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Mechanism for Africa and the regional United Nations
Development Group
Addis Ababa, 12 and 13 May 2018

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Provisional programme of work

Saturday, 12 May 2018

9.00–9.30 a.m.

Opening of the session

Statements:

- Principal Policy Adviser, Capacity Development Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Joseph Atta-Mensah
- Representing the Chair of the regional United Nations Development Group, Lamin Manneh
- Under-Secretary General and ECA Executive Secretary, Vera Songwe
- Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission, Thomas Kwesi Quartey

9.30–9.45 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda and the programme of work

Co-Chairs: Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission, Thomas Kwesi Quartey, and Under-Secretary General and ECA Executive Secretary, Vera Songwe

9.45–11.15 a.m.

First plenary session: United Nations system support for the African Union in winning the fight

against corruption: a sustainable path to Africa's transformation

Co-Chairs: Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Vera Songwe

Panellists

- Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the United Nations Office to African Union, Haile Menkerios
- Assistant Director-General for Africa, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Firmin Matoko
- Under-Secretary General and Adviser, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, Bience Gawanas
- Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, ECA, Abdalla Hamdok
- Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Service Centre Africa/regional United Nations Development Group, Lamin Manneh
- Member, African Union Anti-Corruption Board, Daniel Batidam

Plenary discussion

11.15–11.20 a.m.

Group photograph

11.20–11.30 a.m.

Coffee break

11.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m.

Second plenary session: Nexus between corruption and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063.

Co-Chairs: Associate Lecturer, Thabo Mbeki Leadership Institute (TMALI), University of South Africa, Hespina Rukato and Director, UNDP Regional Service Centre Africa/regional United Nations Development Group, Lamin Manneh

Panellists

- African Union Commissioner for Economic Affairs, Victor Harison
- FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa and Representative to the AU and to the UNECA, David Phiri
- UNWOMEN Representative to Ethiopia, AU and UNECA, Letty Chiwara
- Head of UNCTAD, Regional Office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Joy Kategekwa
- United Nations Resident Coordinator, Benin, Siaka Coulibaly

- Director of Trade, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Francis Mangeni

Plenary discussion

12.45–2.15 p.m.

Lunch break

2.15–3.45 p.m.

Third plenary session: Curbing illicit financial flows for development

Co-Chairs: Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union, Amira El Fadil, and Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, ECA, Abdalla Hamdok

Panellists

- Director Political Affairs, African Union Commission, Khabele Matlosa
- UN Resident Coordinator, Rwanda, Fode Ndiaye
- Head, UNODC Country Office, Ethiopia, Lindsey Peterson
- Global Campaigns Director, Crisis Action, Janah Ncube
- Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), Logan Wort
- Professor, Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Mohamed Salih

Plenary discussion

3.45–4.00 p.m.

Coffee break

4.00–5.30 p.m.

Fourth plenary session: Threat of corruption to political stability, peace and security

Co-Chairs: Director Political Affairs, African Union Commission, Khabele Matlosa and UN Resident Coordinator, Rwanda, Fode Ndiaye

Panellists

- Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa, International Labour Organization, Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon
- United Nations Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator, Ethiopia, Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochi
- Chief of Staff, African Peer Review Mechanism, Ferdinard Katendeko
- Advisor on Peace, Security and Governance, Bureau to the Chairperson of

the African Union Commission, Hadiza Mustapha

- Environmental Programme Head of UN Environment Liaison Office to Africa Union Commission, UN Economic Commission for Africa and Representative to Ethiopia, Samba Thiam
- Associate Lecturer, Thabo Mbeki Leadership Institute (TMLI), UNISA, Hespina Rukato
- Senior Lecturer, University of Yaounde 2, Cameroon, Therese Felicitee Azeng

Plenary discussion

Sunday, 13 May 2018

9.30–11.00 a.m. **Fifth plenary session: Strengthening the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and the United Nations Development Group**

Co-Chairs: Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission, Thomas Kwesi Quartey and Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA, Giovanie Biha

Presentations and discussions on strengthening the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and the United Nations Development Group in support of the priorities of the African Union in the context of:

- Reforms of the UN SG and African Union-United Nations frameworks
- Framework for a Renewed United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda 2017-2027
- Joint United Nations-African Union Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security
- African Union-United Nations Framework for the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Plenary discussion

11.00–11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.15 a.m.–1.15 p.m. **Plenary 6: Presentations and discussion on the progress of the RCM-Africa and updates and adoption of work plan:**

Co-Chairs: Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission, Thomas Kwesi Quartey and Deputy

Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, ECA,
Abdalla Hamdok

- African Union-United Nations progress report of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa, by the Mechanism secretariat
- Update on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, by the African Union Commission
- Update on the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, by ECA
- Adoption of the United Nations-African Union joint programme for 2018-2019 for the Mechanism, by the Mechanism secretariat

1.15–1.30 p.m.

Other matters

1.30–4 p.m.

Lunch break

5–5.45 p.m.

Consideration and adoption of the report of the nineteenth session and second Joint Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and the regional United Nations Development Group

5.45–6 p.m.

Closing of the session

Statements:

- Representing the Chair of the R-UNDG, Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochi
- Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, Abdalla Hamdok
- Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Thomas Kwesi Quartey