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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.
Member States

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.