

## Impact of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) on the policy of reform:

### Lessons from Algeria

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This paper explores the impact of the APRM process in Algeria; its consequences, State-Business relations as well as the fundamental topics of the Mechanism, namely political governance, economic governance, corporate governance and socio-economic development.

Being the only country in Northern Africa to have carried out the exercise; its geographical, economical and cultural characteristics, and because it underwent the evaluation in a precise context of post-traumatism related to the security crisis in the Nineties, identified since as being basically a governance crisis, the Algerian experience is undoubtedly a unique example of the level of realism and pragmatism of the APRM tool as a vector of promotion of good governance, and, therefore, of sustainable development.

Based on concrete examples, but without being limited to simple statements, this paper focuses on what, in the case of Algeria, has been particularly significant in the overall reform process, launched several years ago by the public authorities, and which requires, to be successful, the strong implication of the civil society. The main points are thus, from the point of view of Algeria, the strengths and weaknesses of the exercise. It is important to distinguish between the weaknesses intrinsically related to the process and design, and the global constraints related to its practical implementation and exploitation - that these constraints are general or result from the specificity of a country where the Mechanism would not have sufficiently been held account of.

My goal is obviously to try to identify, following the process of the APRM in Algeria, some of the best practices, likely to enrich the common debate on the future of the continent, but also to suggest new angles in the revision of the APRM towards greater efficiency in the promotion of good governance throughout the continent.