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ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063



**REPORT OF THE AMBASSADORIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGENDA 2063
13 January 2020
ADDIS- ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Ambassadorial Committee on Agenda 2063 held its meeting on the 13 January 2020. The Meeting was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Zenene Sinombe, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the African Union, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Committee. The meeting was attended by the following;

- 1) Botswana (Chair)
- 2) Libya (Vice-chair)
- 3) Egypt
- 4) Rwanda

II. AGENDA OF THE MEETING

2. The Chairperson of the Ambassadorial Committee on Agenda 2063 welcomed all Member States to the meeting and thanked the Ambassadorial Committee Members for their attendance.

3. The Chairperson apologised to the Committee for the non-availability of the meetings document in all the African Union's four working languages, attributing that to the translation delay challenges that SPPMERM had encountered, notwithstanding that documents for the meeting had been sent for translation as far back as 29th November 2019.

4. The Chairperson informed the Committee that the meeting had been convened in the main, to prepare for the Ministerial Committee on Agenda 2063, scheduled to place on 5th February 2020. The Chairperson also reminded the meeting that the mandate of the Ambassadorial Committee would be coming to an end in March 2020 and that planned were afoot to establish a successor Ambassadorial Committee. The Commission had already written to the Regional Deans to nominate new members, who would constitute the successor Committee.

5. Further, the Chairperson informed the meeting that following a successful roll out of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of Agenda 2063 in Nairobi Kenya, a continental report on the implementation of Agenda 2063 has been compiled and will be submitted to the Policy Organs.

6. The Agenda was adopted with amendments as follows;
 1. Welcome Remarks;
 2. Adoption of Draft Agenda;
 3. Consideration of the Draft Report of the Ambassadorial Committee on Agenda 2063
 4. Consideration of the Draft Progress Report on the Implementation of Agenda 2063;
 5. Consideration of the Draft Continental Report on the Implementation of Agenda 2063;
 6. Preparation for the Eighth Ministerial Committee Meeting scheduled for 05 February 2020 and consideration of draft Executive Council Decisions.
 7. Briefing on the following Side Events;
 - Member States National Reporting on the Implementation of Agenda 2063, on 6th February 2020
 - High Level Forum on Agenda 2063 on 8th February 2020
 8. Any Other Business.

(1) Consideration of the Draft Report of the Ambassadorial Committee on Agenda 2063 held in Nairobi- Kenya On 9th November 2019.
7. The report was adopted with the following observations and comments:
 - a) The Chairperson of the Committee will write to the Regional Deans, requesting them to remind all countries, in their respective regions that had not received domestication missions to invite the Commission to their countries to carry out the domestication of Agenda 2063.
 - b) There should be a minimal use of acronyms in the meeting report and that the Commission ensures that all acronyms are written in full.

(2) Consideration of the Draft Progress Report on the Implementation of Agenda 2063.
8. The Director SPPMERM presented to the meeting a detailed activity report on the implementation of Agenda 2063. The Presentation highlighted the following:
 - a. Implementation and Domestication of Agenda 2063.
 - b. Roll out of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of Agenda 2063;
 - c. Agenda 2063 Financing and Domestic Resource Mobilization Strategy;
 - d. Preparation for the Continental Report on the Implementation of Agenda 2063
 - e. Recommendations
 - f. Conclusion
9. The Meeting agreed that Member States be given more time until Thursday 16th January 2020 to provide their inputs to the Commission.

(3) Consideration of the Draft Continental Report on the Implementation of Agenda 2063

10. The Director SPPMERM presented to the meeting the inaugural continental-level report that was prepared based on official submissions of reports from 26 AU MS and 6 RECs. It was compiled by a team from AUC and AUDA-NEPAD. The report covers the following areas:

- a. Analysis of Africa's Performance on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 - at Aspiration Level
- b. Continental Performance - by Agenda 2063 Goals
- c. Performance of Implementation of Agenda 2063 – by Region
- d. Progress on the Implementation of African Union Flagship Projects
- e. Institutional Arrangements for Domesticating, Implementing, Monitoring and Reporting Agenda 2063 among RECs and AU Member States
- f. Conclusions and Recommendations.

11. The report was adopted with the following observations and comments:

- a. The report is work in progress and the quality will improve with subsequent reports
- b. The absence of data on some of the indicators still remains a challenge
- c. The report should highlight areas/issues that would need policy interventions.
- d. Flagship projects should be updated to capture the latest information.
- e. The Information in the report should be harmonized with other reports on the same projects that other AU departments were producing for consistency.

(4) Preparation for the Eighth Ministerial Committee Meeting scheduled for 05 February 2020

12. The annotated Agenda was adopted with slight amendments. Draft Decisions were also adopted as presented.

(5) Briefing on the Side Events.

13. The Director provided a brief on the side events. He informed the meeting that invitations had already been sent out to the participants but unfortunately the Commission has received few confirmations. He also informed the meeting that participants were selected based on regional balance.

14. The Programs for the side events were adopted with a few amendments.

(6) Closing Remarks.

15. The Chair of the committee thanked Participants for attending and reminded the commission to organize a handover ceremony to enable the outgoing committee to hand over to the incoming committee and that in a way this will promote continuity.

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