Peer-exchange platforms in relations to SDG 16: APRM- UNDESA cooperation in Africa

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APRM Expanded mandate and Role in the monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063&SDGs

GOOD GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT

- Africa Governance Report 2019&2021 (peace, development, rule od law and cross-cutting issues)
- Network with African Universities
- Oriented-research on governance challenges in the continent

Agenda 2063/SDGs monitoring and evaluation

- Continental mechanism for **VNRs/VLRs sharing experiences** and training
- Knowledge products on SDG 16- good governance for SDGs
- Engagement **with UN organs ,UNDESA ,CEPA, UNECA for policy coherence** (HLPF)
- Collaboration with AUC to roll-out Agenda 2063 reporting framework
- Supporting the UN-AU Framework for the implementation of Agenda 2030/2063 cluster 8&9 on governance (RCM)

Early warning for conflicts Prevention

- APRM roadmap for integrating peace and conflict issues into the peer-review
- Coordination with AUC and other partners to mainstream APRM disaster framework in governance assessment
- Resilience , social contract and sustainability in post-conflict and fragile states

Supporting the UN-AU Framework for the implementation of Agenda 2030/2063 cluster 8&9 on governance

Continental mechanism for VNRs/VLRs peer learning

Knowledge products on governance of both agendas

Promoting CEPA Principles in Africa

Capacity building on NDPs

APRM engagement with AUC/UN agencies at the HLPF

African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)

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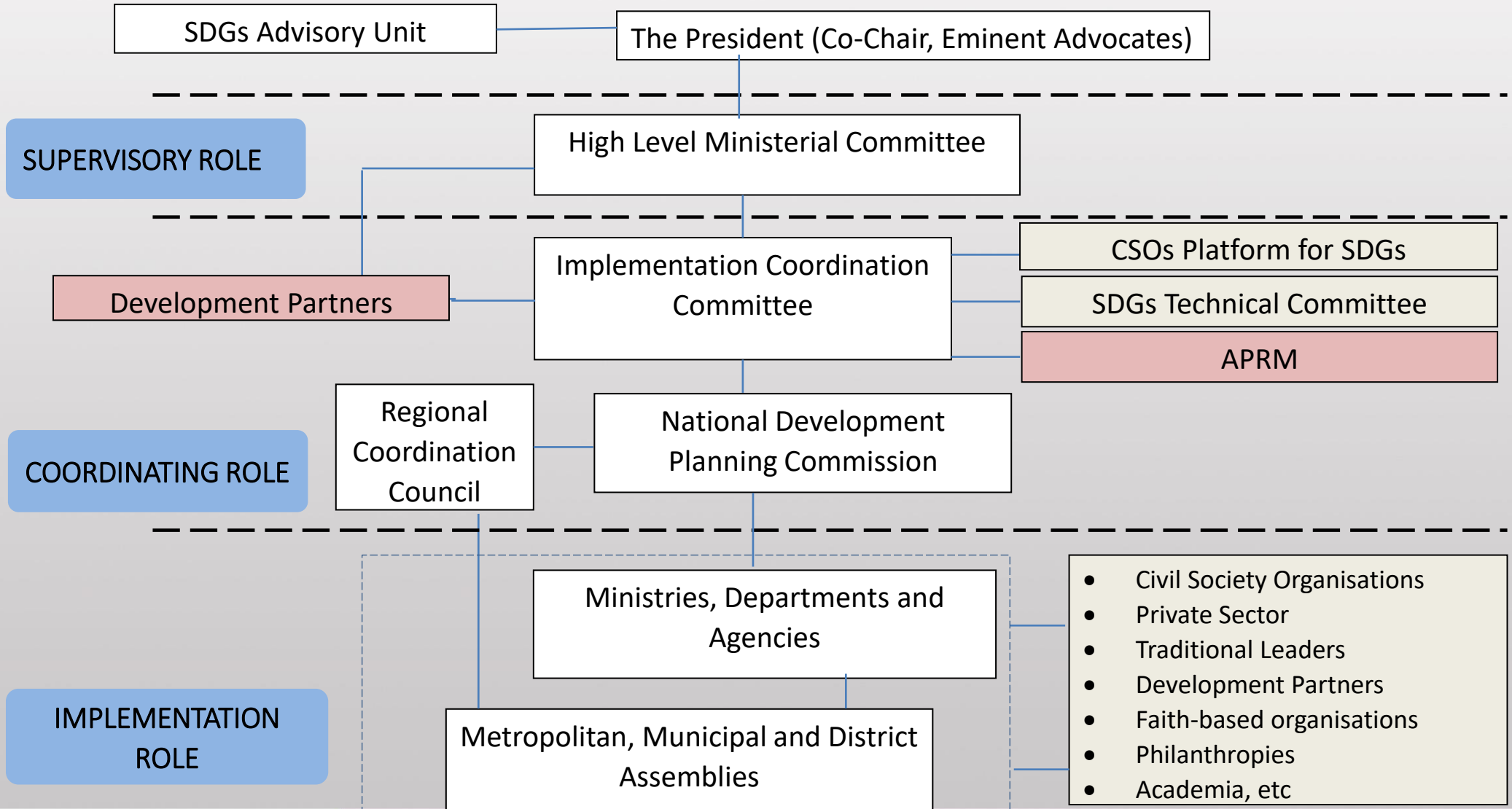
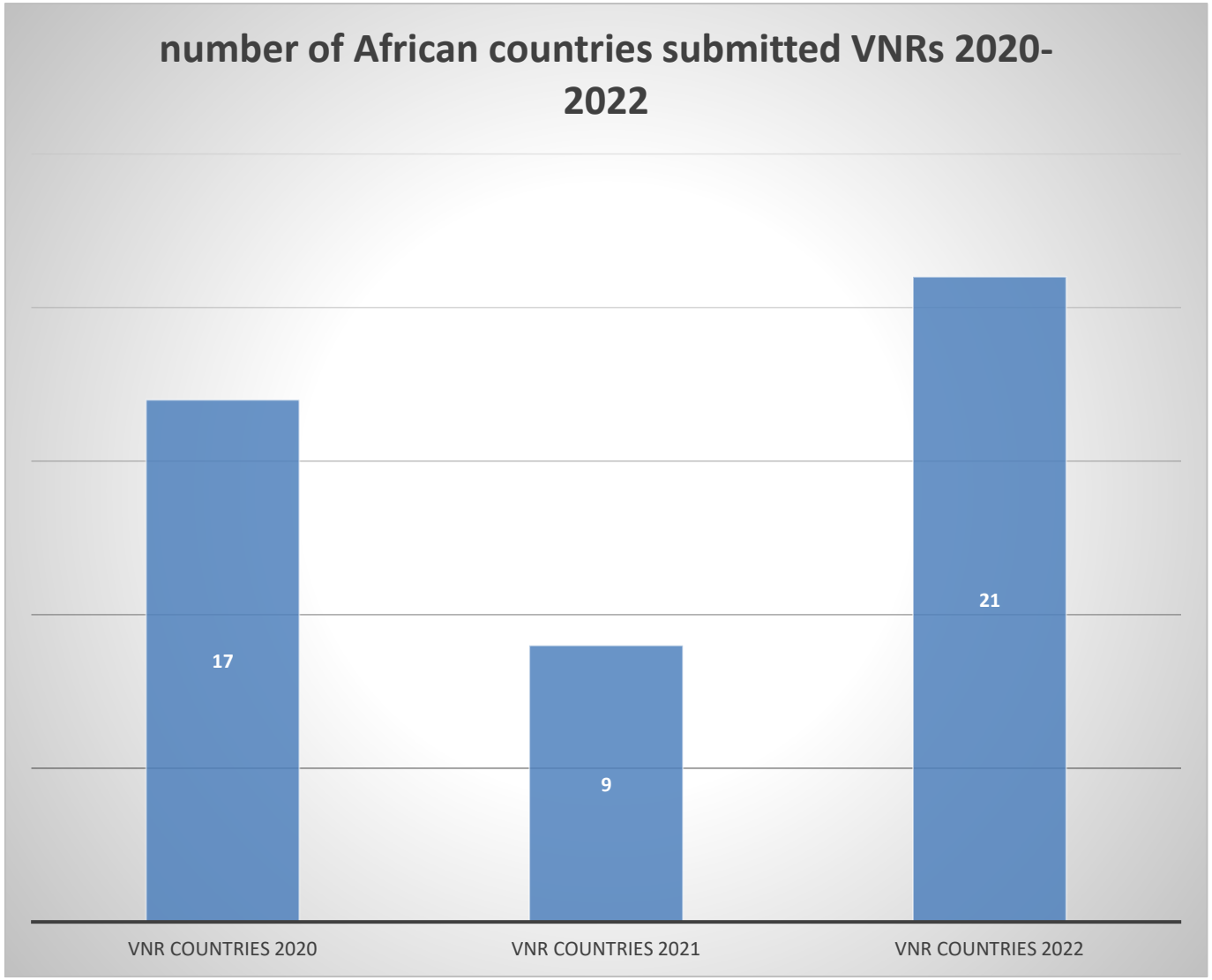
1. APRM Continental peer-learning workshop on VNRs in Africa

- The peer-learning workshop brings African countries together to share best practices and identify solutions for the persistent challenges towards the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of both agendas.
- From 2018 till date, APRM organised four continental workshops in Ethiopia, Rwanda, Djibouti, and Nigeria to assist member states in preparations for the VNRs.
  - ✓ This exercise supports also the efforts put by UNECA at the Africa Regional forum for Sustainable Development to ensure that member states are well-prepared before submitting the final VNR. Mostly important, it offers a regional platform to discuss the following;
  - ✓ Key trends of SDGs progress in Africa; achievements, bottlenecks, and implications especially goals under focus in 2022 alongside SDG 16.
  - ✓ Institutional mechanisms and means of implementation of both agendas at national levels
  - ✓ Awareness on Agenda 2063 domestication and reporting tools.
  - ✓ The current regional and national partnerships to foster financing for Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 alongside with cross-cutting issues such as civil society, youth, gender, and refugees.
  - ✓ Knowledge of VLR guidelines for Africa alongside VNR guidelines
  - ✓ Innovative tools for Implementation of the Principles of Effective Government for Sustainable Development developed by the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)

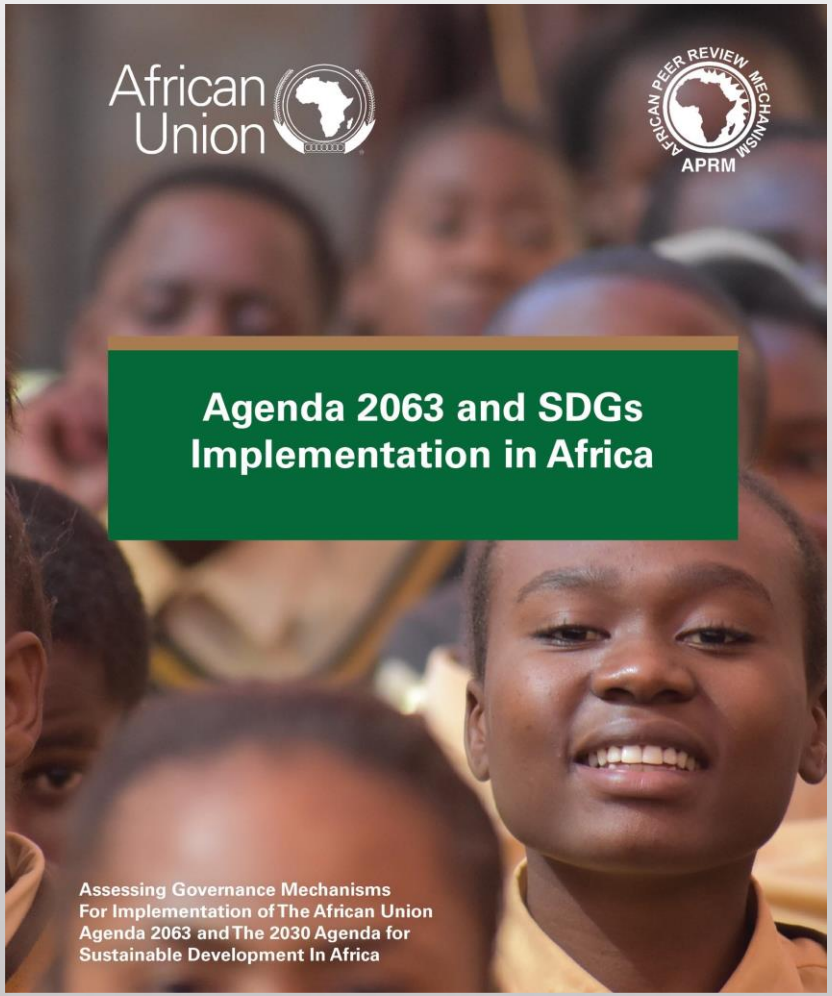
The Decentralised system is the vehicle for Implementation and Reporting- example from Ghana



The value of peer-learning between African countries, including sharing of experiences, challenges and opportunities as well as an exchange of lessons learned was noted and encouraged. The scope for learning and cooperation on COVID-19 recovery scenarios and governance responses was underlined.



2. Knowledge products Significance & value-add of intervention



- ❖ Stocktaking on the implementation of SDGs/Agenda 2063 in the APRM peer-review studies – promote strong, inclusive institutions and peaceful societies in Africa.
- ❖ Developing a narrative on governance mechanisms and the role of partnerships (SDG 17) for the implementation of Agenda 2063 to develop adequate policies at national and regional levels (HLPF)
- ❖ Presenting good practices from the continent on SDGs planning, monitoring and evaluation systems
- ❖ Alluding the role of APRM National Governance structures in conducting NG reports while considering the SDGs national ecosystem. (relevance between APRM structures & national policies)
- ❖ Developing precise studies on SDG 16 qualitative aspects (Inclusinvess, accountability and effectiveness of public sector in Africa)
- ❖ Mainstreaming SDG 16 indicators in APRM Revised questionnaire
- ❖ Tackling the fear of the state in governance surveys by utilizing APRM tools
- ❖ promoting credibility and ownership of APRM secretariat and member states on monitoring SDGs through well-designed tools.

- All reports are available on APRM website www.aprm-au.org

3. Awareness and Reporting on CEPA Principles for Effective Governance of SDGs

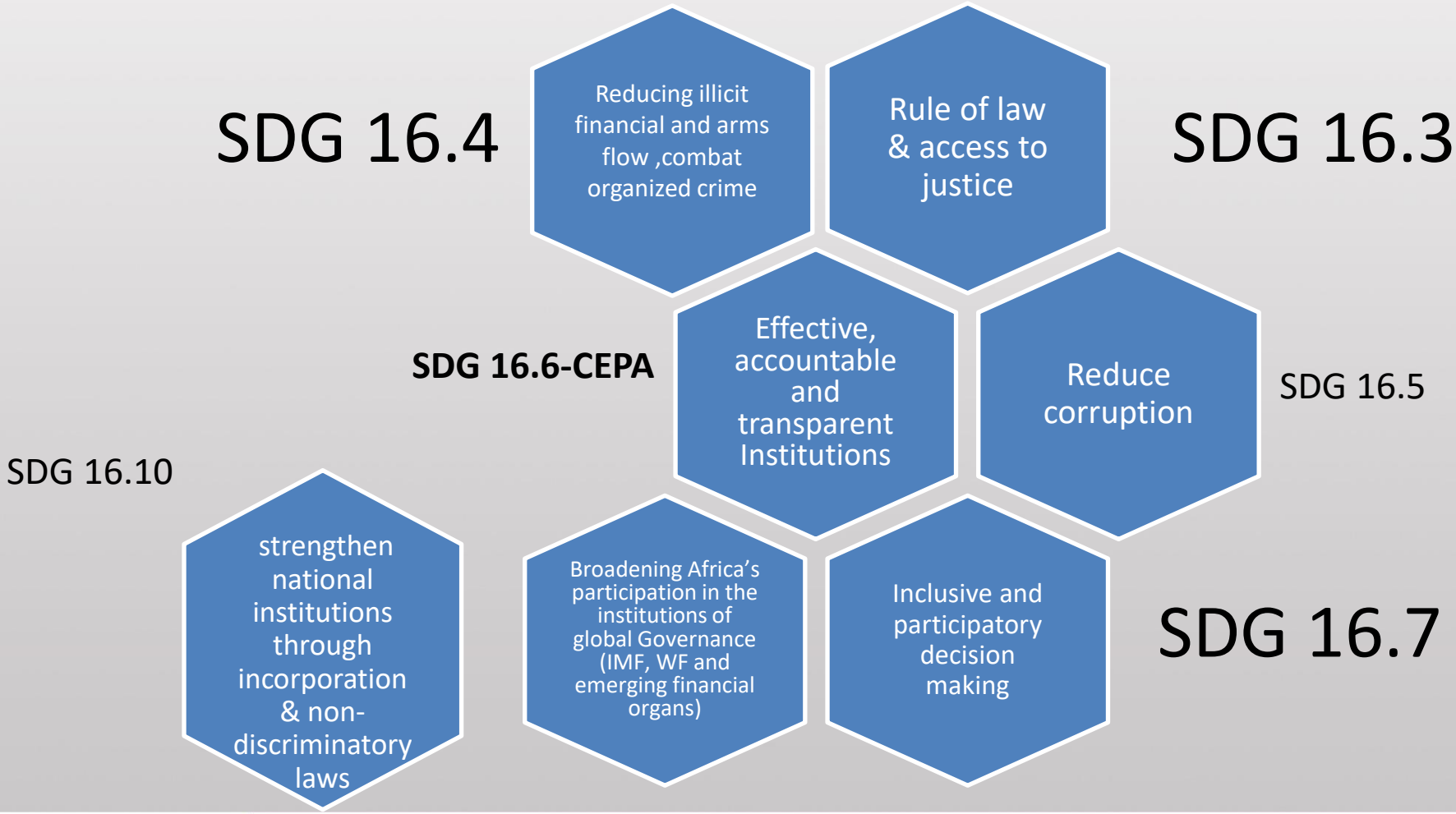
Key Objectives:

1. Enhancing awareness and knowledge of public civil servants and APRM national structures on principles of effective governance for sustainable development
2. Develop assessment tool regarding the implementation CEPA principles of which strategies of effectiveness, accountability, and inclusiveness are encapsulated ; and
3. Present Africa's position as regard the implementation of CEPA principles at continental level.

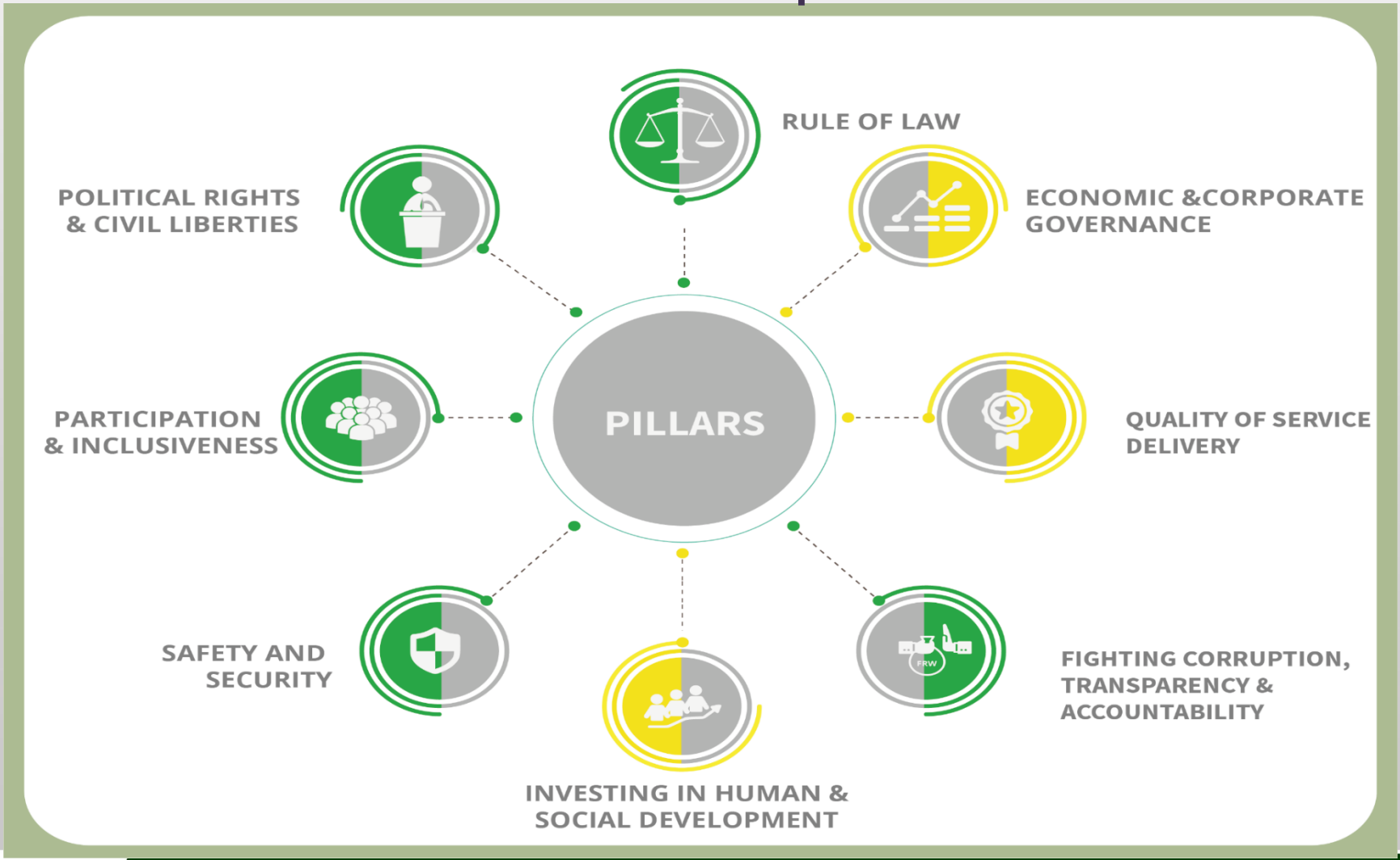
Outputs

1. Two continental capacity building workshops on CEPA principles and sharing experiences on the implementation of CEPA principles at national level; (Pretoria 2019, Cape Town 2021)
2. APRM Study on the knowledge, implementation and challenges of CEPA principles in Africa- was conducted in 2020 and launched in Nairobi Sept 2021;
3. Present African countries experiences with CEPA principles especially within COVID-19 times. ;
4. Collaboration with UNDESA and other regional partners promoted to organize different webinars on the principles and associated strategies (62).
5. More countries become interested in conducting national assessment of CEPA Principles /or to be monitored within the VNR/VLR processes.

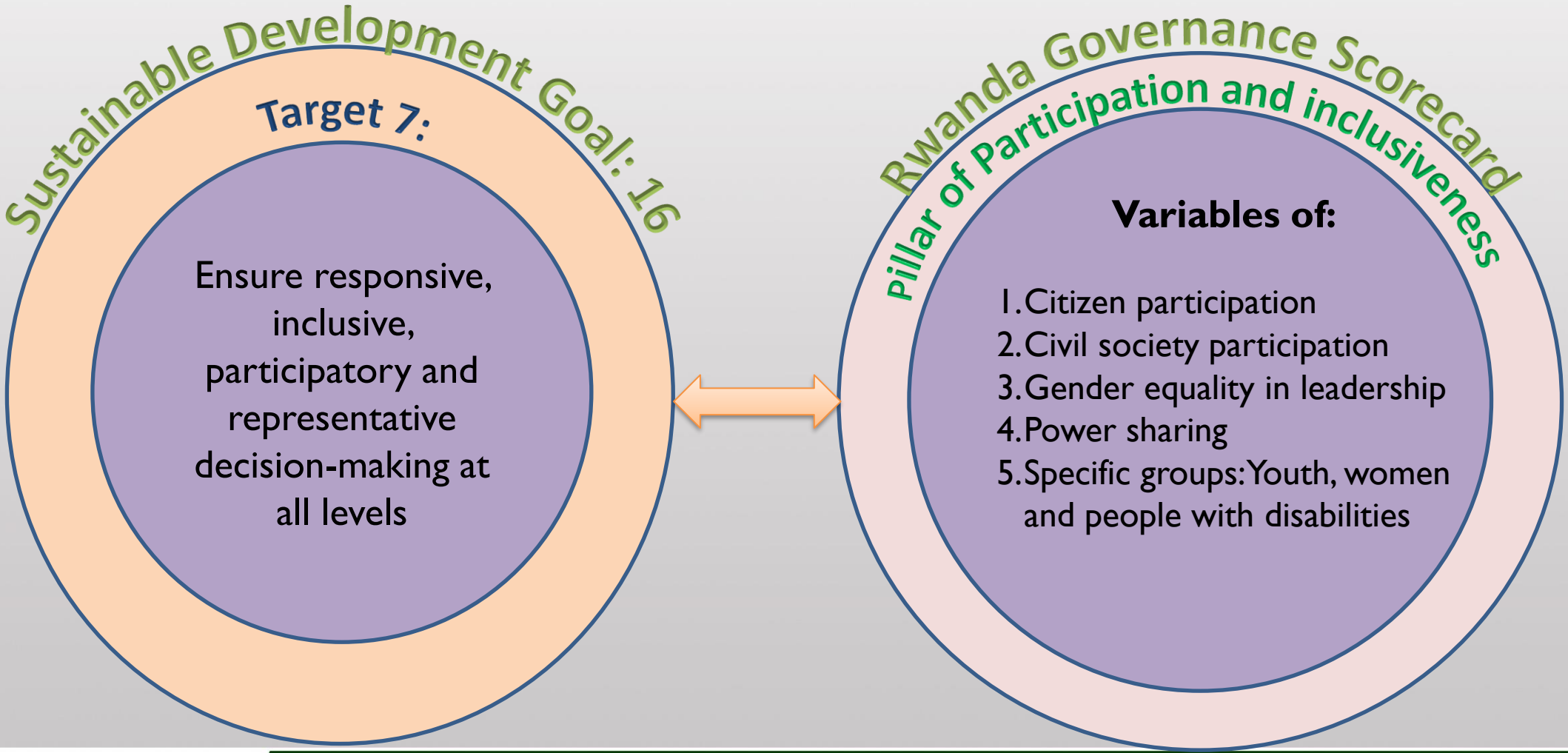
specific areas of intervention by APRM –SDG 16



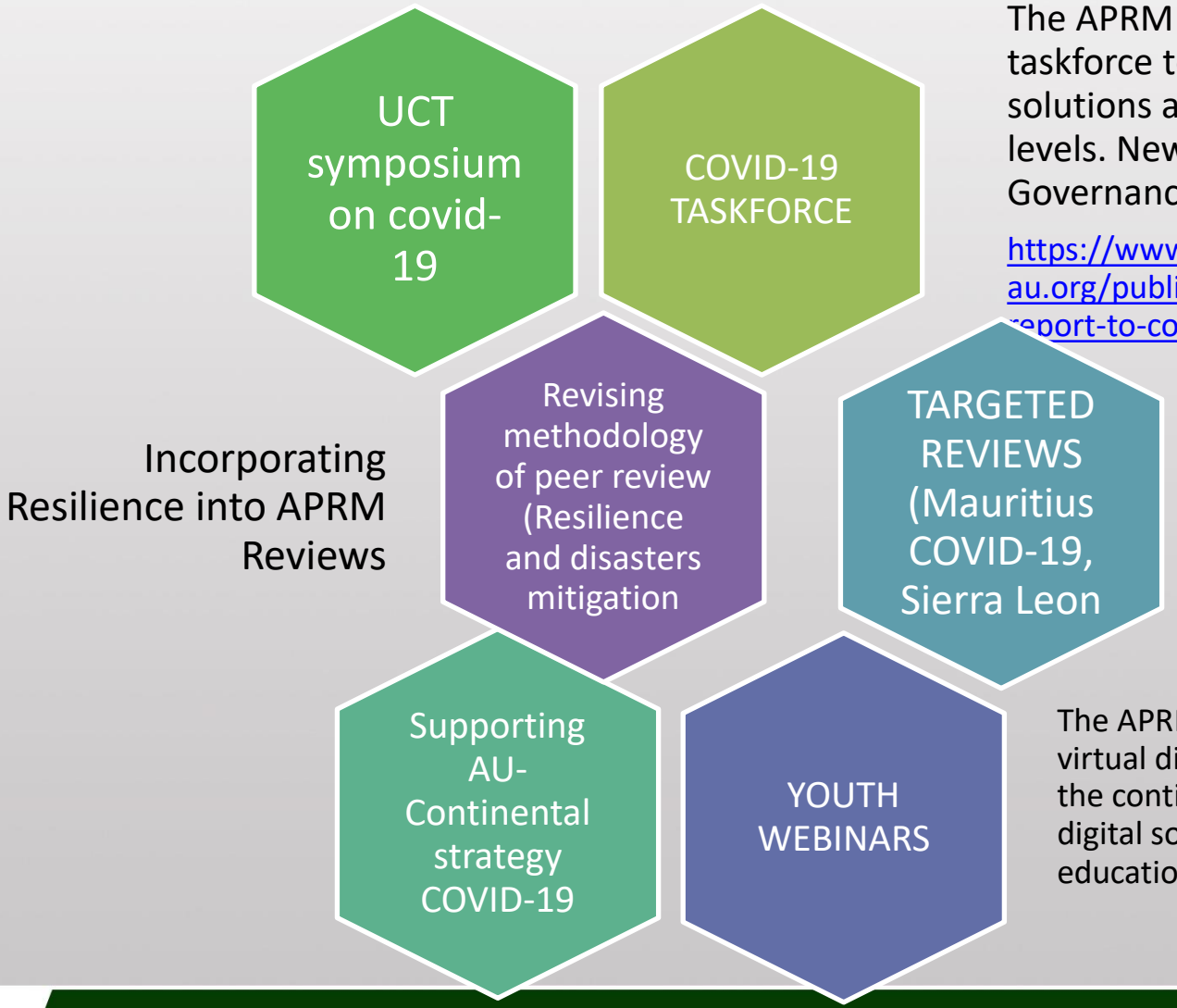
Sharing examples of best practices on the domestication of SDG 16 &Aspiration three : Rwanda Governance Scorecard is built on 8 pillars and it captures the three areas of CEPA Principles



Rwanda Governance Scorecard versus SDG 16



4. APRM responsive actions-COVID-19 time



The APRM launched a special taskforce to deliberate on COVID-19 solutions at national and regional levels. New Report on Africa's Governance Response to COVID-19

https://www.aprm-au.org/publications/africas-governance-report-to-covid-19/.

The APRM initiates a series of virtual dialogues with youth in the continent to share ideas and digital solutions for covid-19 ; education and health awareness

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