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MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON AGENDA 2063
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Virtual Meeting

**Report of the Meeting of Ministerial Follow Up Committee on the
Implementation of Agenda 2063 Extended to the African Union Ministers in
Charge of National Planning, Development And Finance**

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The meeting of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 extended to the African Union ministers in charge of National Planning, Development, and Finance was held virtually on 30 June 2022 to launch the Special Project of the evaluation of the First Ten Year Implementation Plan (FTYIP) and the preparation of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063.

B. ATTENDANCE

2. The meeting was attended by the members of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 represented by Rwanda, Senegal, DRC, and Algeria. Also in attendance were African Union ministers in charge of National Planning and Development and Finance from Kenya, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Benin, Niger, Madagascar, Zambia, Eswatini, Tunisia, Republic of Congo, Mauritania, Saharawi Republic, Gambia, Cote d' Ivoire, Chad, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Malawi, and Uganda. Furthermore, the meeting had in attendance representatives and high officials from the African Union Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, APRM, ACBF, AfCTA Secretariat, ECOSOCC, AfDB, UNECA, and UNDP. Representatives of IGAD, SADC, EAC, JSSO, UMA, ECOWAS, and CEN-SAD also took part in the meeting. In addition to the high-level delegates, the meeting was also attended by more than 150 people with observer status - drawn from the media, youth, and other non-state actor categories. In total, the meeting registered an attendance of 215 people.

C. AGENDA

3. The program of the meeting included the following:
 - i. Remarks by the Chief Executive Officer of AUDA-NEPAD
 - ii. Remarks by the Deputy Chairperson of the AUC
 - iii. Remarks by Representative of Agenda 2063 Champion
 - iv. Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Ministerial Follow-Up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063
 - v. Presentation on the overview and status of preparations for the Special Project and the roadmap for implementation by the Ag. Director for Strategic Planning
 - vi. Panel discussion
 - vii. Open Discussion/ Question and Answer Session
 - viii. Closing remarks by the Deputy Chairperson of the AUC
 - ix. Closing remarks by the Chair of the Ministerial Follow-Up Committee on The Implementation of Agenda 2063.

D. OPENING REMARKS

4. In her opening remarks, the CEO of AUDA-NEPAD H.E Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas welcomed all participants and expressed her appreciation for the cordial relations that AUDA-NEPAD enjoyed working with the AUC, the RECs, and all AU Member States in organizing the launch of the evaluation of the First Ten Year Implementation Plan and the preparation of the successor ten-year plan, dubbed “the Special Project”. The CEO provided a brief context of Agenda 2063, a framework that was formulated through wide consultations with a broad spectrum of African stakeholders at all levels including grassroots levels. The framework purposes to guide Africa’s development and builds on existing African Union development frameworks.
5. The CEO informed the meeting that the special project was aimed at assessing Africa’s performance and taking stock of the lessons learnt in the first decade of implementing the continent’s development agenda, as an important input into the formulation of the Second Ten Year Plan of Agenda 2063.
6. In addition, the CEO outlined some of the lessons learnt which included, amongst others, the need to focus on priority multi-sectoral interventions; deploying participatory approaches that ensure inclusiveness of all is an important determinant for effective implementation; investment by the Member States in Agenda 2063 programmes and projects that guarantee enhanced implementation; and the importance of having a strong interface between the planning and budgeting process at national level.
7. The CEO reminded the meeting of the lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict which have highlighted the need for building a development paradigm that embodies resilience.
8. In her conclusion, the CEO called upon AU Member States to commit to undertaking national consultations to ensure the Special Project has full support from all stakeholders. She implored AU Member states to incorporate priorities identified for the Second Ten-year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 into their national development plans and budgets.
9. On her part, the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission H.E Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa thanked the Ministerial Follow-Up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 for convening the meeting. She stressed the importance of the meeting as an important milestone officially launching the evaluation process of the First Ten Year Implementation Plan, drawing lessons and identifying best practices, with a view to formulating the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan. She noted that the process rests on initial ground work developed by the Technical Working Group representing different components of the AU system. Furthermore, she remarked that the meeting was a testimony of the commitment and ownership of the Special Project by the AU Member States. The Deputy Chairperson reminded the meeting that the success of Agenda 2063 was dependent on incorporating it into National Development Plans and Budgets.

The Deputy Chairperson called on the meeting to give further validation of the methodology and course of action proposed forward; while also addressing communicating to, and more importantly engaging with, a wide range of stakeholders that includes civil society, academia, private sector, and the media with a view to further enrich the process, and to ensure a people centered inclusive approach, as essential pillars of sustainable development.

10. In addition, the meeting was informed by the Deputy Chairperson that the African Union in executing this exercise will continue not only to communicate to, but more importantly to engage with a wide range of stakeholders that include the civil society, academia, private sector, and the media to further enrich the process and to ensure a people-centred inclusive approach as essential pillars of sustainable development. Noting that the two continental reports on the implementation of Agenda 2063 FTYIP will provide valuable information for the evaluation process.
11. The Deputy Chairperson reminded the meeting that it is only when Agenda 2063 is fully embedded in the policy-making and implementation processes of Member States, forming a reference point for their national and international development policy that we can fully realize its aspirations and its gigantic flagship projects.
12. In her conclusion, the Deputy Chairperson made a call for action to the Honourable Ministers and Senior representatives to ensure ownership of the Special Project at every level- national, regional, and continental for timely and quality delivery. She reiterated the commitment of AUC in collaboration with AUDA-NEPAD, RECs, and others to harness resources from regional and continental institutions to meet the large resource demands required by the Special Project; She called upon RECs to continue to provide their usual full political and technical support and particularly in the two interrelated processes, including availing human and technical expertise in Monitoring and evaluation, strategic planning and Statistics; strengthen communication on Agenda 2063, its achievements so far, what African citizens should expect out of it going forward and the role they are invited to play to achieve goals that will be set in the STYIP.
13. The Minister of Planning and Development of Cote d'Ivoire Hon Kaba Niale, representing the Champion of Agenda 2063 H.E Allasane Quattarra, president of Cote d'Ivoire in her opening remarks thanked the Commission and AUDA- NEPAD for organizing the meeting. The Minister thanked the AfDB for providing both financial and technical support to the process. The meeting was reminded that the exercise provides an opportunity for the African Union to assess progress in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and at the same time identify challenges and propose recommendations.
14. 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 in his opening remarks welcomed all participants to the meeting. He underscored the focus of the meeting being, broadening consultations and discussions on Agenda 2063 and its implementation. The Hon. Minister thanked the Champion of Agenda 2063 H.E Allasane Quattarra,

President of Cote d'Ivoire for his continued oversight support to the implementation of Agenda 2063.

15. The Minister reminded the meeting of the mandate of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 which is to guide in areas of Strategic Orientation; Ensuring Efficiency; Financing; and Accountability in the delivery of Agenda 2063 First Ten-Year Implementation Plan and Successive Plans. The Minister stressed the Importance of the Special project to the African Citizenry who would wish to see more in terms of improving their lives as clearly articulated in the Seven Aspirations of Agenda 2063.
16. The Minister noted that with ten years of Agenda 2063 Implementation, it is expected that there would be numerous and profound insights, experiences, and lessons. In addition, major factors and trends globally such as the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Russia- Ukraine conflict have had severe impact on key socio-economic and geo-political trends at all levels. The evaluation of the First Ten Year Plan and the formulation of the next Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 accords the African Union an opportunity to position herself to respond to the demands of her people in the next decade.
17. The African Union was called upon to ensure that the evaluation of Agenda 2063 will be all-encompassing, bringing together all stakeholders particularly the Member States.
The Chair of the Ministerial Follow-Up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 reminded the meeting of the importance of the special project remarking that “we get to reflect on the last 10 years of Agenda 2063 implementation and the journey ahead of us as we chart the next course of action for Africa for the next decade. Our Heads of State during the January 2015 African Union Summit adopted Agenda 2063 – “The Africa We Want”. It is an affirmation by African Heads of State and Government of their commitment to transforming Africa into the global powerhouse”. Stakeholders were called upon to actively participate in this special project.

E. Presentation on the overview and status of preparations for implementing the Special Project

18. The Acting Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Delivery at the AUC, Mr Shumba Tichawona provided a brief on the Agenda 2063 Special Project. He informed the meeting that the Special project is a result of an Executive Council Decision EX.CL/Dec.1164(XL) which calls upon “the African Union Commission (AUC) and African Union Development Agency (AUDA)-NEPAD to lead the Evaluation of Agenda 2063 First Ten Year Implementation Plan (2014 - 2023) and the development of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (2024 - 2033)”. Furthermore, he elaborated that the Special Project of Agenda 2063 consists of the evaluation of the FTYIP and the Development of the STYIP which are to be completed in parallel and in time for the February 2023 Summit.

19. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the AUC and AUDA-NEPAD working with Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other Pan-African institutional members of Agenda 2063 Technical Working Group are at an advanced stage of preparations to ensure that the implementation of the Agenda 2063 Special Project is inclusive, participatory, consultative and delivered on time and within scope.
20. The Acting Director also presented to the meeting the overall objective of the Special project – noting that it purposes to assess performance and progress in terms of quality of implementation and delivery of tangible impacts along with Agenda 2063 goals and related set targets and indicators, and the formulation of Agenda 2063 STYIP.
21. The Scope of work will be based on the FTYIP Results Framework. The process will embody wide consultations with Member States, RECs, other AU organs, and Pan-African institutions. An appropriate mix of methods will be used to ensure credibility while adhering to international standards and best practices of development evaluation.
22. In addition, the meeting received an update on the current state of readiness. This included the following: USD\$1million secured from the African Development Bank to cover costs related to human resources; preparations are underway to hire the services of a consultancy firm and 5 experts as part of the resources that will undertake the evaluation of the FTYIP; planned consultations at national, regional, and continental level.
23. The Acting Director in his conclusion outlined some of the critical success factors for the special project among them being: to harness existing resources from the RECs, the Member States and other Continental institutions (including UNECA) to be deployed toward the execution of the Special Project; and the need for enhanced political leadership, commitment, ownership and technical participation of AU Member States.

F. Panel discussions

24. The panel discussions were chaired by H.E Hamad Hassan Chande, Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning of the United Republic of Tanzania, and moderated by the CEO of AUDA-NEPAD H.E Ms. Nardos Bekele- Thomas. In his remarks, the Deputy Minister expressed confidence that the discussions will shed light on how Africans are planning to drive their own agenda and that it was also an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas on how Africa Union can prepare to undertake this very important exercise.
25. The moderator of the Session H.E the CEO of AUDA- NEPAD outlined the objectives of the Panel discussion key among them was to exchange ideas on what should be done to ensure the successful evaluation of the FTYIP and the formulation of the STYIP.

26. Panellists were drawn from the five regions of Africa. These were:

- I. Cote D'Ivoire – Hon Niale Kaba, Minister of Planning and Development
- II. Democratic Republic of Congo – Mr, Daniel EPEMBE MOSENGO, General Secretary of Ministry of Planning
- III. Egypt - Dr. Reham Rizk, Head of Social Planning and Development Unit, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development
- IV. Senegal – Mr. Souleymane Diallo, General Coordinator of the General Directorate for Economic Policy
- V. Namibia- Mr. Obeth Kandjoze- Director-General.

27. The discussions revolved around 4 questions which included;

- What lessons do we learn from the design and implementation of FTYIP?
- What must be put in place to ensure an inclusive and participatory process among state and non-state actors in African Countries for the second decade of Implementation of Agenda 2063?
- What should be prioritized in the STYIP of Agenda 2063?
- What would be the basic actions that all AU Member States should commit to undertaking for the success of the evaluation of the FTYIP and preparation of the STYIP?

28. From the discussions that ensued, the meeting emphasised the following;

What lessons do we learn from the design and implementation of FTYIP?

- i. The need to strengthen the principle of governance and accountability
- ii. Provide further support to the AU Member States towards biennial reporting on the Implementation of Agenda 2063.
- iii. Review the indicators of Agenda 2063 M&E framework for more relevance and alignment with Member States' development needs and trajectories.
- iv. Alignment of National development plans, sectoral strategies, and budgets with Agenda 2063 priorities and goals.
- v. Strengthen the interface between planning and budgeting at all levels of Agenda 2063 implementation
- vi. Ensure enhanced support and continuous updates on the progress of implementation of Agenda 2063 flagship projects – including the Grand Inga Dam, AfCFTA, and the Integrated High-Speed Train Network
- vii. Leverage existing data and information from Agenda 2030 and others to provide data on the Implementation of Agenda 2063

What must be put in place to ensure an inclusive and participatory process among state and non-state actors in African Countries for the second ten-year of the Implementation of Agenda 2063?

- i. Strengthen awareness and sensitization on Agenda 2063 to popularise the Agenda among the African Citizenries

- ii. Identify Focal Points of Agenda 2063 at National and Regional levels with the involvement of Ministries of Planning to ensure ownership and more effective monitoring and evaluation of the Agenda 2063
- iii. More involvement of non-state actors – especially women and youth in the design, planning, implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation of Agenda 2063

What should be prioritized in the STYIP of Agenda 2063?

- i. Prioritize domestic resource mobilization for the implementation of the Agenda
- ii. Strengthen governance – including the fight against Corruption
- iii. strengthen the nexus between peace, security, and development
- iv. More emphasis on the use of clean energy, green and blue economy
- v. Prioritize Agriculture to address the issue of food security and value addition to the raw materials.
- vi. Place premiums on rural transformation
- vii. Prioritize Human Development and social protection expenditure to effectively cushion the poorest households and the vulnerable.
- viii. Increases public investments on key growth nodes while addressing income inequality
- ix. Revamp the education system in Africa to meet the current challenges of the continent – incl. prioritising innovation and technology
- x. Improve the data and statistical systems and capacities on the continent
- xi. Prioritise adaptation and mitigation measures on the effects of Climate change.
- xii. Support Economic Reforms to address structural bottlenecks

29. In summary, Member States committed to undertaking national consultation with the help of the African Union Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, and the Technical Working group to ensure the success of the project.

G. CLOSING REMARKS

30. In her closing remarks, the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission thanked the Chair of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee, the Hon Ministers who were present, the chair of the Panel discussions and the Moderator, the delegated officials, and all the participants for engaging in the very vibrant discussions. H.E the Deputy Chairperson highlighted some of the key issues that were raised on the floor like shared prosperity, food security, provision of clean energy, industrialization, supply chains, and the nexus between Security and Development among others as good premises to enrich the inputs that will be gathered from National and Regional Consultations during the execution of the Special Project.

31. The AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, and other partner institutions will continue the engaging Member States and provide support in addition to coming up with clear modalities

and timelines to sustain the momentum in undertaking the Special Project. The Deputy Chairperson emphasised the need to finance Africa's development blueprint and recalled the outcomes of a meeting that was held in Accra where multinationals like AfDB and other financial institutions expressed willingness to support the implementation of Agenda 2063. In addition, she remarked that there is going to be a Decision that will be presented at the February 2023 AU summit when presenting the evaluation report and the STYIP. The Deputy Chairperson also noted that updates on the status of implementation of the Special Project are going to be periodic to keep everyone informed.

32. In his closing remarks, the Chair of the Meeting thanked all participants for the fruitful exchanges and deliberations. He extended special thanks to the distinguished panellists who, he said, highlighted the challenges faced in the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and shared lessons as key input that will inform the formulation of the STYIP.
33. The Chair reminded the meeting that Agenda 2063 is Africa's own agenda and that therefore all stakeholders should ensure that the goals and targets outlined in the Agenda are realized. He further called for incorporating in the STYIP interventions that mitigate against exogenous shocks – citing the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict. He highlighted the need to communicate the goals and targets of the STYIP to national, regional, and continental actors including civil society, and the private sector operators. Furthermore, the Chair emphasized that the STYIP should be elaborated based on the experiences learned from the FTYIP to ensure continuous learning and improvements.
34. The Chair emphasised the need to give high priority in the STYIP to projects like the Integrated High-Speed Railway Network, the Inga Dam, and the Pan-African E-network among others. The Chair also underscored the importance of cultivating and nurturing strategic partnerships like the African Union- European Union. The African Union was called upon to ensure that intensive communication is embedded in the entire process as a prerequisite for the greater participation of African citizens in Agenda 2063.
35. The Chair extended his appreciation to the Committee of the Ministerial Follow-up on Agenda 2063, the Ministers in Charge of National Planning, the Ambassadorial Committee, and delegated officials for ensuring that the Special Project is launched vibrantly.
36. The Chair closed the meeting with a note that the draft Decision to the AU Summit in 2023 will indicate that the exercise of the Evaluation of the FTYIP and Formulation of the STYIP was formally launched.

H. Recommendations

37. National Development Plans should continue to be aligned to Agenda 2063 Ten-Year Plans. They should be implemented in other words - organic and the resultant development programmes should be prioritized for domestic funding.

38. Improvement of human resource capacity particularly in Monitoring, Evaluation, and Statistics that are key for appropriate and credible data collection, compilation, and analysis as a foundation for evidence-based decision making by the respective policy organs. In the same vein adoption of improved technological approaches to data processing should be emphasized
39. Prioritise continued documentation and dissemination of lessons learnt, and enhance knowledge exchange among the AU Member States, as key drivers to sustained development
40. Enhance awareness and sensitisation on Agenda 2063 at local, national, regional, and continental levels – as a prerequisite for deepening ownership among African citizenries.
41. Enhance national ownership of Agenda 2063 Special Project through, *inter alia*, national multistakeholder consultations, and active engagement and support to the evaluation of the First ten Year Implementation Plan and the formulation of the successor ten-year plan.

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**DECISION OF THE MINISTERIAL FOLLOW UP COMMITTEE ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** the Executive Decision EX.CL/Dec.1164(XL) which called upon the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA)-NEPAD to lead the Evaluation of Agenda 2063 First Ten Year Implementation Plan (2014 - 2023) and the development of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (2024 - 2033).
2. **APPRECIATES** the leadership of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the commitment of African Union ministers in charge of National Planning, Development and Finance, RECS, and Pan African Institutions to the evaluation of Agenda 2063 First Ten Year Implementation Plan and the development of Agenda 2063 Second Ten Year Implementation Plan.
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the Outcome Report of the Meeting of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 extended to the African Union ministers in charge of National Planning and Development and Finance on the Launch of the Evaluation of the First Ten Year Implementation Plan and the Preparation of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 and **ENDORSES** the Report and the recommendations contained therein.
4. **CALLS UPON** the Member States to ensure the ownership of the Special Project in the Evaluation of Agenda 2063 First Ten Year Implementation Plan and the development of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan. including by fully embedding the agenda in their national and international development policy making, undertaking national multi-stakeholder consultations, and launching a communications strategy to raise awareness on the project.
5. **URGES** Member States that have not already done so to present their National Progress Report on the Implementation of Agenda 2063.
6. **ADOPTS** the report of the Committee on the launch of the Evaluation of Agenda 2063 First Ten Year Implementation Plan and the development of Agenda 2063 Second Ten Year Implementation and **DIRECTS** the Commission to report on these two processes at the AU Summit in January/February 2023.