

HARMONISATION AND COORDINATION OF REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL ICT PROGRAMMES

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Need for Harmonisation and Coordination of Regional and Continental ICT Programmes

There are many regional and continental ICT Programmes

A number of the programmes involve several institutions/ agencies.

However, on the whole **there has not been adequate:**

- **harmonisation** of the programmes, nor
- **coordination of the projects** and activities that emanate from those programmes.

This has resulted in a number of institutions separately undertaking similar programmes **resulting in duplication and wastage** of effort and scarce resources.

Overlapping Mandates

- Many **stakeholders** institutions operating in the ICT sector **have overlapping mandates**.
- The overlap even happens in institutions set up by the same authorities
- **We**, the ICT Practitioners working in the sector , **have the responsibility** to find ways in which regional and continental ICT programmes can be **harmonised, coordinated and monitored**.

Stakeholder Relationships

Relationships between most of the stakeholders **are governed by fundamental documents**, like:

- The AU Constitutive Act
- The Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community.

These documents have been signed and ratified by Member States.

Additionally there are **bilateral agreements** signed between the above institutions, like:

- MoUs between the AUC and RECs, ITU and ATU.
- UNECA and AUC relations are governed by the decision adopted by the 61st Session of the UN General Assembly regarding Cooperation with the AU.
- NPCA is the implementing and coordinating agency of AU.

Stakeholder Relations Cont.

The above **fundamental documents** and agreements have **common denominators**:

- Formalize, consolidate and promote **closer cooperation** among and between them and the African Union **through the coordination and harmonization of their policies, measures, programs and activities in all fields and sectors.**
- **Establish a framework for coordination** with regard to the activities of **RECs in their contribution to the realization** of the objectives of the Constitutive Act and Treaty of the AU;

This is why it is **vital for all stakeholder institutions** to work closely together to implement an **efficient mechanism for coordination and harmonization of regional and continental programs.**

Harmonisation and Coordination Initiative

Initiative led by:

- Information Society Division of the **AUC**,
- The NEPAD e-Africa Programme of the **NPCA**, and
- The ICT Directorate of the **UNECA**

Initiative aims to:

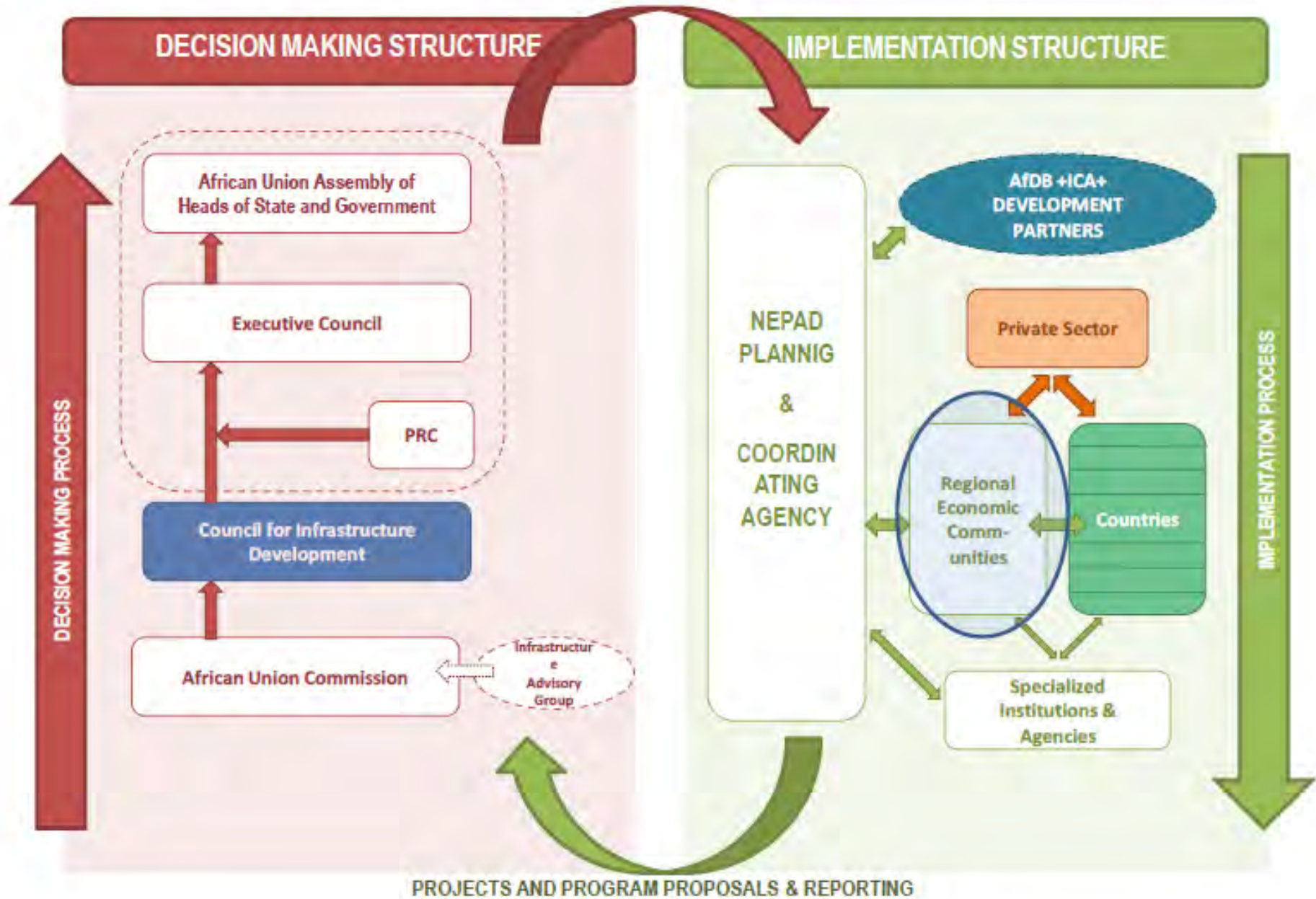
- **Foster collaboration and information-sharing** on regional and continental ICT Programmes.
- get stakeholder institutions to collaborate and cooperate in an effort **to harmonise and coordinate ICT programmes for the benefits of the people of the continent.**



Inaugural Meeting Held in Addis in Sept 2011 Agreed on Way Forward

Oct 2011	Concept Note sent out together with a request to stakeholders to enter into the template all their current ICT programmes and projects.
Nov 2011	Stakeholders return the completed template to the AUC
Nov 2011	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The information received from the stakeholders is collated and entered into a summary sheet. When completed, summary sheet sent to all stakeholders. The summary sheets will highlight where there is a need for collaboration in specific areas by specific institutions.2. Stakeholders will forward to the NPCA their 2012 calendar of events
Dec 2011	A consolidated calendar will be sent out to all stakeholders, and will also be hosted on the AUC, and NPCA websites.
Dec 2011 – Apr 2012	The modalities for collaboration will be the subject of online discussion over this period.
Mar 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agenda for discussion on "Harmonisation and Coordination" will circulated. The discussion will be part of the ICT Experts' meeting preceding the CITMC in Khartoum in early April 2012.2. Subsequent meetings on Harmonisation and Coordination will be held as part of the ICT Experts' preceding future CITMC (or CITMC Bureau in alternate years) meeting.

DECISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION



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Thank You

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