**APNODE – CLEAR-AA Webinar**

**Topic: Implementing the UN 2030 Agenda & its SDGs: What are African Parliaments Doing?**

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**Introduction**

When the UN launched the SDGs in 2015, it marked the onset of an attempt to address global inequality. Today, the SDGs are undoubtedly a universal aspiration that is grounded in global, continental, regional and national realities. Across Africa, there is an effort to review development planning visions, align them with the SDGs, and set out country priorities carefully. UNGA Resolution 70/1 calls for parliament’s involvement by encouraging States to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels which are country-led and country-driven. While all SDGs call for parliamentary involvement, SDG 16 expressly refers to the specific role of Parliaments. This proposed webinar, jointly facilitated by the APNODE Secretariat at the AfDB, and CLEAR-AA, will have the Chairperson of APNODE – Hon. Evelyn Mpagi Kaabule (Uganda) and Hon. Stanley Kakubo, Interim Chairperson of Zambia APNODE National Chapter sharing their insights on how MPs can assist countries to achieve their SDG targets.

* **Questions for discussion**

* How is your parliament working toward the achievement of the UN SDGs? What specific structures, partnerships and/or explicit actions have been put in place to facilitate this?
* How is progress on SDGs being measured? How is your parliament involved in it?
* What, in your opinion, are the main challenges to meeting the SDGs targets? What efforts are being done in your parliament to mitigate these challenges?
* Has your country already undertaken a VNR? What were the outcomes of that review and what role did parliament play in this?
* APNODE is all about enhancing the demand for and utilization of evidence for better oversight that yields transformative development. As a continental Network, how can APNODE assist countries, yours included, in this drive?
* **Presenters/Speakers:**

* Hon. Evelyn Naomi Mpagi-Kaabule is a Founding Members and Chairperson of the African Parliamentarians’ Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE). She is a former Member of Parliament, having served as the first Women's Representative for Luuka District in Uganda's 9th Parliament, after the district was created by an act of parliament and became functional in 2010. She is a Human Resources Management professional by training and has consulted in this area for years.
* Hon. Stanley K. Kakubo is a Zambian politician. He currently serves as Member of the National Assembly for Kapiri Mposhi, and member of the Budget Committee. He also serves as the Interim Chairman of the Zambian APNODE National Chapter.
* **Co-Moderators:**

* Ms. Hermine Engel, CLEAR-AA, Wits University, South Africa
* Mr. Kobena Hanson, IDEV, AfDB, Abidjan, CIV