



## African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Process Capacity-Building Project in five West African Countries

### Project background

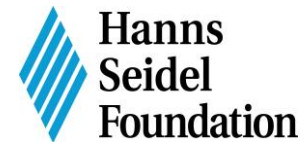
Good governance remains the hope for Africa in the political and economic development capacity-building. The APRM is thus presented as a voluntarily accessible instrument to the African Union (AU) member States and as the African States self-follow-up mechanism which aims to strengthen the adoption of policies, standards and practices that will lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development and accelerated sub-regional and continental economic integration.

However, most of West African States failed to strengthen the APRM process and the countries that acceded to the APRM have attained different implementation stages.

Given this situation and regarding the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) commitment on the APRM related issues and activities; the HSF initiated the project entitled “Fostering the APRM process in five West African Countries”: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali and Togo. The project will have a specific approach according to the countries’ different needs in the light of the APRM process implementation in the sub-region.



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### Project objectives

The project aims to guarantee an improved implementation of the APRM process in the sub-region. By the action, a greater social cohesion of the civil society participation and representation in the democratization process of targeted countries will be guaranteed.

- ✓ Promote good governance, especially accountability and local ownership, through an increased applicability and effectiveness of the APRM process.
- ✓ Improve social dialogue and networking between the civil society organizations and decision-makers.
- ✓ Enhance the participation of men and women in economic and political life.
- ✓ Contribute to national strategies of a more effective implementation of the APRM process
- ✓ Contribute in strengthening the implementation of the APRM process at the local, national and regional level in West Africa

### Expected results

- ✓ Increased knowledge on how to implement the APRM process on the national and regional levels (1 025 members of the 117 APRM oversight units, 94 members of National APRM Focal Points (for example the National APRM Commission) and 305 members of NGOs and state institutions members have been trained)
- ✓ Increased interaction between the APRM oversight units, NGOs, local authorities and local civil society.
- ✓ Enhanced awareness over the APRM process among civil society and public sector actors.
- ✓ Publication of manual for the commitment of the APRM oversight units

### Main activities

- ✓ Project inception workshop
- ✓ Development of Country Specific Training Manuals
- ✓ Training of Trainers
- ✓ Conduct of self-review report in Togo by the National APRM Council and monitored by the Civil Society National Concertation (CSNC)
- ✓ Regional workshops with the APRM Focal Points for sharing the best practices
- ✓ Publication of materials
- ✓ Publication of manual on the APRM oversight units commitment
- ✓ Publication of Country Reports
- ✓ Internal Mid-term evaluation workshops
- ✓ Final evaluation workshops



### Expected impacts of the action

The action will significantly increase the capacities of APRM and the Civil Society Organizations (CSO) involved in the project implementation in all five countries. The capacities of the following groups will be strengthened:

- ✓ Representatives of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of the National APRM Council
- ✓ Representatives of APRM Focal Points
- ✓ Representatives of the Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Governmental Institutions (GI)
- ✓ Participants of the pilot capacity-building workshops.

### Beneficiaries

- ✓ Targeted groups: 1.025 representatives of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of National APRM Commission, 94 representatives of APRM Focal Points in the five countries, 305 representatives of the Civil Society Organizations and Governmental Institutions in the five countries, the participants of pilot capacity-building workshops (Ghana, Benin, Mali, Burkina Faso) and some awareness raising workshops (Togo).
- ✓ Final beneficiaries: the population and the civil societies of all five countries.

### Implementation partners

- ✓ National APRM Governing Council of Benin
- ✓ National APRM Governing Council of Mali
- ✓ NAPRM-GC/National APRM Governing Council in Ghana
- ✓ APRM Permanent Secretariat in Burkina Faso
- ✓ National APRM Council of Togo
- ✓ National Commission for Civic Education in Ghana / NCCE
- ✓ Civil Society National Concertation in Togo / CNSC
- ✓ Citizenship-Lab (CL) in Burkina Faso,
- ✓ Social Watch in Benin / SW