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**Remarks**

**By**

**The Deputy Chairperson of African Union Commission**

**H.E Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa**

**For**

**The Ministerial follow-up Committee on the implementation of Agenda 2063**

**8 February 2023**

**Hon H.E Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Rwanda, and Chairperson of the Ministerial Follow Up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063**

**Hon. Ministers,**

**Excellencies,**

**Chief Executives of AU Organs and RECs**

**All protocol observed**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I welcome you all to this Ministerial follow-up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 that has also been extended to the Ministers of Planning and Development.

Thank you for continued commitment to this continental Agenda.

You may recall, excellencies, that on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, you launched Agenda 2063 Special project. The Special Project is a demonstration of Africa's commitment and resolve to continue pursuing the aspirations of the African people that are encapsulated in Agenda 2063. I wish to thank you for the guidance you provided and most important of all when you underscored the importance of multi-stakeholder engagement for the successful implementation of the project.

**Hon Ministers, distinguished ladies and gentlemen**

The African Union Commission together with AUDA-NEPAD and other members of the TWG of Agenda 2063 conducted five – half-day regional orientation sessions covering all the five regions of Africa. The virtual orientation sessions

purposed to equip participants with requisite information and guiding tools for coordinating the national consultations featuring an assessment of Africa's performance on the first decade of Agenda 2063 implementation and identifying the priorities and key considerations for successful implementation of the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063.

We have so far received 32 National Consultation reports from Member States and I wish to thank those countries that have submitted their reports, at the same time, I encourage those that have not submitted to do so as soon as possible so that we can finalize this project and submit the reports to the Executive Council in June/July.

**Hon Ministers, distinguished ladies and gentlemen,**

Before us is the draft report of the Evaluation of Agenda 2063 and the draft Second Ten Year Implementation Plan. These reports have benefited from technical validation by representatives of 51 Member States, 7 RECS and AU Organs in December last year. The Ambassadorial Committee on the implementation of Agenda 2063 has also provided their input. The Second Ten Year Implementation has identified priority areas of focus for the next decade.

**Hon Ministers, distinguished ladies and gentlemen,** may I direct your particular attention to one focus area, namely People-driven, as you interrogate whether the proposed priority actions are comprehensive enough to address one of the promises made to African citizens yet still lacking in their eyes.

**Hon Ministers, distinguished ladies and gentlemen**

It is also only prudent that as a gesture of appreciation, I acknowledge the efforts of those who have successfully delivered and continue to provide support on this special project, namely; UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant

Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, the AUDA-NEPAD CEO, AfDB, UNECA, UNICEF, GSSO, the Technical Working Group (TWG) of Agenda 2063 and our staff at the Commission and AUDA-NEPAD who are fully assigned to this project.

And through the UN Cooperation Framework, we look forward to deepening coherent integration, with a special focus on One Cooperation Framework, Two Agendas.

As recommended by the TWG, it is important to fast-track the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with UNDP to provide technical support in the delivery of the Two Agendas.

**Thank you very much and wish you successful deliberations.**