



Economic Commission for Africa
Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Third session
Addis Ababa, 17–19 May 2017

Provisional programme of work

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

Pre-events

- Regional workshop on preparations for the 2017 Voluntary National Reviews at the 2017 meeting of the high-level political forum
- Capacity-building workshop for major groups and other stakeholders
- Tenth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Committee on Sustainable Development

Thursday, 18 May 2017

8.30–9 a.m. Registration

9–10 a.m. **Opening ceremony**

Chair: Chair of the 2016 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Moderator: Fatima Denton, Director, Special Initiatives Division, ECA

Statements:

- Chair of the Bureau of the 2016 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- Abdalla Hamdok, Executive Secretary a.i., ECA
- Representative of the African Development Bank
- Representative of the African Union Commission
- Representative of the Government of Ethiopia

10–11.30 a.m. **Plenary meeting 1: High-level panel on the challenges and opportunities arising in achieving inclusive growth and prosperity for all**

Chair: Representative of Ethiopia (TBD)

Moderator: (TBD)

Panellists:

- (TBD)

11.30–11.45 a.m. Coffee break

11.45 a.m.–12.15 p.m. **Plenary meeting 2: Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

Chair: Chair of the Outgoing Bureau of the 2016 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- Election of the Bureau
- Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

12.15–1 p.m. **Plenary meeting 3: Progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and goals of Agenda 2063**

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Presentations:

- Africa regional report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and goals of Agenda 2063 by Mr. Bartholomew Armah, Macroeconomic Policy Division, ECA
- Support for the implementation of the two agendas furnished by ECA and the African Union Commission, by ECA (TBD)

General discussions

1–2 p.m. Lunch break

2–3.30 p.m. **Plenary meeting 4: Round table on peer learning and the exchange of experience and lessons learned in the implementation of the two agendas**

Chair: (TBD)

Moderator: (TBD)

Panellists: (TBD)

3.30–3.45 p.m. Coffee break

3.45–6 p.m. **Parallel panel meetings on the sub-themes of the session**

- Eradicating all forms of poverty in Africa

- Ending hunger and achieving food security in Africa
- Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all
- Promoting gender equality and empowerment of women and girls
- Building resilient infrastructure and promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation
- Conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

6.45–8.30 p.m. Reception

Friday, 19 May 2017

9–11 a.m. **Plenary meeting 5: Presentations and discussions of proposed key messages, including policy recommendations emanating from the parallel panel meetings**

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- Eradicating all forms of poverty in Africa
- Ending hunger and achieving food security in Africa
- Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all

11–11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.20 a.m.–1 p.m. **Plenary meeting 5: (continued) Presentations and discussions of proposed key messages, including policy recommendations emanating from the parallel panel meetings**

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- Promoting gender equality and empowerment of women and girls
- Building resilient infrastructure and promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation
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1–4 p.m. Lunch break and update of the key messages by the secretariat under the guidance of the chairs of the parallel panel meetings

4– 5 p.m. **Plenary meeting 6: Consideration and adoption of key messages**

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- 4.30–4.45 p.m. **Plenary meeting 7: Theme, dates and venue of the 2018 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**
- Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- 4.45–5 p.m. Coffee break
- 5–5.15 p.m. **Plenary meeting 8: Other matters**
- Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the 2017 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- 5.15–5.45 p.m. **Closing ceremony**
- Statements:
- Mr. Hamdok
 - Chair of the Bureau of the 2017 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
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