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Governance

what is working and what is missing after the EU summit?

Governance: Transparent and accountable management of all resources of a country for its sustainable and equitable development art. 9 of the Cotonou, UNDP, OSCE, World Bank. It is necessary for boosting economic reforms, growth and development genuine democratic regimes, rule of law and enabling environment.

The question of good governance in Africa

Africa is experiencing rapid changes in term of governance issues but also changes are getting stronger especially about democracy, strong institutions are coming up and regional cooperation's are utilized. Free elections and peaceful transitions of power are not exceptional anymore. The shrinking space for CSOs is noticeable

Good Governance at 2017 AU-EU Summit

The summit focused on Youth, governance and human rights as a crucial element to strengthen resilience and commitment to pursue our cooperation on effective, inclusive and accountable governance at all levels and on combatting corruption.

WHAT IS WORKING

- EU supporting strong CSOs movements in review of legislative and executive mandates, programs supporting accountability, fighting corruption and supporting CSOs networks and platforms to increase their ability to follow public policy development and be fully integrated into multi-level multi-stakeholder dialogues
- Government are working to implement reforms but citizens want to see faster movements e.g. security sector
- Domestication of the African human right protocols is advancing slowly in some part of the African countries like in the Gambia and alike

WHAT IS MISSING

- Trust is missing between the governments, local government and CSOs and it need to be addressed precisely (Government should not see CSOs as its enemy but rather partner)
- Transition from one regime to the other is a problem, the democratic governance has not come out very clearly, accountability and the capacity of the state to deliver on the their responsibilities
- What is missing is a recommendation in regard to corporate social responsibility especially on the natural resources

Are there realistic and concrete recommendations to make for the AU-EU relationship to reinforce this work or what needs to be done further?

- Adopt action plan to implement the political commitments of the AU-EU Summit, this must include how CSOs and LAs can fully engage as an equal partners in the AU-EU Partnership
- ✓ Enhancing effective partnership between AU and EU by setting up joint monitoring and implementation task team to look after whatever support both at national, sub-regional and regional level (Task team should comprise national governments, CSOs, Local governments, Co-operatives etc.)
- ✓ Provide relevant support and strengthen CSOs networks and platforms to promote compliance of governance and human rights standards across the continent by facilitating dialogue , capacity development, protection of Human rights standards and spaces, evaluation of related interventions and actions relating to AU HR Standards
- ✓ To put in place monitoring and evaluation system of the decision taken by Heads of State and government during government summits to evaluate progress in future

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- ✓ Capacity building for CSOs, LAs and African Government representatives, AU geared towards increasing levels of trust, dialogue and communication to appreciate the strengths of each actor in the development agenda and value their differences
- ✓ Strengthen the capacity of government to deliver good governance and services
- ✓ Popularizing of the AU Protocols and encourage CSOs to reach out to citizens and increase their meaningful participation towards the same
- ✓ Follow up on the ratification of documents and elections to raise awareness for the countries that have not ratified and provide awareness before the summit.
- Translate commitments from the AU-EU Summit into national and regional commitments and policies, and increase citizen awareness.
- National dialogues bringing together all key actors (States, CSOs, LAs and Private Sector) along with AU representatives on key Summit themes / agenda to leverage evolution process.

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- ✓ Insuring that CSOs and LAs are partners in future AU-EU Summit (both in preparation and in the actual meetings)
- ✓ Increase participation of the Private Sector and encourage investment and sustainable development through programs and policies that rewards this investment (such as corporate social responsibility)
- ✓ EU should take stock of the external investments to see their scope and relevance to better target areas for future partnership. EU also to adapt it's instruments to new challenges
- ✓ Hold the AU accountable for meaningful consultations with all key stakeholders