



Delivering on the Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods in Africa

Document for preparing country Biennial Review report on progress made for achieving the Malabo Declaration Goals and Targets

Coordination mechanism and Continental Roadmap for submitting the Inaugural Biennial Report to the AU Assembly

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Agreements on this *Coordination mechanism and Continental Roadmap for submitting the Inaugural Biennial Report to the AU Assembly*, were reached at the *Sensitization and Member States and RECs' engagement workshop* organized by the African Union Commission on 21-23 September 2016 in Dakar (Senegal) to harmonize ongoing processes on rolling out the Malabo Declaration' Biennial Review. Twenty five (25) Member States (CAADP Focal Person and CAADP M&E Experts) and two (2) RECs (ECOWAS and IGAD) participated in the workshop where Member States were organised by sub region to discussed and agreed on the coordination modalities and processes for developing the Biennial Review report (validation, RECs coordination, and roadmap).

Main part of the agreements made, is the importance of grouping countries by geographical regions to avoid situation in which some member states may have to report progress to many RECs under the same biennial exercise. RECs will still play an important coordination role with member states to coordinate data collection and consolidation of the report at each sub regional level. The agreed arrangements as detailed in the enclosed tables, call for joint coordination by the RECs in sub-region where multiple RECs are operating. One of the RECs will be appointed to play the leadership role in collaboration with the other RECs to ensure that all issues of the region are properly addressed in the sub-region, and the agreed process of validating country reports is well implemented. There is now an agreed *Continental Roadmap* for preparing and submitting the *Inaugural Biennial Report* to the AU Assembly, that is being used to guide all stakeholders in organizing and providing available supports to the Biennial Review process. With this established mechanism, good contribution is made to the issue of providing guidance to stakeholders for better alignment and harmonization to any action claimed to be supporting the Biennial Review exercise.

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Regional countries grouping for Coordinating the Biennial Review Process

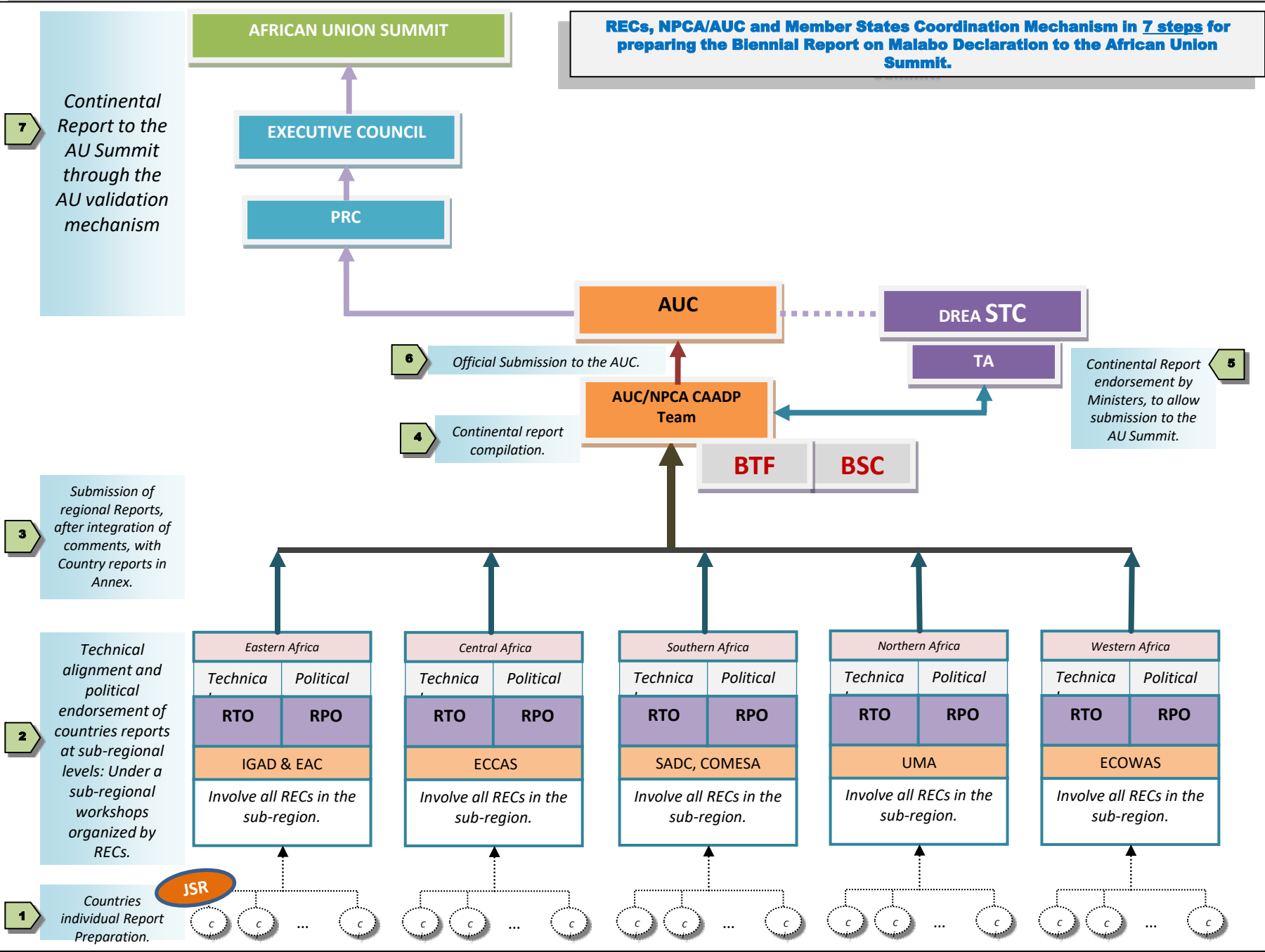
Central Africa	Eastern Africa	Northern Africa	Southern Africa	Western Africa
1. Angola	1. Burundi	1. Algeria	1. Botswana	1. Benin
2. Cameroon	2. Comoros	2. Egypt	2. Lesotho	2. Burkina Faso
3. Central African Republic	3. Djibouti	3. Libya	3. Madagascar	3. Cape Verde
4. Chad	4. Eritrea	4. Mauritania	4. Malawi	4. Cote d'ivoire
5. Congo	5. Ethiopia	5. Tunisia	5. Mauritius	5. Gambia
6. Congo, Dem. Republic	6. Kenya	6. Saharawi	6. Mozambique	6. Ghana
7. Equatorial Guinea	7. Rwanda		7. Namibia	7. Guinea
8. Gabon	8. Somalia		8. South Africa	8. Guinea-Bissau
9. Sao Tome and Principe	9. Sudan		9. Swaziland	9. Liberia
	10. South Sudan		10. Seychelles	10. Mali
	11. Tanzania		11. Zambia	11. Niger
	12. Uganda		12. Zimbabwe	12. Nigeria
				13. Senegal
				14. Sierra Leone
				15. Togo

RECs Grouping	
Northern Africa	UMA, CenSAD
Central Africa	ECCAS, SADC, COMESA
Eastern Africa	EAC, IGAD, COMESA, SADC
Southern Africa	SADC, COMESA
Western Africa	ECOWAS

Agreement on countries coordination by RECs

Region	Rapporteur REC	Involved RECs	Member States	Notes
Central Africa	ECCAS	ECCAS, SADC, COMESA	Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Dem. Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe	Angola and RDC will submit their reports to ECCAS with copy to SADC
East Africa	IGAD	EAC, IGAD, COMESA, SADC	Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda	Joint coordination team of RECs will be formed. AUC will facilitate this.
North Africa	UMA	UMA, CenSAD	Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Tunisia, Saharawi	AUC should engage with UMA to further discuss arrangements for coordinating NA countries.
Southern Africa	COMESA	SADC, COMESA	Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Seychelles, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Joint coordination team of RECs will be formed. AUC will facilitate this.
West Africa	ECOWAS	ECOWAS	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo	

RECs, NPCA/AUC and Member States Coordination Mechanism in 7 steps for preparing the Biennial Report on Malabo Declaration to the African Union Summit.



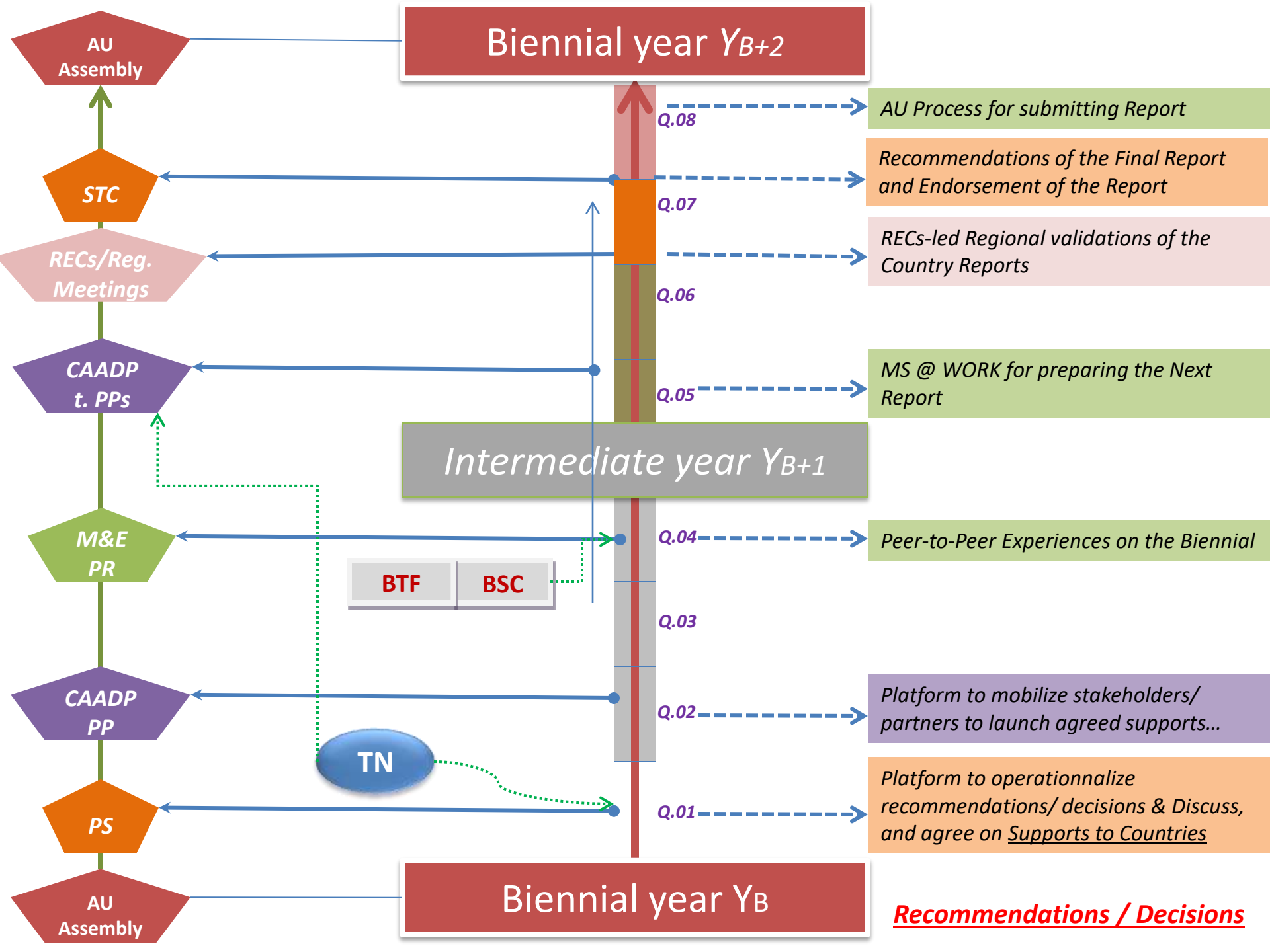
Agreed Continental Roadmap for submitting the Inaugural Biennial Report to the AU Assembly in January 2018

No	Proposed Activities	Level of Implementation	Deadline	Observation
1	Finalization of Data Collection Tools (<i>Technical Guidelines, Reporting Template, Technical Note for the Scorecard</i>)	AUC/NPCA	30-Oct-16	
2	Sensitization of country stakeholders of the process of the biennial reporting	MS/RECs	31-Oct-16	Focus on policy makers, other technical officers and sector stakeholder
3	Formal communication to countries and RECs to inform leadership on agreements made for the Biennial Review process and on the consolidated roadmap for submitting the the report to the AU Assembly.	AUC/NPCA	31-Oct-16	Particular engagement with RECs where any updated on the CADDP process is needed. Meeting with UMA to further discuss arrangements for coordinating Northern African countries. Joint coordination of countries belonging to several RECs, should be discussed with the RECs.
4	Training of Country Experts on the Guidelines and the Template for reporting	AUC/NPCA	28-Feb-17	Target persons are the CAADP Focal Point and the CAADP M&E Expert. Nomination letter should be sent by AUC/NPCA to member states to nominate the CAADP M&E Expert for the Biennial Review.
5	Make available to countries the updated format and guidelines for preparing countries reports	AUC/NPCA	28-Feb-17	Condition to start the National Process: Incorporate meeting comments and recommendations of sub-regional meetings into the reporting format.
6	National training Workshop on the Reporting tools, and launch of the the biennial review process at country level	MS/RECs	31-Mar-17	AUC/NPCA and RECs to explore possible technical supports to Member States to roll out the biennial review process.
7	Hold in-country consultations for data collection and making data available for compiling the country report	MS	31-May-17	Involve all relevant stakeholders, and define and run strategy for data gathering and the report preparation.
8	Drafting and compilation of the country report	MS	31-May-17	Data collection at appropriate levels for the report preparation
9	National validation of the report with national stakeholders, and Final draft report	MS	15-Jun-17	Refine the data presented in the report while involving all relevant national stakeholders under a validation workshop.

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10	Submission of the Country Report to the RECs	MS	30-Jun-17	Share reports with CAADP team to start compiling information for the continental report
11	RECs' compilation, regional analysis, summary and recommendations shared with MS	RECs	31-Jul-17	
12	Sub-regional meeting to discuss and align country reports with regional perspectives	MS/RECs	15-Aug-17	Regional political bodies consult with countries reports and ensure regional leadership in the process of preparing the BR to the AUC
13	Review of of country reports and Resubmission to the RECs	MS/RECs	22-Aug-17	
14	Submission by the RECs, of the country reports to CAADP Team (AUC, NPCA)	RECs	31-Aug-17	Member States to send Reports to the RECs which in turn will synthesize the Reports and send a regional report to AUC/NPCA. The report will include Country Synthesis and Individual Country Report in Annex.
15	Continental Biennial Report compilation by the CAADP Team	AUC/NPCA	30-Sep-17	
16	Continental Report endorsement by PS and Ministers, to allow submission to the AU Summit.	STC	30-Sep-17	
17	Official Submission of the Report to the AUC for the AU Assembly	STC	15-Oct-17	
18	Conveying the Report to the AU Assembly	AU	15-Jan-18	

MS = Member States

Institutionalizing and animating accountability platforms to make best use of the Biennial Report to trigger necessary actions at all levels ...



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