

REPORT ON VALIDATION OF THE 2ND APRM COUNTRY SELF ASSESSMENT REPORT, 4TH – 5TH May, 2016

The process was steered through a three day session, which commenced with a meeting of the Permanent Secretaries at the intercontinental hotel Nairobi on the 4th of May, 2016. The meeting was thereafter followed by a two day workshop (5th and 6th) in Naivasha at the Sawela lodge. Present at the meeting were a panel of experts, a technical team from all government ministries and the NEPAD Kenya Secretariat. In the successful three day activity, a lot of information was collected to improve on the document which was highly commended by the team. The technical team also committed to submitting a more updated report detailing the recent developments that have occurred after 2013 in their ministries.

African Peer Review Mechanism is a mutually agreed instrument voluntarily acceded to by the member states of the African Union as a self-monitoring mechanism, based on four thematic areas, namely: socio-economic development; democracy and political governance; economic governance and management; and, corporate governance. It's worthwhile noting that Kenya was among the first four African states along with Ghana, Rwanda and Mauritius to accede to the APRM in March, 2003 in Abuja, Nigeria.

It was the 3rd country among member states to undergo the first country Review Assessment, commonly referred to as the base review, at the APR Forum in Banjul, the Gambia in June 2006. This made Kenya the third country to complete the APRM process. The goal of the review process is to enable countries to undertake reforms which are in line with the NEPAD goals common to African States.

Normally, a periodic review takes place 2-4years after the base review which Kenya undertook in 2006. Normally, the process begins with an independent internal self-evaluation and ends with the external peer review, a process that undergoes through five stages. These processes includes; a country's annunciation of its readiness for APRM review to the APR Secretariat, Country Review visit by an external team led by an APR Eminent Person, preparation of the Country Review Report by the APR Secretariat, examination of the report by the APR Panel of Eminent Persons and the Secretariat to satisfy themselves with the course of action recommended and then submitted to the APR Forum and finally, the publication of the report and its distribution to leading regional and international organizations

after the report is presented by the country's Head of State to the Member States Heads and Governments meeting.

In response to the presentation of a progress report in January 2009 however, the 10th APRM Summit of the heads of State and Governments recommended that Kenya undertake a special review to assess trends in democracy and political governance following the post election violence and the formation of the coalition government. For this reason, the countries 2nd Peer review becomes special.

A panel of experts led by Prof Amos Sawyer visited Kenya in July 16th-31st and made the review themselves, officially launching the country review mission. Through desk research, expert panel surveys, focus group discussions and household survey, the team compiled a report from the 2013 data in a process they wished to finish by compiling and presenting the final report by November the same year. It was not possible however to work to conclusion with the timelines due to the under-estimation of the work required to finish the whole process and the promulgation and implementation of the Kenyan constitution of 2010.

For this reason and with an aim of making the peer review a success, a meeting with the Permanent Secretaries from various ministries was scheduled to happen on 4th May, 2016 at the Intercontinental Hotel, and a two day meeting in Sawela Lodge Naivasha with a technical team and a panel of experts to basically review, validate and improve on the report prepared so as to create a wider sense of ownership and a wider reflection of ideas through opinions presented to the report. After effecting the opinions and ideas suggested by the team, the compiled report will be presented to THE Head of State His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta for submission at the Heads of States and Governments meeting in January 2017.