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## Workshop on Strengthening Integrated and Voluntary National Review and Reporting of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

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King Fahd Palace Hotel, Salon Chef Delegation(A01), les Almadies, Dakar

### Background

The voluntary national review (VNR) process promotes countries' accountability in the context of the global community they belong to and promotes reporting on their contribution towards the realisation of the SDGs at global level. As implementation of the 2030 Agenda advances, the scope of VNRs is expected to be as broad as possible, and should take into account country specific circumstances. Given that countries in 2018 will already be in year three of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, they are expected to report on the actions and measures taken to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and where available, to provide information on progress made, taking into account the principle of leaving no-one behind. It is also expected that countries will share good practices, gaps and lessons learned related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as possible areas where they would need support, or have identified the potential for partnerships.

Against this backdrop, ECA, OSAA and UNDP are jointly organizing a workshop on Strengthening Integrated and Voluntary National Review and Reporting of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. The workshop will be held on 2 May 2018 within the context of the 2018 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development which is being organized under the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies" in preparation for the 2018 High-level Political Forum.

### Objectives

The overall objective of the workshop is to strengthen capacity of member States to undertake integrated Voluntary National Reviews and Reporting in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. In particular, the workshop will:

- ❖ Facilitate peer learning and sharing of experiences including on progress and main challenges and lessons emerging from the VNR processes;
- ❖ Promote the integrated implementation and review of Agenda 2030 and 2063
- ❖ Strengthen policies and institutions of governments and to mobilize multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

### Expected Outcomes:

- ❖ *Strengthened capacity of countries to participate meaningfully in the VNR process;*
- ❖ *Continuous engagement in an environment of mutual support and shared progress among the participating countries in the peer-learning exercise within the VNRs networks;*

### Target audience:

Governments of the member states of the relevant VNRs networks

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### Programme of Work

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Time	Topic
09:15 - 09:30	<b>Welcome and opening</b> Representatives from ECA, OSAA and UNDP
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Session 1: Peer learning and key issues emerging from the VNR process</b> Chair: Participants highlight key area(s) of progress and main challenge(s) encountered, issues for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons learned from previous VNRs</li> <li>• Challenges faced by current VNR countries</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	<b>Session 2: Integration of Agenda 2030 and 2063</b> Chair: Participants highlight main challenge(s) encountered, and key institutional arrangements issues for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing of successes, challenges, gaps, lessons learned</li> <li>• Regional commonalities and regional peer learning</li> </ul>
12:45– 14:15	Lunch break
14:15 - 15:45	<b>Session 3: Strategic communication at the HLPF</b> Chair: Participants highlight main challenge(s) encountered, and key institutional arrangements issues for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What type of innovation in presentations can be envisaged?</li> <li>• What kind of interaction format can be useful?</li> <li>• Highlights of VNR reports</li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Session 4: Support provided by and needed from ECA, OSAA and UNDP</b> Chair: Participants highlight already existing support and needs. issues for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What kind of support has been key in the VNR process?</li> <li>• Gaps to be filled, at the national, regional and global level</li> </ul>
17:30 – 17:45	<b>Closing: Next steps and follow-up to the workshop</b>