



## Preparatory and capacity-development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the Africa region

- **Background/Short Description of the Event:**

Major groups have a crucial role in promoting sustainable development. It is well known, for instance, that they play vital roles in enhancing inclusion by representing the voiceless, marginalized and vulnerable populations; engaging in capacity building activities; and strengthening participation in and ownership of development processes by diverse communities particularly at the national, subnational and local levels. Clearly, major groups bring to bear key aspects essential to enhancing the reach, effectiveness and durability of development initiatives and outcomes.

The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development thus recognizes the imperative of major groups and other stakeholders' involvement in the implementation, follow-up and review of the sustainable development goals (SDGs). In this regard the agenda, among others, calls for major groups to be brought together with governments, the private sector, and the United Nations system in the context of a revitalized global partnership to deliver on the ambitious sustainable development goals and targets that are at the core of the Agenda. Moreover, the Agenda stipulates that the high-level political forum will support the participation of major groups and other stakeholders in the follow-up and review and enjoins them to report on their contribution to the implementation of the Agenda. Agenda 2063 which is being implemented coherently with the 2030 Agenda requires that African citizenry, civil society organizations and all other identifiable groups be engaged with respect to the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this African Agendas.

Against this backdrop, ECA in collaboration with UNDESA is organizing a preparatory and capacity development workshop for MGoS in the Africa region in the context of the 2018 ARFSD. The Regional Forum will be held from 2 to 4 May 2018 under the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies" to prepare African countries for the 2018 HLPF.

- **Objectives:**

- *Brief MGoS on the follow-up and review process of the SDGs;*
- *Promote mutual learning through exchange of experiences, lessons learned and promising approaches and practices in the implementation and tracking of the SDGs and Agenda 2063 goals, with a special emphasis on the selected SDGs for the 2018 HLPF;*
- *Promote dialogue and consensus among the MGoS on their perspectives to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.*

- **Expected Outcomes:**

- *Increased understanding and capacity of major groups and other stakeholders to design and implement approaches and practices to advance implementation, follow-up and review of the SDGs and Agenda 2063 goals;*
- *Articulation of and consensus on perspectives of major groups and other stakeholders to enhance implementation, follow-up and review of the SDGs and Agenda 2063 goals;*
- *Strengthened capacity of the MGoS to actively and effectively engage in the SDGs and Agenda 2063 follow-up and review processes;*
- *Enhanced cooperation among MGoS and as well as between them and other stakeholders including national, subregional and regional policymakers, practitioners and experts, and United Nations entities.*

- **Target audience:** *The workshop will be attended by representatives of the nine categories major groups and other stakeholders (MGoS)*

- **Date and Venue and Time:** 2 May 2018; King Fahd Palace Hotel, C012; 09:00-18:00

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