



Eighteenth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa

First joint meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and the United Nations Development Group

Dakar, 25 and 26 March 2017

Provisional programme of work

Saturday, 25 March 2017

3.00-3.20 p.m.

Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)

- Statement by Ms. Francine Muyumba, President, Pan-African Youth
- Statement by Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Secretary-General, Chair of the Regional United Nations Development Group, Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme
- Statement by Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa
- Statement by Mr. Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission

3.20-3.30 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and the programme of work (agenda item 2)

- **Co-chairs:** Mr. Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission and Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

3.30-5.00 p.m.

First plenary session: United Nations system support for harnessing the demographic dividend through investments in youth (agenda item 3)

Panellists

- Mr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- Mr. Haile Menkerios, Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union
- Mr. Alberic Kacou, Vice-President, African Development Bank Group
- Mr. Mabingue Ngom, Regional Director, West and Central Africa Regional Office, United Nations Population Fund

- Mr. David Mehdi Hamam, Director, United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- Ms. Rosemary Museminali Kobusingye, Representative to the African Union and the Economic Commission for Africa, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- Mr. Jusvi Didier Mabika Ngassaki, Projects and Entrepreneurship Adviser, Youth Ministry of Congo Youth Advisor Board

Plenary discussion

5.00-5.10 pm

Group Photograph

5.10-5.20 p.m.

Coffee break

5.20 p.m.-6.50 p.m.

Second plenary session: Enablers for employment and entrepreneurship
(agenda item 4)

- **Co-chairs:** Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Secretary-General, Chair of the Regional United Nations Development Group, Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme and Mr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, New Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordinating Agency

Panellists

- Dr. Moubarack Lo, Chief Economist, Office of the Prime Minister, Senegal
- Mr. Li Yong, Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Mr. Engida Getachew, Deputy Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Mr Aeneas Chapinga Chuma, Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa, International Labour Organization
- Ms. Louise Cord, Country Director for Senegal, the Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Mauritania, World Bank
- Ms. Corinne Delphine N'Daw, UN Women Regional Deputy Director for West and Central Africa (WACAR)
- Mr. Abdou Dieng, Regional Director, West and Central Africa, World Food Programme
- Mr. Alvin G. Odinukwe, African Union Youth Volunteer Corps

Plenary discussion

**Sunday, 26 March
2017**

9.00-10.30 a.m.

Third plenary session: Migration and youth in the context of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda (agenda item 5)

- **Co-chairs:** Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission and Mr. Mabingue Ngom, Regional Director, West and Central Africa Regional Office, United Nations Population Fund

Panellists

- Mr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission

- Mr. Bukar Tijani, Assistant Director-General and Africa Regional Representative, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Mr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, New Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordinating Agency
- Dr. Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti, Regional Director for Africa, World Health Organization
- Mr. Marcel Alain de Souza, President, Economic Community of West African States Commission
- Mr. Boileau Loko, Representative, International Monetary Fund
- Ms. Maureen Achieng, Chief of Mission to Ethiopia and Representative to the African Union, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and the Economic Commission for Africa, International Organization for Migration
- Ms. Angela Gichaga, Representative for East Africa, Pan-African Youth Union

Plenary discussion

Coffee break

10.30-12.00 p.m.

Fourth plenary session: Governance, rights and youth empowerment (agenda item 6)

- **Co-chairs:** Mr. Tete Antonio, Head, African Union Observer Mission to the UN, and Mr. Haile Menkerios, Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary General to the United Nations Office to the African Union

Panellists

- Mr. Eddy Maloka, Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism
- Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochi, United Nations Resident Coordinator, United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative and United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator for Ethiopia
- Ms. Juliette Biao Koudenoupko, Director of the Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Environmental Programme
- Ms. Marie-Pierre Poirier, Regional Director for the West and Central Africa region, United Nations Children's Fund
- Ms. Bineta Diop, Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, African Union
- Mr. Okey Onyejekwe, Special Adviser, Minister of Mines and Steel Development, Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Nigeria
- Ms. Laura Harivola Rakotonandrasana, representative for Southern Africa region, Pan-African Youth Union

Plenary discussion

12.00-2.00 p.m.

Fifth plenary session: Strengthening the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa for the effective harnessing of the demographic dividend through investments in youth (agenda item 7)

- **Co-chairs:** Mr. Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission and Mr. Abdalla Hamdok Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Presentations

- **African Union-United Nations progress report of RCM-Africa: RCM-Africa secretariat**
- **Update on the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda: African Union Commission**
- **Discussion on the ten-year capacity-building programme (TYCBP) and the transition to the Programme for Africa's Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA): RCM-Africa secretariat**
- **Adoption of the African Union-United Nations joint programme for 2017-2018: RCM-Africa secretariat**

Discussions

Presentations

- **Introduction of the monitoring and evaluation platform for Africa's development within the context of the renewed United Nations-African Union partnership:** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and United Nations Development Programme
- **Update on the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for follow-up to and review of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda:** Economic Commission for Africa
- **Culture as a priority for Africa: Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030:** African Union Commission, Social Affairs and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and African Union

A.O.B (agenda item 8)

2.00-6.30 p.m.

Lunch break

6.30-7.30 p.m.

Presentation and adoption of the draft report (agenda item 9)

- **Presentation of the draft report:** RCM-Africa secretariat
- **Adoption of the draft report of the eighteenth session of RCM-Africa**

Closing of the meeting (agenda item 10)

- Statement by Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Statement by Mr. Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission

- Statement by Ms. Amina Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General