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**APRM Tanzania**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**THE LAUNCH OF APRM TANZANIA REPORT**

The APRM Tanzania Base Report which was prepared under the African Peer Review Process will be launched by Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania in Dar es salaam, on 19 July 2017.

APRM is an acronym for ‘the African Peer Review Mechanism’. APRM Tanzania is an institution that has beenentrusted by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania with the obligation to coordinate and supervise implementation of the assessment process that would culminate into the peer review of our country. Implementation of the process is guided by laid down procedures and guidelines by the Heads of State and Government participating in the Mechanism.

The ultimate objective of APRM is to assist African countries, Tanzania being one of them, to strengthen governance in their countries. This is through participatory governance in identifying challenges that would eventually be turned into opportunities for development and best practices for sharing amongst Africans.

It may be recalled that Tanzania prepared its Base Report under APRM and submitted same before Heads of State and Government participating in the Mechanism in January 2013, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Subsequent to the tabling of the said report, the United Republic of Tanzania continued to address the governance challenges that were identified since2014, through Medium term Expenditure Frameworks of Ministries, Departments and Agencies.Progress Reports are being prepared covering areas such as, unionmatters, land related issues, gender equality, provision of social services such as education, health, energy, water, information technology and others.

The Launch of APRM Tanzania Report is in compliance with the agreed APRM principles, and to a large extent, symbolizes the government’s continued engagement and commitment towards addressing the challenges identified in the APRM Report.

The launch will be attended by various stakeholder groups including; National leaders of the United Republic of Tanzania, National leaders from the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Ministers from both sides of the Union, Permanent Secretaries (URT), Principal Secretaries (RGoZ), Parliamentarians, Members of House of Representative, Judges,CSOs, Media, Political Parties, Private Sector, Cooperatives, the Youth, Women, Faith based Organizations, Farmers, Academia, The Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance, Electoral Commissions, and Development Partners.

Apart from national stakeholders, the launch event will also be attended by representatives from APRM at the level of African Continent. The Mission that will be visiting Tanzania will be lead by Honorable Brigitte SylviaMabandla, Member of the APRM Panel of of Eminent Persons and Leader for the Tanzania Process who will be accompanied byDr Rachel Mukamunana, Head of Missions in the APRM Continental Secretariat and the Coordinator for the Tanzania APRM process.

Besides tabling the Tanzania Base APRM Report before Heads of State and Government, the Report was also tabled before the Pan African Parliament in Egypt in October 2016. During both meetings cited above, members commended Tanzania for efforts made to maintain peace and tranquility,human rights, a union that has lasted for more than 50 years, economic development, use of one national language- Kiswahili, and steps taken to address challenges in the provision of social services. In addition, the country was urged to address the identified challenges so as to attain APRM objectives.

APRM as a philosophy is a continuous undertaking. Stakeholders will continue to be consulted on Reports on the implementation of the APRM National Programme of Action before submission to Heads of State and Government Participating in the process.

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