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Barrister AkereMuna
Chairperson
Panel of Eminent Persons
African Peer Review Mechanism

Dear Chairperson Muna:

I extend compliments and acknowledge your email of December 13, 2013 regarding the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) recall of Mr. AssefaShifa, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a.i. of the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Secretariat, and your concerns about the status of the Trust Fund which has been under UNDP's management since its establishment several years ago. As the handling of these issues, including the assignment of a temporary CEO, is the responsibility of the Committee of Focal Points operating under the direction of the Chairperson of the Forum, I will brief the Chairperson of the Forum and we will contact UNDP at the appropriate level without delay.

Let me emphasize that I am quite aware of the urgency that is attached to the issues you have raised, and assure you that we are determined to effectively address them within the framework of the Operational Procedures and in a cost effective way, especially in view of current budgetary constraints and resource scarcity. Therefore, following our contact with UNDP, a determination will be made as to whether there is need for a meeting of the nature you have proposed.

Meanwhile, please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

Sincerely,

Amara M. Konneh
Chairperson, APRM Committee of Focal Points

cc: Members of the Panel of Eminent Persons