**African Governance Architecture Support Project**

**(AGA-SP)**

**Contract: PANAF/2020/419-773**

**Technical Assistance - Short-Term Expertise Mission**

**Terms of Reference**

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| **Subject** | **data analyst / statistician**  |
| **Country** | **South Africa / Virtual**  |
| **Number of working days** | 1. **Preparation phase: 2 days**
2. **Realisation phase: 21 days**
3. **Reporting phase: 2 days**
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| **Responsible expert** | **Key Expert, NAME** |
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##### **Background of the technical assistance mission**

The African Governance Platform provides a flexible and dynamic institutional mechanism that facilitates information flows, exchanges and dialogue; and promotes synergies, close coordination, mutual complementarity and concerted action on governance and democracy in Africa. In line of this, one of the intermediate outcomes of the African Governance Architecture (AGA) is enhanced coordination and complementarity among AGA Platform Members. Strategically, APRM aims at increasing its instances of collaboration with and other institutions not only at the operational level but also at the technical level.

During the 28th Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly, the African Heads of State and Government expanded the mandate of the APRM from merely reviewing to monitoring and evaluating the key governance areas of the Continent, including those associated with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The mandate stipulates that “*The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) should be strengthened to track implementation and oversee monitoring and evaluation in key governance areas of the Continent.”* In the context of this mandate, the APRM continental Secretariat, in collaboration with African Governance Architecture, developed a report on the State of Governance in Africa. The report is meant to be a foundation for future analysis of governance trends on the continent.

Moreover, the ultimate end products of the country self-assessment undertaken by member states of APRM is a comprehensive National Program of Actions (NPoAs) which address the governance challenges identified in the country. Though there are few challenges, member states submit annual progress report of the NPoA to the continental secretariat for peer review. In addressing these challenges, the Continental Secretariat developed a Continental M&E framework of the NPoA, yet to be operationalised.

The expanded mandate as well as the recommendations made in the State of Governance Report and the NPoA calls for a review of the methodology of the mechanism, which implies supplementing the qualitative approach with a concrete and reliable quantitative approach for monitoring and tracking the progress of governance on the Continent. With the financial assistant of the African Development Bank, the APRM is in the process of developing a comprehensive APRM Governance Framework which will be used to build an APRM Governance index to track governance performance on the Continent for evidence-based decision making. This project calls for harmonisation and coordination of governance data and statistics on the continent.

##### **Objectives of the technical assistance mission**

The objective of the assignment is to support the senior Statistician in collating, managing and analyzing Governance data toward the development of the APRM Index. The Technical Assistant will be required to work under the overall supervision of the Head of Monitoring and Evaluation Coordination Division of the APRM.

##### **Participants and institutions involved**

The applicant will work within the Monitoring and Evaluation Coordination Division of the APRM. The member states of the APRM will be the direct beneficiaries of all the research outputs – an index that will be used to monitor key governance issues on the continent.

##### **Expected results and deliverables of the technical assistance mission**

The scope of the work will cover assisting the Senior Statistician in developing the APRM Governance Index using an appropriate statistical method which should be used to monitor and evaluate progress in key governance areas.

The technical assistant will be specifically tasked to:

1. Propose an appropriate process and verification system for data collection and cleaning,
2. Collect data from appropriate statistical sources
3. Develop a data aggregation and visualisation methodology and process the data aggregation for all defined-indicators,
4. Assist the Senior Statistician in disseminating APRM Governance data and Index.

The following **deliverables** are expected to be in placed at the end of the assignment period:

1. A data validation and verification system for data collection in place.
2. Development of key identified indicators per thematic area to be used in the calculation of the index in place.
3. APRM aggregated Governance Index developed and all relevant data/indices disseminated,
4. Technical assistant report.

##### **Profile of the non key expert**

* **Education:** Minimum Bachelor degree in statistics, mathematics, econometrics, data science or related field;

A Technical Assistant doing his/her Master's degree or PhD in statistics, mathematics, econometrics, data science or related field would be preferred.

* **General professional experience**: Applicant with a Bachelor degree should have at least five (5) years working experience.

Masters/ Higher Degree applicant should have at least 2 years’ experience in handling and processing of statistical data.

* **Language:** The applicant must be able to communicate and write in English and French. Knowledge of other AU languages may be an added advantage.
1. **Dates and location of the technical assistance mission**

If the STE is located in Gauteng, they will be able to work from the APRM offices in Midrand. If located outside of Gauteng, the STE can work remotely. The assignment is for a period of 25 working days starting from 1 November 2021 to January 2022.