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## DIVISION OF LABOUR BETWEEN AU, REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES AND MEMBER STATES

### 1. POLICY PLANNING AND FORMULATION

#### AU:

- The African Union will be the body to coordinate the formulation and adoption of continental policy decisions. These decisions/policies will be informed through consultations with Member states and RECs.
- Draft necessary legal instruments for the continental policies and programs/projects.
- Organize awareness and negotiation meetings for the legal instruments.

#### RECs:

- Formulate regional policies in line with the continental orientations.
- Serve as focal points for facilitating consultations for the formulation of continental policies and programs/projects in consultation with the RECs and the AU.
- Support the alignment of national development plans with regional and continental development frameworks in consultation with the RECs and the AU.
- Support the participation of Member states in the negotiation of legal instruments aimed at building common understanding and position in consultation with the RECs and the AU.

#### MS:

- Participate in the formulation of Regional and Continental policies and programs/projects.
- Adopt/integrate continental/regional policies and programs/projects as one of the basis for developing their national visions and plans.
- Serve as focal points for facilitating consultations for the formulation of continental policies and programs/projects in consultation with the RECs and the AU.
- Support the alignment of national development plans with regional and continental

development frameworks in consultation with the RECs and the AU.

- Facilitate and coordinate the participation of Member states in the negotiation of legal instruments aimed at building common understanding and position in consultation with the RECs and the AU.

## **2. POLICY ADOPTION**

### **AU:**

- Adopt continental policies and programs/projects as the basis for developing their visions and plans.
- Present legal instruments to the Assembly for adoption.

### **RECs:**

- Adopt regional policies and programs/projects in line with the continental orientations.
- Serve as focal points for the facilitation (advocacy and sensitization) of the adoption of all continental policies and programs/projects at the REC level in liaison with the RECs and the AU.

### **MS:**

- Use the national planning systems/structures for implementation, monitoring and evaluation, methodologies, systems and processes, in the execution of regional/continental policies and programs/projects.
- Promote and advocate for the enactment or ratification of continental policies and programs/projects to accelerate Africa's economic integration and development.
- Serve as focal points for the facilitation (advocacy and sensitization) of the adoption of all continental policies and programs/projects at the REC level in liaison with the RECs and the AU.
- Conduct awareness and advocacy for signature and ratification of legal instruments in liaison with the RECs and the AU.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION

#### AU:

- Organize annual consultation(s) between the AU Organs and the RECs on implementation of the agreed continental policies.
- Coordinate the implementation of continental legal instruments.
- Provide a continental framework/ strategy/ platform for the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the continental policies and programs/projects.
- Coordinate the implementation of cross-cutting issues among RECs.

#### RECs:

- Facilitate the implementation of all continental policies and programs/projects.
- Support the implementation of continental legal instruments at the regional level.
- Be responsible for the formulation of frameworks for capacity building of RECs for the execution of continental policies and programs/projects and review.
- Provide a regional framework /strategy /platform for the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the continental policies and programs/projects.
- Be responsible for the implementation of regional policies and programmes/projects.

#### MS:

- Implement continental/regional policies and programs/projects at Member States level.
- Facilitate/ coordinate/ support the resource mobilization and capacity development initiatives of Member States for the continental policies and programs/projects with the support of the RECs.
- Promote and advocate for the ratification of Legal instruments of the continental policies and programs/ projects in National Parliaments.
- Ensure the implementation of Legal instruments at national level.

#### **4. MONITORING & EVALUATION**

##### **AU:**

- Organize annual consultation(s) between the AU Organs and the RECs on monitoring and evaluation of the agreed continental policies and legal instruments.
- Be responsible for the review of continental policy and programs/projects.
- Monitor progress on regional integration and monitor and evaluate cross-cutting programmes/projects and activities.
- Organize annual forum for Member States to review implementation performance (monitoring and evaluation) on continental policies, programs/ projects and legal instruments.

##### **RECs:**

- Report annually to the AU-RECs Coordination Meeting on the status of regional implementation, monitoring and evaluation of continental policies and programs/projects.

##### **MS:**

- Develop policy guidelines on the design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation by various stakeholders including the private sector and civil society.
- Provide national data on the implementation of continental and regional policies and programs/projects.

##### **Recommendations**

- Harmonization of the planning cycle at the national, regional and continental levels.
- AU should provide harmonized planning and reporting templates.
- The above process can be applied in all sectoral plans.

#### **5. PARTNERSHIPS**

##### **AU:**

- Initiate and lead preparation, implementation and monitoring processes of a joint strategy for Africa's voice and global representation.
- Coordinate joint development of partnership scopes which are the political basis for joint resource mobilization.
- Convene regular AU-RECs meetings in places where the AU has representation (e.g.: Beijing, New York, Washington D.C., Brussels, etc.).
- Establish and coordinate a Strategic Partnerships Focal Points Group (SPFPG).
- Provide standard reporting templates to ensure that RECs contribute homogenously.

### **RECs**

- Initiate and engage in partnerships for regional programmes/projects.
- Participate in Strategic Partnerships meetings and AU Partners Group and report on activities and results.
- Prepare status reports on the Partnership at RECs level;
- Provide inputs into the Partnerships Framework for Cooperation/Action Plans.

### **MS**

- Mobilise, in close collaboration with the African Union (AU) Development Agency (AUDA), technical and financial resources to support implementation at the RECs and Member State level.

## **6. JOINT RESOURCE MOBILISATION**

### **AU:**

- Set strategic direction on resource mobilization in line with Agenda 2063 and update it periodically.
- Develop harmonized continental strategies, policies and guidelines on resource mobilization.
- Coordinate continental fund raising activities with all key stakeholders.
- Ensure greater involvement of Ministers of Finance in decision making process

related to resource mobilization.

- Advocate for financial flows into continental programmes/projects.
- Institutionalize planning framework in order to approach Partners as one.
- Develop mechanisms to channel funds for project implementation.

#### **RECs:**

- Initiate, engage, and coordinate resource mobilization for regional programmes/projects.
- Lead and coordinate regional implementation of resource mobilization strategies.
- Monitor enforcement and compliance of policies by Member States.
- Align existing RECs level partnerships and resource mobilization strategies with continental frameworks.
- Report on progress to AU/RECs coordination.
- Coordinate regional fund raising activities with all key stakeholders.
- Establish regional programme development funds (e.g.: Governance, Integration, Peace and Security etc).
- Ensure greater involvement of Ministers of Finance in decision making process related to resource mobilization.

#### **MS:**

- Ensure alignment of national plans to the regional and continental frameworks.
- Implement and report on the resource mobilization strategy.
- Popularize and domesticate continental resource mobilization strategies at Member States level.
- Monitor enforcement and compliance of policies.
- Ensure greater involvement of Ministers of Finance in decision making process related to resource mobilization.

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