitoring and Feedback System capabilities 			
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