

Methods and Practices of Peer Reviews:  
Lessons from the African Peer Review Mechanism  
(APRM) and the Organisation for Economic Co-  
operation and Development (OECD)

## Draft Agenda

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## AGENDA

<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
<b>09:30 - 10:00</b>	<b>Opening session</b> <i>Moderator: APRM</i>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks by Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, <i>CEO NEPAD Agency and Interim CEO, APRM Secretariat</i></li> <li>• Remarks by Mr Martin Forst, <i>Head of Division, Governance Reviews and Partnership Division, OECD</i></li> <li>• Opening remarks by Dr Mustapha Mekideche, <i>Member of APRM Panel of Eminent Persons</i></li> </ul>
<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>	<b>Methods and analytical instruments of the APRM</b>
	<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>This session will present the peer review process of the APRM, followed by Q&amp;A. The presentation will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives, process, topics of the review;</li> <li>• Methods and instruments of assessment;</li> <li>• Drafting and validation of the country review report;</li> <li>• National Program of Action- recommendations and follow-up;</li> <li>• Integration of National Plan of Action into National Development Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Rachel Mukamunana (Objectives, Process, Country Review Report, NPOA, Follow Up and Integration of NPOA into NDP)</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair : Dr Mustapha Mekideche</b></p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>11.00 - 11.30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11.30 - 13.00</b>	<b>Methods and analytical instruments of the OECD</b>
	<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>This session will present two types of reviews the OECD is carrying out: the public governance reviews, on the one hand, and the multidimensional country reviews, on the other hand. The two presentations will be followed by Q&amp;A. A particular focus is on the process of these reviews, the involvement of stakeholders, and the link between these reviews and OECD Committees, Working Groups and OECD Instruments (guidelines, principles,</p>

	<p>recommendations and declarations).</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eva Beuselinck (OECD - Governance Reviews &amp; Partnerships Division)</li> <li>• HB Solignac Lecomte (OECD - Multidimensional Country Reviews Division)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Chair : Prof Mahmoud Youssef Khayal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
<b>13.00 - 14.00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:00 - 15:30</b>	<b>How to maximise the impact of the peer reviews?</b>
	<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>This session focusses on the quality of the peer review process and maximizing its impact. The session will discuss how formal recommendations, country action plans, informal dialogues with peer countries, public scrutiny and comparison can be bundled to maximise the impact of peer reviews over time. Building upon the presentations of the morning sessions, the session will start with a contribution by the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) to kick-start the discussion, and will then take the format of a brainstorming session.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fatten Aggad-Clerx (Africa's Change Dynamics Programme - ECDPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair : Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, interim CEO APRM Secretariat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
<b>15.30 - 16.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:00 - 17:00</b>	<b>Strengthening peer reviews: next steps</b>
	<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>Participants will be invited to identify similarities and differences between APRM and OECD peer reviews, mutual learning opportunities and opportunities for further collaboration.</p> <p><b>Chair: Mr Joseph Tsang Mang Kin</b></p> <p><b>Discussants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Martin Forst</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr Mustapha Mekideche</b></li> </ul>
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, <i>CEO NEPAD Agency and Interim CEO, APRM</i></li> </ul>

	<p><i>Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Martin Forst, Head of Division, <i>Governance Reviews and Partnership Division, OECD</i></li><li>• Dr Mustapha Mekideche, <i>APR Panel Member</i></li></ul>
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