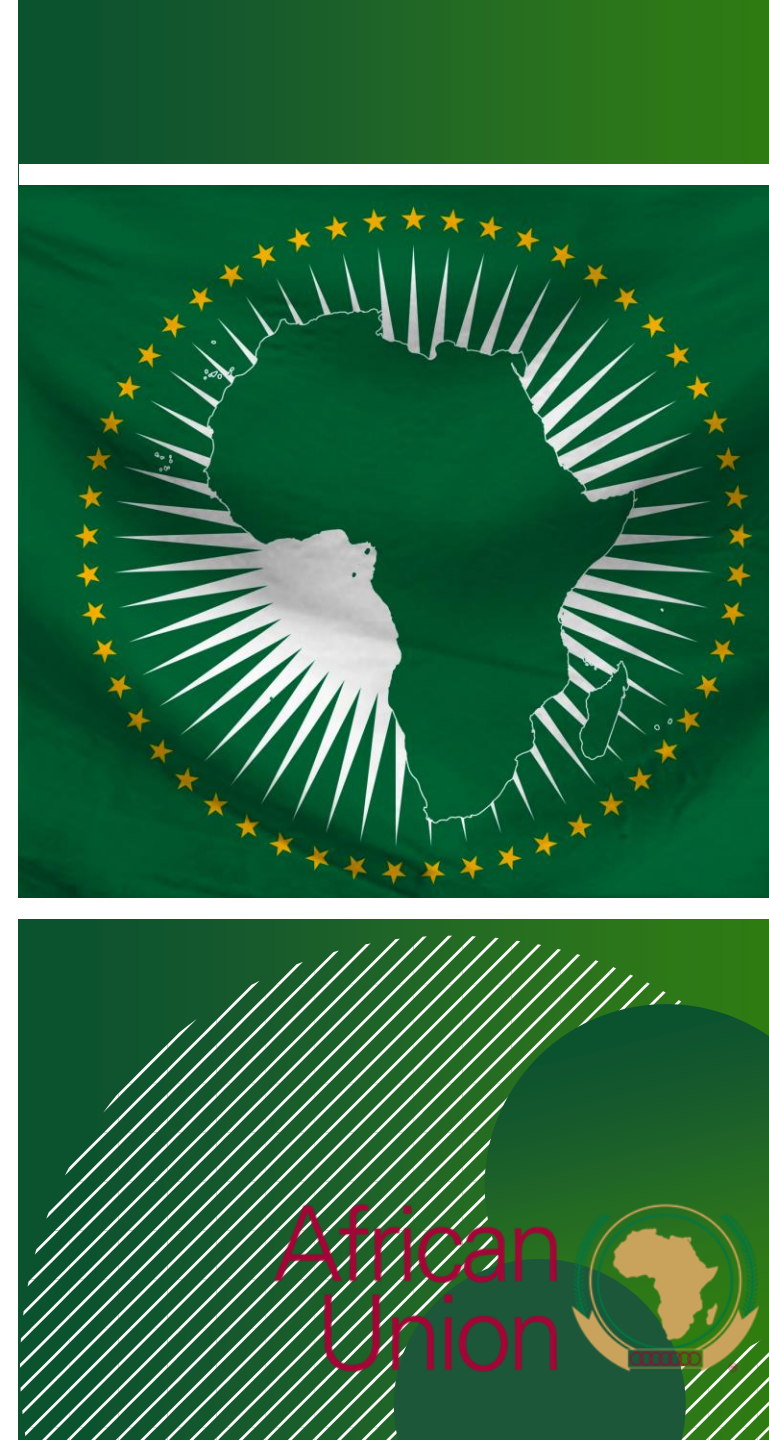




Potential Roles of the Supreme Audit Institutions in the implementation of the Agenda 2063– The AU Perspective

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Agenda 2063: Where are we?

- It is commendable that the African Union to have entered into this partnership with AFROSAI and be able to work together towards a better level of accountability on the continent as we strive for the Africa we want
- In 2013, under the leadership of the African Union, the African people defined the Africa they want to see in fifty years & framed as Agenda 2063 which contains a set of aspirations and goals.
- The Agenda provided the basis for defining the vision of the Continent: “An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its citizens, representing a dynamic force in the international arena.
- Structured as a fifty-year plan, the Agenda is implemented through five 10-year implementation plans that embody a set of ambitions and targets that the Continent must strive to achieve through coordinated and collective efforts. We are now in STYIP.
- While notable progress was registered in the implementation of the Agenda 2063, Factors contributing to the limited progress in the implementation of the Agenda are attributable to low domestication of the Agenda to national development plans, inadequate skills and capacities, low funding for capital intensive projects, etc



Agenda 2063: Where are we?-ctd

- This is where we believe that AU Partnership with the AFROSAI and its Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) and relevant regional groups, will contribute more in addressing the gaps highlighted above especially those related to inadequate skills and capacities in monitoring and evaluation and promotion of high level of accountability standards on the continent.
- During the various audits, assurance services, investigations and inspections, SAIs come up with various recommendations depending on their findings or discoveries that will assist in monitoring the Agenda 2063 integration into national development plans, capacity enhancements in monitoring and evaluation areas, etc
- SAIs professional capacity enhancements are pre-requisites before they start contributing to other public sector institutions on Agenda 2063 domestication process.

Why SAls Are Strategic Partners for Agenda 2063



Contribution of SAIs to the Seven Aspirations of Agenda 2063

Agenda 2063 Aspiration	Potential Contribution of SAIs
Aspiration 1: A Prosperous Africa Based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development	Performance audits, value-for-money audits, and assessments of public investment efficiency and sustainable development programmes.
Aspiration 2: An Integrated Continent, Politically United and Based on the Ideals of Pan-Africanism	Coordinated and parallel regional audits, oversight of regional integration initiatives and cross-border projects.
Aspiration 3: An Africa of Good Governance, Democracy, Respect for Human Rights, Justice and the Rule of Law	Compliance audits, governance reviews, accountability assessments, and monitoring of public sector integrity frameworks.
Aspiration 4: A Peaceful and Secure Africa	Oversight of public resources allocated to peace, security and conflict prevention programmes, and audits of related institutions and initiatives.
Aspiration 5: An Africa with a Strong Cultural Identity, Common Heritage, Values and Ethics	Audits of cultural, heritage, education and values-based programmes to ensure effective resource utilization and programme delivery.
Aspiration 6: An Africa Whose Development is People-Driven, Relying on the Potential of Women and Youth	Gender-responsive audits, youth-focused programme audits, citizen-centred audits, and assessments of inclusiveness and social impact.
Aspiration 7: Africa as a Strong, United, Resilient and Influential Global Player and Partner	Knowledge sharing, professional capacity development, coordinated audits, and strengthened cooperation among African SAIs through AFROSAI and its regional groups.

Perspectives on the SAI's contribution to strong & sustainable Govts, Organisations, Financial markets, and Economies – ultimately – The Africa We Want

- Leading sustainability reporting and assurance provided by SAls
- Advancing good governance, transparency, and accountability in the public sector
- Fighting corruption, economic crimes and Illicit Financial Flows
- Enhancing the quality of Audit and Assurance services through Continuous Professional education and skills enhancements to SAls Professionals
- Realising the Agenda 2063 Flagship Projects like the Africa Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA), SATTM, FMP, High Speed Rail Network, CADAP, STC8, Grand Inga Dam, etc

Leading sustainability reporting and assurance provided by SAls

- How SAls contribute to monitoring the Agenda 2063 implementation through audit and assurance reports
- The use of performance/value for money audits, compliance audits, environmental audits and SDG/Agenda 2063 goals alignment reviews
- Enhancing transparency, governance and public trust through reporting and assurance
- Provide credibility to sustainability reports through independent assurance and value adding recommendations
- SAls are encouraged to accompany the African Member States in the harmonization process of regulatory frameworks on policies steered by the AU as guided by the Agenda 2063

Strengthening governance, transparency, and accountability in the public sector

- One of the critical ambitions that is inspired by Aspiration 3 of the Agenda 2063 that is of focus in the STYIP is having “Public institutions that are more responsive”
- The African Union is geared to support its Member States to accelerate the implementation of the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Public Administration.
- We need to see the existence and effectiveness of codes of conduct, ethics and integrity frameworks for public servants at all levels not just at SAls.
- It is important to see the SAls under the umbrella of the AFROSAI and its regional groups (AFROSAI-E, AFROSAI-F, AFROSAI-A, etc) actively accompanying our Member States in the implementation journey through relevant recommendations on public administration and spending accountability.

Fighting corruption, economic crimes and Illicit Financial Flows

- The African Union through its Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC) is working with Member States to accelerate the Implementation of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combatting Corruption
- The objectives of this convention include among others, to -Promote and Strengthen the development in Africa by each State Party, of mechanisms required to prevent, detect, punish and eradicate corruption and related offences in the public and private sectors
- -Establish the necessary conditions to foster transparency and accountability in the management of public affairs.
- Thus, the need to see an improved level of compliance and alignment of national anti-corruption laws, policies and institutions with the Conventions, standards and obligations
- We further need to see the African Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) under the umbrella of AFROSAI, accompanying their respective AU Member States in this transformational journey through audit and assurance services.

Enhancing the quality of Audit and Assurance through Continuous Professional education

- The SAIs under the umbrella of AFROSAI and its regional groups are compelled to equip their staff members with appropriate knowledge and skills on Agenda 2063 as guided by the African Union
- Use Digital Collaboration and Knowledge-Sharing Platforms with anticipated benefits that include increase in efficiency, consistency, and cross-learning among SAI auditors across the continent in the ever evolving world of business
- This will enable appropriate advisory and assurance services to those entrusted with fiduciary duties in countries to deliver on national developmental goals that are aligned with the continental Agenda

Realising the Agenda 2063 Flagship Projects

- The AUC role is to serve the AU by implementing continental decisions, promoting peace and integration, coordinating member states, and representing Africa's collective interests globally
- The Agenda 2063 flagship projects like AfCFTA, SAATM, High-Speed Rail Network, Free Movement of People, etc are all designed to acceleration integration, economic growth and development
- To ensure these ambitious initiatives succeed, strong governance, accountability and transparency are essential. This is where SAls play a critical role
- SAls play this role by conducting performance/VFM audits, identifying weaknesses in PFM systems, gaps in planning and implementations and risks in procurement and project management cycles
- SAls recommendations can help governments strengthen institutions responsible for Agenda 2063 integration and delivery
- Since Agenda 2063 flagship projects often span multiple countries, SAls may need to collaborate through AFROSAI and regional subgroups and perform coordinated audits. SAls can assess cross-border projects jointly, harmonized audit methodologies and share best practices and lessons learnt

Together for Effective Collaboration

Our firm resolve of working together thorough these partnerships, collaboration, continuously learning and supporting one another, and the commitment to respond to aspirations of the African people that are embedded in the Agenda 2063 will most definitely drive us to The Africa We Want

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