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Provisional annotated agenda**Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting**

1. The opening ceremony will be moderated and chaired by a representative of the Government of Egypt. Opening statements will be delivered by Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, ECA, Mr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AUC, Mr. John C. Anyanwu, Lead Research Economist, AfDB, and H.E. Ashraf El Arabi, Minister of Planning and Administrative Reform, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Agenda item 2: High-level panel discussion on opportunities and challenges in achieving inclusive and integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063

2. The purpose of this session is to set the scene for the deliberations of the Forum by flagging the key issues pertaining to the theme of the conference and suggesting options for addressing them. Under this agenda item, high-profile policymakers from different backgrounds but all working on development issues directly concerning Africa will gather in a panel discussion and share their views on the opportunities and challenges in achieving inclusive and integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063. The provisional list of panellists includes Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, ECA; Mr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission; Ambassador Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations; Mr. Mohamed Altwaijry, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs, League of Arab States; Mr. John C. Anyanwu, Lead Research Economist, African Development Bank; and H.E. Ashraf El Arabi, Minister of Planning and Administrative Reform of Egypt.

Agenda item 3: Organizational matters

3. Under this agenda item, the composition of the new Bureau of the Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development will be announced following consultations between the heads of delegation. The Bureau will comprise five

members – one Chair, three Vice-Chairs and one Rapporteur – elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation.

4. The Forum will then be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such amendments as are deemed necessary.

Agenda item 4: Progress on sustainable development

5. This agenda item aims to highlight the opportunities and challenges pertaining to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals and to present the recent progress made in Africa.

6. The session will consist of one presentation followed by general discussions on key perspectives on the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Agenda item 5: Inclusive transformation, integrated results framework, and integrated implementation and follow up

7. The aim of this session is to highlight critical issues related to the theme of the Forum in order to distil policy recommendations for inclusive and integrated approaches to implementing and following up on Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

8. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give four brief presentations introducing the theme of the Forum. The presentations will underscore the imperative of achieving integrated implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the options and modalities to be considered with respect to that; the need to come up with an integrated results framework for the two agendas; and the options and modalities to be considered for adopting such a framework. The four presentations will be on the following:

- Inclusive transformation for sustainable development;
- Integrated results framework for Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda;
- Integrated implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda;
- Integrated follow-up and review framework for Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda.

9. The four presentations will be followed by a brief presentation by a representative of the group of African countries for voluntary review at the 2016 session of the High-level Political Forum. The presentation will be based on the consolidated outcome of the pre-meeting of these countries and will focus on their national experiences and progress made regarding the domestication, implementation and follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063.

10. The presentation of the statement of the major groups will follow. The statement will highlight major groups and other stakeholders' perspectives and key messages on the theme of the Forum.

11. The session will conclude with general interactive discussions.

Agenda item 6: Parallel thematic breakout sessions on the key messages

12. The aim of this exercise is to further discuss the proposed key messages presented in session 5 in order to strengthen the most relevant messages, agree on those that should be dropped, and identify additional messages as necessary.

13. Participants will be divided into four groups, with each one focusing on one of the themes listed below. The chairs of the breakout sessions will be designated by the Chair of the Forum. Participation in the parallel breakout groups will be open to all participants of the Forum. Before starting their discussions, each group will select a rapporteur who will have the responsibility to report later on to the entire Forum in plenary. Each group will discuss its theme, agree on key policy actions and requirements, and come up with an improved list of key messages.

14. At the end of the session, each group should have a report on the issues discussed, policies and actions suggested, and key messages.

15. The thematic focus of the discussions in the breakout groups will be:

- (a) Inclusive transformation for sustainable development;
- (b) Integrated results framework for Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda
- (c) Integrated implementation, follow-up and review of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda
- (d) Demographic dividend road map for 2017.

Agenda item 7: Review of the discussions, policy suggestions and proposed actions emanating from the breakout sessions

16. The presentation of the statement of the major groups will follow. The statement will highlight major groups and other stakeholders' perspectives and key messages on the theme of the Forum.

17. Under this agenda item, the rapporteur of each breakout group will give a five-minute presentation on the conclusions emanating from their discussions. The group presentations will be followed by a general discussion with a view to fine-tuning the list of key messages.

Agenda item 8: Round-table discussion on proposed key messages from the 2016 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for submission to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

18. The aim of this session is to highlight key messages that could be retained as main conclusions and recommendations of the 2016 Forum for submission to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give a brief presentation on the main messages that emerged from the discussions during the Forum, followed by general interactive discussions.

Agenda item 9: Consideration and adoption of key messages

19. The Forum will then consider and adopt the key messages of the 2016 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development as Africa's collective input to the 2016 session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Agenda item 10: Dates and venue of the 2017 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

20. The secretariat will present proposals on the dates and venue of the next Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for consideration by the participants. The Forum will deliberate on the proposals with a view to reaching agreements on the same.

Agenda item 11: Other matters

21. Under this agenda item, participants may raise any other matters.

Agenda item 12: Closing of the meeting

22. A representative of the Government of Egypt and the Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist of the Economic Commission for Africa, Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, will both make brief closing remarks. The Chair of the Bureau will then summarize the main outcomes of the deliberations and bring the meeting to a close.