

## **APRM COUNTRY SUPPORT MISSIONS TO GHANA, RWANDA AND MAURITIUS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

The First Summit of the Committee of Participating Heads of State and Government in the African Peer Review Mechanism (APR Forum) that was held in Kigali, Rwanda on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2004, approved amongst others the programme of work of the APR Panel and the Calendar for the APRM Country Reviews. The Panel of Eminent Persons of the APRM (APR Panel) has started the process in countries with the Support Missions.

The purpose of the Support Mission is to ascertain the extent of preparedness and the capacity of the country to participate in the peer review process, and particularly to undertake its self-assessment and draft its National Programme of Action. The Support Mission is also intended to create common understanding of the overall APRM processes and instruments, and to ensure that the institutional and organisational arrangements provide for active involvement and participation of major stakeholders on an ongoing basis.

The first APRM Country Support Mission was conducted in Ghana from 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2004, and it was led by Dr. Chris Stals, APR Panel Member. The team of the Support Mission to Ghana included experts from the APR Secretariat, and from the following Strategic Partner Institutions: the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

### **Rwanda and Mauritius are the next countries to receive APRM Support Missions.**

Mrs. Marie Angelique Savané, Chairperson of the APR Panel will be leading the Support Mission to Rwanda from 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2004. The team to Rwanda will include the participation of the following:

- i) Mr. Augustin Fosu, Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Executive Secretary, UNECA;
- ii) Mr. Kojo Busia, Development Management Officer, UNECA;
- iii) Mr. Michael Mahmoud, Senior Financial Sector Advisor, the African Development Bank;
- iv) Ms. Zemenay Lakew, Senior Regional Programme Coordinator, UNDP; and

- v) Mr. Moise Nembot, Coordinator, Democracy and Good Political Governance, APR Secretariat.

The APRM Country Support Mission to Mauritius will take place from the 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2004, and will be led by Mr. Mourad Medelci, APR Panel member. The following will also be part of the team:

- i) Mr. Kerfalla Yansane, APRM Lead Consultant, APR Secretariat;
- ii) Mr. Hakim Ben Hamouda, Director of the Trade and Regional Integration Division, UNECA;
- iii) Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA;
- iv) Mr. Michael Mahmoud, Senior Financial Sector Advisor, the African Development Bank;
- v) Ms. Zemenay Lakew, Senior Regional Programme Coordinator, UNDP; and
- vi) Ms. Evelynne Change, Coordinator, Corporate Governance, APR Secretariat.

After the APRM Country Support Missions, countries are expected to proceed with their self-assessment and the drafting of the Preliminary National Programme of Action. Subsequently, the APR Panel will conduct the Country Review Visit culminating with the APRM Country Review Report.

It is anticipated that all participating countries would put in place the requisite national structures or organisations for the APRM, paying due regard to the approved calendar to allow the programme of the support missions to continue without hindrance.

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