



**PRESS RELEASE ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUMMIT OF THE APR FORUM TO BE HELD ON  
22 JANUARY 2006, KHARTOUM, SUDAN**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the African Peer Review Mechanism [APRM] Panel of Eminent Persons [APR Panel] was held on 19-20 January 2006 in Khartoum, Sudan. The meeting was chaired by Ambassador Bethuel Kiplagat, Chairperson of the APR Panel. The other Members of the APR Panel in attendance were: Prof. Adebayo Adedeji; Prof. Mohammed Babes; Dr. Dorothy Njeuma; Ms. Marie-Angélique Savané; and Dr. Chris Stals

The APR Panel met in preparation to the 4<sup>th</sup> Summit of the APR Forum scheduled on 22 January 2006 in Khartoum, Sudan. This 4<sup>th</sup> Summit of the APR Forum will be a special one as it will conduct the peer review of the first two countries namely Ghana and Rwanda.

The APR Panel essentially focused on the modalities for conducting the peer review of these two countries by the APR Forum. The Country Review Reports of Ghana and Rwanda were presented for the consideration of the APR Forum at its 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit held on 19 June 2005 in Abuja, Nigeria. The Panel met with the representatives of Ghana and Rwanda as well as representatives of all other participating countries to prepare for the forthcoming Summit of the APR Forum.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Summit of the APR Forum will conduct of the "*peer review*" of Ghana and Rwanda. The "*peer review*" is a process of sharing of information and experiences and mutual learning with a view to assisting the country concerned in improving on identified weaknesses as well as providing other participating countries in learning from the best practices of the country under review.

23 have formally acceded to the process namely Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Egypt, Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Uganda. The Khartoum Summit will also provide an opportunity to the three countries which expressed their intentions to participate in the APRM namely: Sao Tome & Principe, Sudan and Zambia to formally accede to the APRM.

**A press conference will be held immediately after the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Summit of the APR Forum on 22 January 2006 by the  
Chairperson of the APR Forum.**

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