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INFORMATION NOTE

Workshop on Strengthening Institutional Capacities in Africa for Effective Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and AU Agenda 2063: Follow-up to the 2024 HLPF and Summit of the Future

Co-organized by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the African Union/African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)

Date: 24-26 October 2024

Venue: Taj Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

1. Event Overview

The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) are hosting a regional workshop entitled ‘Strengthening Institutional Capacities in Africa for Effective Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and AU Agenda 2063: Follow-up to the 2024 HLPF and Summit of the Future’. This workshop will take place from **24-26 October 2024** in **Cape Town, South Africa**.

The workshop aims at supporting African countries in exploring development of concrete, tangible outcomes and plans of action for building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions that contribute to implementation of the 2024 Ministerial Declaration of the HLPF, the Pact of the Future and the second 10-year implementation plan of AU Agenda 2063 with a view to accelerating the achievement of national aspirations and objectives while responding to the related national development priorities identified by countries.

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3. Visa Requirements

Applying for a visa to enter South Africa is the responsibility of the participants. Participants requiring an entry visa to South Africa must obtain it from the South African consulate/ or embassy responsible for the necessary arrangements in the participant's country of residence. Participants should note that the visa application process can take 5-10 days and are strongly encouraged to make the necessary arrangements at the earliest opportunity.

Participants may use their letter of invitation for visa purposes. For further info, please visit <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/apply-for-a-south-african-visa> or contact Ms. Heba Assem HebaA@africa-union.org

4. Insurance

Participants are required to make all their own medical insurance arrangements.

5. Workshop Venue

The workshop will be held at the **Taj Hotel in Cape Town.**

Address: Wale Street, Cape Town, 8001, South Africa

Phone: +27 21 819 2000

Email: reservations.capetown@tajhotels.com

Refreshments and lunch will be provided for all participants for the workshop.

6. Accommodation arrangements

All participants must make their hotel reservations. Participants have the option of making their own reservations to stay at the venue of the workshop (Taj Hotel on Wale Street) or alternatively staying at a hotel of their own choice. Below are some less expensive nearby hotel options which you can consider staying at.

1. Holiday Inn Express Cape Town City Centre

101 St. George's Mall Cnr Church Street and St. George's Mall
Cape Town Central 8001, South Africa
Distance from Taj Hotel: 0.0 miles

2. Mandela Rhodes Place

Cnr Wale and Burg Streets
Cape Town Central, 8001 South Africa
Distance from Taj Hotel: 0.0 miles

3. ONOMO Hotel Cape Town - Inn On the Square

Address: 10 Government Square, Cape Town Central, 8001, South Africa
Distance from Taj Hotel: 0.1 miles

4. Old Bank Hotel – Lion Roars Hotels and Lodges

85 St. Georges Mall, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000 South Africa
Distance from Taj Hotel: 0.1 miles

5. Southern Sun Cape Sun Town

Address: 23 Strand Street, Cape Town Central, 8000, South Africa
Distance from Taj Hotel: 0.2 miles

6. StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl

Address: 54 Bree Street Corner Bree ST. & Strand St., Cape Town Central, 8000, South Africa
Distance from Taj Hotel: 0.3 miles

We recommend that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.

7. Ground transportation

Please note that ground transportation will not be provided. You should make your own arrangements for transportation between the airport, hotel and venue.

8. Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

All sponsored participants will receive terminal expenses and DSA for 4 nights in accordance with UN rules to cover hotel accommodation, ground transportation and incidentals.

PLEASE NOTE: Payment will be made to all sponsored participants. While the travel advance should reach your bank account prior to the meeting, please make sure that you have sufficient funds (cash/credit card) to cover the full cost of travel, including hotel, meals, airport transfers and incidentals. UN DESA and APRM have no control over the timing of the bank transfer, and we therefore request that you do not solely depend on the timely transfer of funds to your account.

Participants that are self-sponsored are requested to ensure they make all arrangements for their travel, accommodation and daily transport.

9. Workshop language

Interpretation will be provided in English and French for the duration of the workshop.

10. Emergency Details

Please find below the details of the nearest hospitals.

Mediclinic Cape Town

Physical Address: 21 Hof Street, Oranjezicht, Cape Town, 8001

Tel: +27 21 464 5500

Fax: +27 21 464 5501

Netcare Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital

Physical Address: Corner DF Malan Street and Rua Bartholemeu Dias Plain, Foreshore, Cape Town, 8001

Tel: +21 441 0000

Fax: +21 424 0826

Somerset Hospital

Address: Green Point, Cape Town, 8005

Tel: +21 402 6911