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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE 3665 OF 2025

Establishment of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) National Governing Council in South Africa

Call for apex non-governmental sectors to nominate representatives to serve in the APRM National Governing Council of South Africa

African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) is an organ of the African Union established in 2003 by African Heads of State and Government as an instrument of self-assessment and peer review with a mandate to ensure that the policies and practices of participating states conform to the agreed political, economic and corporate governance values, codes and standards contained in the Declaration on Democracy, Political, Economic and Corporate Governance.

Its primary purpose is to entrench democracy and good governance amongst the Member States of the African Union who voluntarily acceded to the mechanism. Currently, there are 44 participating member states in the APRM, out of 55 AU member states.

APRM shall deliver its mandate, including voluntary reviews, in a technically and culturally competent manner, as well as in a credible manner free of political manipulation. The APRM shall encourage participation of all stakeholders in society.

As the founder member of the APRM, South Africa through the Minister for the Public Service and Administration, who is the designed National Focal Point for APRM; is calling upon apex (those who have a national footprint) non-governmental sectors to nominate representatives to serve in the APRM National Governing Council of South Africa for a three-year term.

As per the Cabinet decision of 3 September 2025, **each sector** (as identified below) is invited to submit **two** names [**one male** and **one female**] to the National Focal Point for consideration. The National Focal Point will then appoint **one member** per sector, sourced from the two names submitted by each sector.

The sectors referred to above are the following:

1. Community Constituency (as in Nedlac) includes NGOs, Civics; Women & CBOs
2. People with Disabilities
3. Arts, Culture, Heritage & Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS)
4. Labour
5. Youth
6. Academia
7. Media
8. Faith Based
9. Traditional Leadership
10. The Open Government Partnership (OGP) Sector – is to be co-opted to ensure complementarity of good governance programmes in line with the approved APRM National Plan of Action

A designated official from each designated sector is invited to forward, by 15:00 on Wednesday, 24 December 2025, the names of two nominees to: Dr Patrick M Sokhela at: patricks@dpsa.gov.za

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