



SIDE EVENT

Twentieth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and the Third Joint Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and the regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group

United Nations support to the African Union Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards durable solutions to forced displacement in Africa

Objectives

The objectives of the meeting are twofold:

- Provide a platform for principals and senior officials of the African Union and the United Nations to engage in high-level panel discussions on issues pertinent to the theme, with a view to promoting interactions and generating solutions that will contribute to efforts aimed at addressing the challenge of refugees and internally displaced persons in Africa.
- Deliberate on the functioning of the Mechanism and the Africa regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group platforms and to assess achievements, challenges and the way forward in making the delivery of support to the African Union and its organs in the context of the African Union and United Nations reforms more coherent and efficient.

Expected outcomes

- Enhanced understanding and appreciation of the refugee and internally displaced persons situation in Africa in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want
- Agreed action-oriented recommendations on United Nations system support to the African Union, its organs and member States in addressing the challenge of refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons
- Consensus on aligning the work of the Mechanism and the Africa regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group teams with the Joint United Nations-African Union Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security and African Union-United Nations Framework for the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Participants

- Principals and senior officials of the African Union organs and the United Nations

- Development banks and other development partners
- African ministers of finance and economic planning

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