



## **Concept Note**

### **Support to AU Member States to Prepare Reports on Agenda 2063 Implementation**

#### **Context**

The January 2013 African Union (AU) Summit adopted Agenda 2063 – “The Africa We Want”, as the blueprint for socio-economic and political transformation of the continent. To operationalise Africa’s development blueprint, the First Ten Year Implementation Plan - spanning 2014 to 2023, was developed and subsequently adopted at the June 2015 Summit of the Union.

In line with the Union’s results-based approach to development, high importance is attached to reporting on the implementation of Agenda 2063 – as a prerequisite for realising the continent’s targets and goals. Periodic reports would provide the basis for peer learning and foster mutual accountability around a common set of results.

It is against the foregoing that the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) - in collaboration with African Union Commission and the United Nations, plans to embark on a process of providing support to AU Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to prepare country level reports on the progress of implementation of Agenda 2063. Initial technical support will be deployed in October through to November 2019 to assess countries’ readiness for, and provide support on the preparation of the reports.

#### **Rationale**

AU Member States have been implementing Agenda 2063 since its advent, albeit with varied levels of results and experiences. However, peer learning, knowledge exchange and support among the Member States – an important consideration for accelerating the implementation of Agenda 2063, is limited and organised on an ad-hoc basis. Furthermore, while the AU Assembly demands that country-level reports on implementation of the continent’s development agenda are submitted to the Union on a biennial basis to enable regular reviews on countries’ implementation of Agenda 2063, to-date no implementation reports have been presented to the Assembly.

AUDA-NEPAD is mandated, amongst others, to coordinate and implement continental and regional priority interventions, strengthen implementation capacities and provide knowledge-based advisory services to AU Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs).

Effective programming, design, planning, execution and deployment of technical expertise and knowledge resources to RECs and Member States calls for a good understanding of Member States' development priorities, and credible analyses of their implementation capacities, opportunities, challenges. The analyses will also provide a basis for AUDA-NEPAD in collaboration with the African Union Commission to promote peer learning, knowledge exchange and upscaling good practices among AU Member States.

### **Expected Results at Country-level**

- Country-level reports highlighting the status of implementation of Agenda 2063 will be prepared for presentation to the Ministerial Committee on Agenda 2063, to the Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (HSGOC) and to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Summit of the Union through AU's Champion on Agenda 2063; and
- Capacities of AU Member States will be strengthened in preparing evidence based reports on the implementation of Agenda 2063. Sustained support will be realized through establishing a critical mass of resource persons who will avail technical support timeously.

The process of reporting will take the following format: a) two full days will be dedicated prior to HSGOC; the meeting will be framed as an open forum for countries to present their reports and learn from one another; and b) a consolidated report will be presented to the HSGOC and to the Assembly.

The process will be led by the AU Champion of Agenda 2063 – H.E the President of Cote d'Ivoire Quattara. AUDA-NEPAD, AUC and UNECA will work closely with President Quattara's technical team to implement the following actions:

1. Initial engagement of Member States at a technical level to discuss the format and templates for the reports;
2. Technical engagement at Member States level to populate the approved templates with latest data;
3. Senior officials at national level to validate and approve their country-report;
4. The country-reports will be presented to Ministers and AU Ambassadors. Furthermore, civil society, the media, scholars and other stakeholders will discuss the consolidated report that will be presented to the Heads of State; and
5. President Ouattara will present the consolidated report to the HSGOC and the AU Assembly.