

SESSION 4: MAKING SDG 16 BY 2030 AND MOONSHOT 3 A REALITY

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. SDG 16 and Agenda 2063 Moonshot 3

2. Key actions to enhance institutional effectiveness:

- Sound policy making, strong & inclusive institutions
- Good governance & democratic culture

3. APRM as implementation pathway

4. Threats & Opportunities



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1. SDG 16 & Agenda 2063 Moonshot 3

1. SDG 16: Peace, justice, and strong institutions

2. Moonshot 3: Public Institutions are more Responsive

linked to *Aspiration 3*: An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law



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2. KEY ACTIONS TO ENHANCE INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS (1):

2.1. Sound policy making, strong & inclusive institutions:

- Leadership, political commitment, infusion of regional and continental frameworks: Constitution, National Development Plan (NDP Vision 2030), Medium-Term Development Plan (2024-2029)
- **Priority 3: Building a capable, ethical and developmental state:**
 - Improve the delivery of basic services and bring stability to local government
 - Rebuild the capability of the state and create a professional public service
 - Strengthen law enforcement agencies to address crime and corruption
 - Pursue peace, stability and development in Africa and globally



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2.1. SOUND POLICY MAKING, STRONG & INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS (2)

□ FIRST DECADE OF DEMOCRACY (1994-2004):

- democratic institutions
- build a unitary state with new values and culture
- drive transformation, foster reconciliation and nation-building
- reintegrate the country internationally

□ OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS:

- maintained a stable democracy and continues to derive important lessons about the evolution of its own democracy e.g. separation of powers, composition of change in race/gender/age in the public service
- The repealing of old laws and enactment of transversal legislation governing public service, financial management, and intergovernmental relations have all progressed
- “Taking Parliament to the People”, “Imbizos” etc have facilitated integrating public participation into core parliamentary and governance processes



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2.1. SOUND POLICY MAKING, STRONG & INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS (3)

- Public sector operating models have been established: South African Revenue Service (SARS), Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA), Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
- Evolution of the system of development planning, including the NDP and medium term, annual planning and spatial planning frameworks
- Institutions to fight corruption elevated to a whole-of-society effort through the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS)
- Government's capacity to mobilise the all-of-society response against the Covid-19 pandemic

2.1. SOUND POLICY MAKING, STRONG & INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS (4)

- ❑ Audit outcomes have generally improved since 2010, with a decrease in the incidence of qualified audits in national and provincial departments
- ❑ Challenges remain in some municipalities, public entities and certain national departments. Public entities regressed over a 10-year period, with Qualified Audits increasing from 16.6% to 25.4%
- ❑ AG is acknowledged globally for institutional excellence & Public Audit Act amendments (Act 25 of 2004) expanded powers for AGSA to implement remedial measures in instances of material irregularities to recover losses incurred and prevent further losses
- ❑ South Africa is considered to have maintained transparency around corruption identification
- ✓ Revelations by the State Capture Commission and Grey-listing by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in February 2023 implied a need for an intensive fight against corruption
- ✓ National Anti-Corruption Advisory Council (NACAC) overseeing the whole-of-society National Anti-Corruption Strategy
- ✓ Public Procurement Bill proposing more robust anti-corruption measures
- ✓ the National Anti-Corruption Hotline overseen by the Public Service Commission (PSC) as well as Whistleblower legislation and protection



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2.2 GOOD GOVERNANCE & DEMOCRATIC CULTURE

- Transform the Local Government and Traditional Leadership sphere to ensure accountable government and provision of services
- In the State of the Nation (SONA) 2024, the President noted that for services to be delivered to citizens, local government *has to work*, however, too many municipalities are failing on governance, financial and service delivery measures
- Provision of basic services: indigent households, social wage package etc
- In addition, efforts are being made to achieve governance and fiscal sustainability of local government
- Among other interventions, the District Development Model (DDM) has been introduced to strengthen the capacity of municipalities to deliver on their mandate



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4. APRM REVIEWS AS PATHWAY

- ❑ Second-Generation Country Review under 5 Thematic Pillars
- ❑ National Programme of Action

Favourable reviews	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Role of law▪ Oversight bodies e.g. Chapter 9s▪ Advancement of women's rights▪ Refugee protection▪ Social Assistance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Poor service delivery especially at local government-level▪ Financial mismanagement▪ Corruption▪ Unemployment▪ Gender-based violence and femicide, racism, xenophobia▪ Poor performance by State Owned Enterprises



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4. THREATS & OPPORTUNITIES

Threats	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Conflict▪ Infrastructure inadequacy▪ Inequalities▪ Corruption▪ Climate risks & natural disasters e.g. KZN, EC, WC▪ Failure to realize demographic dividend▪ Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prioritise inclusion▪ Enhance the development impact of SOEs▪ Improve governance and fiscal sustainability of local government▪ Prioritise the reform of the public procurement system▪ Advance digital transformation and modernization▪ Develop disaster risk reforms and rapid response services for speedy interventions▪ Prioritise the professionalization of the public service▪ Partnerships to infuse regional and continental Reviews to build capacity e.g. APRM/AAPAM Toolkit, UNDESA, Namibia NGC MOU etc



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