

African Peer Review Mechanism



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANT FOR DISCUSSION PAPER ON BROADENING CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNANCE REFORMS IN LESOTHO:



Assignment: Civil Society Engagement in The National Dialogue on Governance – Discussion Paper

Position: Consultant
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Reporting Division: Thematic Research & Coordination
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Duration of Project: 10 days
Remuneration: USD \$ 5000

1. Background

The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), is a specialised agency of the African Union. It is a continent's pioneer self-monitoring tool for promoting good governance. Launched in 2003, the Mechanism is a voluntary exercise that offers African states the opportunity to systematically assess and review their governance performance. The Mechanism provides a platform; whereby reviewed states share best practices and improve the formulation, adoption and implementation of their governance policies in conformity with established standards and principles. As the first innovative and ambitious initiative, the APRM monitors governance in the four-key thematic areas, i.e Democratic and political governance, Economic governance, Corporate governance, and socioeconomic development. It executes this mandate by assessing the performance of African states that are members of the Mechanism through a review process with the ultimate goal of assisting member states to improve on the policies that affect governance. APRM has made significant progress, with the membership increasing from six (6) at its inception to thirty-six (36) in 2017. The APRM headquarters is located at No. 230 15th Road, Randjespark, Midrand South Africa.

The Kingdom of Lesotho voluntarily acceded to the APRM in 2004, just a year after the launch of the mechanism in 2003. By 2005, Lesotho had established its national structures which included, a Ministerial sub-committee, the office of the Focal Point, a National Governing Council (NGC) and a national secretariat.

Lesotho undertook its first country self-assessment between 2007 and 2008, with the support of two Technical Research Institutions: The National University of Lesotho and the Lesotho Institute of Public Administration and Management. The Country Self- Assessment Report (CSAR) and the National Plan of Action (NPoA) submitted in

2008, paved the way for the first APRM Country Review Mission to Lesotho, held in 2009, led by Head of the Mission, Professor Adebayo Adedeji and launched by then Prime Minister, Honourable Pakalitha Mosisili on 24th March 2009. The Lesotho Country Review Report No. 12 was peer reviewed on 30th June 2009, at the 11th APRM Forum of Participating Heads of State and Governments, in Sirte, Libya.

2. Introduction: The Lesotho Reforms

In August 2017, the APRM, SADC and other key stakeholders have initiated collaboration on the role both Secretariats will play in efforts to support the governance reforms that the country has embarked on. SADC has expressed its full support to the APRM processes: The Country Review Report, the NPoA and the APR Forum Peer Review all provide lessons and commendable practices, from the region and from a wide cross-section of technical and political expertise from the continent. The APRM also deemed it necessary to assist in the reform governance by first and foremost providing an assessment of Lesotho's civil society engagement in the national dialogue on governance reforms as well as the state of corporate services, mainly the Mining and the Agricultural sectors in Lesotho. The analysis will provide a full understanding of the country context in the four thematic areas: Democratic and political governance, Economic governance and management, corporate governance and socioeconomic development as well as the state of the civil society and the role it has played in the governance reforms if any.

3. Scope of work:

Under the supervision of the Head of Division/ Thematic Research and Coordination of the APR Secretariat or his delegates, the Consultant will produce a Discussion Paper on:

3.1. Civil Society engagement in the governance reforms in Lesotho

The objective of writing this discussion paper is to provide an analysis of the role the civil society has played in Lesotho, the current state of civil society organisations in Lesotho and their participation in the national dialogue on governance reforms in Lesotho. The paper should discuss in detail, the role of non-state actors such as CSOs and faith-based organisation, in the national dialogue on the governance reforms. The consultant will render the following services:

- a) Develop an outline of the paper
- b) Compile and collect recent information on the status of the CSOs in Lesotho
- c) An assessment of the CSOs and the sectors they work in
- d) Produce a discussion paper that illustrate the role and participation of CSOs in the governance reforms in Lesotho

- e) Data must have proper citations on the source of information and must be of quality, and relevant to the issues being analysed.

4. Key Outcomes:

- a) A discussion paper on the civil society participation in the governance reforms in Lesotho.

5. Requirements:

5.1. Consultant Specifications:

- a. Demonstrates integrity and adherence to the African Union values and ethical standards,
- b. Promotes the African Union - APRM vision, mission and strategic objectives,
- c. Demonstrates thoroughness, availability, attitude to team work and proactivity.

5.2. Operational skills:

- a. Ability to operate in the context of institutional, social and cultural reality in transitional and post-crisis situation,
- b. Ability to establish good working relations with a broad variety of culturally and professionally diverse partners.

5.3. Education:

- a. At least an advanced Degree Doctorate or Masters level degree or equivalent, in Political Science, International Relations, Development Studies.

5.4. Experience:

- b. Excellent research, drafting and communication capacity
- c. Knowledge of Lesotho's political and governance context would be an asset
- d. Publishing

Criteria for Selection:

The Consultant should display the following	Max. Point	Score
Technical		
Relevant Expertise, Experience: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge on research and analysis experience in political science, international affairs, socio-economic development, state-civil society relations – (20); 2. Expertise in the field of civil society organization and regional institutions and organizations; - 20 	50	

3. Knowledge of democratic and political governance in Southern Africa. Specific knowledge of Lesotho will be an added advantage; (10);		
Technical Qualification: 4. At least an advanced Degree in the following areas; Political Science, International Relations, Development Studies, Public Policy, Political History Doctoral plus 15 years (30) Doctorate plus 5 years (25) Double Masters plus 10 years (20) Masters plus 10 years (15)	30	
Publication and Writing Skills 5. Demonstrated ability to write to a very high standard evidenced by writing samples (10); 6. African scholarship publications and research i.e. academic journals, books and articles (10).	20	
Total Score	100%	