

Governance



The cluster coordinates support to governance programmes of the African Union, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) and the regional economic communities, with a view to enhancing their institutional capacity and ensuring coordination, coherence, synergies and complementarities in the support provided by cluster members. It has four sub-clusters:

- Economic and corporate governance, co-chaired by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Union Department of Political Affairs (DPA)
- Human Rights, co-chaired by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and DPA
- Public Service and Administration, co-chaired by ECA and DPA
- Democracy and governance, co-chaired by the United Nations Office to the African Union and DPA

Cluster members:

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Governance Institute (AGI), the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Office at the African Union (UNOAU-DPA), the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), NPCA, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the United Nations Population Fund, UN Women, the East African Community (EAC), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD), OHCHR, the World Bank, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Secretariat, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Cluster governance:

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Cluster priorities:

- Support to the monitoring and advocacy missions of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption
- Support for the effective implementation of the African Human Rights Strategy for Africa

- Support for the implementation of the African Charter on the principles and values of public service and administration
- Support to the African Union Shared Values Agenda
- Support to electoral management bodies and electoral processes
- Support for the effective implementation of the APRM

Key achievements:

Interventions of the cluster include: (a) effective implementation of the human rights strategy for Africa; (b) technical assistance to the African governance architecture and the African governance platform; (c) technical assistance to election management bodies and observation processes; and (d) effective implementation of the APRM. Key achievements from the above interventions include:

- Signing of a peace agreement between the Government of Mali and the Tuareg rebels (18 June 2013)
- Drawing up of a draft African Union policy framework on transitional justice
- Enhanced human rights awareness
- Refinement of the African governance architecture and the African governance platform base documents and planning for subsequent consultations
- Substantive contribution to African Union–ECOWAS strategy for the restoration of constitutional order in Guinea-Bissau
- Enhancement of skills and competencies of African Union observers, ahead of elections in Guinea-Bissau, Mali and Zimbabwe
- Launching of the process, with the establishment of national structures and drafting of the self-assessment report for the Sudan
- Establishment of national structures for Senegal
- Assisting Mozambique to harmonize a national plan of action with existing development strategies
- Under the thematic area of the APRM, publications entitled “Capturing the twenty-first century: APRM best practices and lessons learned”, “The APRM and land reforms in Africa – enhancing good governance in land management” and a video documentary on the evolution, progress and impact of the APRM, to mark the mechanism’s 10-year anniversary, under the theme, “Deepening governance towards African renaissance”. The documentary was launched on the margins of the African Union summit held in May 2013 in Addis Ababa.
- The Governance cluster also contributed to discussions on the African Union’s Agenda 2063. It has prepared a continent-wide report; “Fifty Years of building democracy and peace in Africa: policy reflections and future options” and policy briefs based on subregional reports and policy briefs from Central, East, Northern, Southern and West Africa. The cluster held three dialogue forums for some 300 participants. An outcome document from the forums has been submitted to the AUC Agenda 2063 secretariat.

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Reference: <http://www.uneca.org/nepad/pages/regional-coordination-mechanism>