

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To:

Mr. Babacar Cissé

Deputy Regional Director Regional Bureau for Africa

From:

Ms. Almaz Gebru

Officer-in-Charge

Regional Service Centre for East and Southern Africa

Subject:

Extension of the APRM Open Trust Fund

At the request of the Chairperson, APR Panel of Eminent Persons (ref. attached letter), I am writing to seek your clearance and request the signature by the Regional Director for the extension of the APRM Open Trust Fund, scheduled to expire on 30 September 2011. The proposed extension is based on the third strategic work plan of the APRM for the period 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2013.

In reviewing the proposed document, please note the following:

- As of end June 2011, the balance on the Trust Fund, including interest accumulated by UNDP Treasury, was US\$6,532,970. This balance comprises an unspent balance of US\$1,718,348 from UNDP's original commitment, as indicated in the project document, as well as the other remaining funds.
- As per the work plan submitted by the APRM, the overall total budget requirement for the period 2011 to 2013 is US\$ 33,446,534. The amount beyond the available balance is subject to resource mobilization.

In this regard, attached herewith are the following documents, for your perusal:

- Letter from Chairperson, APR Panel of Eminent Persons
- APRM Three-Year Plan (2011-2013)
- Document for Extension of Regional Project

Thank you in advance for your continuous support.

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Dr. Tegegnework Gettu, Assistant Secretary General, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director - UNDP/Africa, New York, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gettu,

EXTENSION OF THE APRM OPEN TRUST FUND

As you are aware the current APRM Trust Fund Agreement with UNDP will end on 30 September 2011.

The APR Panel is hereby requesting the extension of the Trust Fund for an additional two years with effect from 1 October 2011. The overall objectives and the specific areas of support remain the same. Any additional details of activities to be undertaken will be worked out between UNDP and APRM.

The APR Panel expresses its appreciation for the renewed and continued support and your personal commitment, which you expressed in your prior engagements with the APR Panel.

In the wake of the new development, kindly accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairperson, APR Panel of Eminent Persons