



African Union Commission

Seventeenth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa

Theme: African Union-United Nations partnership for the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Draft annotated agenda	
1	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Welcoming remarks will be delivered by:</p> <p>Mr. Carlos Lopes, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Mr. Jan Eliasson, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission</p>
2.	<p>Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Under the co-chairpersonship of Mr. Jan Eliasson and Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, the RCM-Africa coordinators will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda and programme of work, subject to such amendments as are deemed necessary.</p>
3.	<p>First plenary session: African Union-United Nations partnership for the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>The General Assembly recently adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, which the African Union contributed to through the common African position on the post-2015 development agenda. The African Union has indicated that the implementation of Agenda 2063 by member States is equivalent with the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. There is a need, therefore, for harmonization, synergy and convergence. The participants will discuss the alignment between the 10-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals. The discussion will provide a platform for the United Nations and the African Union to articulate and build consensus on how the United Nations can provide support to the African Union in achieving the broad tenets of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p>

4	<p>Second plenary session: African year of human rights, with a particular focus on the rights of women</p> <p>The aspirations of Agenda 2063 reflect the desire of Africans for prosperity, well-being, unity and integration, and for a continent where civil, political, economic and social rights for both men and women are protected. The Sustainable Development Goals come at a time when billions of people are living in poverty and inequalities within and among countries and disparities of opportunity, wealth and power are rising. Both the United Nations and the African Union recognize that empowering women and eliminating discrimination against women are key foundations for accelerating sustainable development. The participants will therefore discuss and build consensus on how the United Nations can support the African Union in achieving the broad tenets of human rights and women’s rights within the framework of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>
5.	<p>Third plenary session: Free movement, migration, youth and gender empowerment in the context of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>The common African position on the post 2015-development agenda is Africa’s consensus on the continent’s challenges, priorities and aspirations, and the strategies for dealing with them. It groups Africa’s development priorities into six pillars, one of which is people-centered development, which includes free movement of people, migration, and youth and gender empowerment. During this session, the participants will deliberate key social and development issues.</p>
6.	<p>Fourth plenary session: Regional integration, infrastructure and trade in the context of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>The implementation strategy of Agenda 2063 spells out 20 goals and 34 priority areas. The goals and priorities include the establishment of a continental free trade area, significantly developed intra-African trade and a well-developed infrastructure network. Goal 1 of the Agenda 2063 is “A high standard of living, quality of life and well-being for all citizens”. Most of the the Sustainable Development Goals are consistent with achieving Goal 1 of Agenda 2063. During the session, the participants will discuss regional integration, infrastructure and trade in the context of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>
7.	<p>Fifth plenary session: Strengthening RCM-Africa for effectiveness in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>In addition to the reflections on various thematic areas, the participants will deliberate on the mechanism for implementing the United Nations-African Union partnership on Africa’s integration and development agenda for 2017-2027, which replaces the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union, which expires at the end of 2016. The participants will also consider the alignment of the RCM-Africa clusters with Agenda 2063. The secretariat of RCM-Africa will make a proposal to the session for the reconfiguration and alignment of the RCM-Africa clusters with Agenda 2063. The participants will also consider other matters aimed at strengthening RCM-Africa.</p>
7.	<p>Other business</p> <p>The participants may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.</p>
8.	<p>Presentation and adoption of the draft outcome document</p> <p>The RCM-Africa secretariat will present the draft outcome document. The participants will be invited to consider and adopt the outcome document, subject to such amendments as are deemed necessary.</p>

9.	Closing session The session will be closed by Mr. Carlos Lopes, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, and Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of AUC.