



A/MOU/U-13

1st October 2021

**President
Executive Committee/Council Members**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**APRM AND AAPAM SIGN AN MOU DURING THE LAUNCH OF APRM
BASELINE STUDY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN-CEPA
PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA ON TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) signed an MOU for collaboration on 28th September 2021 at Sankara Hotel, Nairobi Kenya. The MOU concretizes both organization's objectives and mandate of promoting development in Africa as envisioned by Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.

The MOU signing came at an opportune time during the launch of the APRM Baseline Study on the Implementation of the UN-CEPA Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development in Africa. AAPAM applauds the APRM baseline study on the CEPA principles, as it provides a valid blue-print for the transformation of public administration in Africa. The 11 principles galvanized under the 3 pillars of effectiveness, accountability and inclusiveness are vital for translating policies and legislative frameworks into practical implementation tools. The principles also present an applicable and relevant approach to strengthening good governance which is precursor for sustainable development of Africa.

Under the 3-year collaboration, AAPAM and APRM will explore joint research; seminars, conferences, workshops and academic/ professional meetings pertinent to good governance, Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063; that will put the CEPA principles into action as well as devise ways of supporting African capacities. Having worked closely with African governments, both organizations understand the political and socio-economic landscape of the African continent and agree that there is indeed a need to build the capacity of public servants and other key stakeholders using the CEPA principles.

As highlighted in the APRM report, the CEPA principles need to be systematically introduced/ integrated into the planning systems of various national governments and programmes as outlined in their respective strategic development plans such as vision 2030, and Vision 2020 which are heavily aligned towards Agenda 2063 and the SDGs. This presents a conducive environment to integrate/introduce the CEPA principles.

AAPAM has used capacity building programmes as knowledge sharing and peer learning avenues where policy makers and implementers have interacted. This forum will be an ideal space to benchmark the CEPA principles to member states. AAPAM programmes such as the annual roundtable conference and country level workshops present opportunities to further engage with all stakeholders on the state of adoption of the CEPA principles. Other AAPAM programmes encompasses innovative management awards, research and publications, which could be leveraged to encourage and incentivize the adoption of CEPA principles.

As a continental professional organization, AAPAM welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with APRM. We affirm our commitment to developing training programmes geared towards building the capacity of public administrators to our vast membership which includes senior government officials, middle managers, young professionals, researchers, practitioners, academia as well as our international partners and networks to champion this objective. It is in so doing that AAPAM and APRM commit to put the CEPA principles in action for building African capacities and ensuring development of the continent.

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