



5th Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

SIDE EVENT, 17th April 2019; 13:00 to 14:30

TITLE: Centrality of Population Dynamics for Sustainable Development

BACKGROUND: Population dynamics remains central to Africa's sustainable development, as articulated in the African Unions' Agenda 2063, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as various continental, regional and national development frameworks. The outcomes of the 5-year review of the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (AADPD) in October 2018 equally underscores the pivotal role demographic intelligence and population dynamics play in ensuring achievement of inclusive socio-economic development, aspired prosperity, peace and well-being on the continent. Accountability to the SDGs, as well as the periodic monitoring and reporting of progress through the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and related Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), present a unique opportunity for member states and multi-sectoral stakeholders to ensure the key lessons of the AADPD review are incorporated in Africa's key messages to the HLPF. As African countries report achievements, constraints, lessons learned and opportunities through the 2019 Voluntary National Reviews (VNR), there is the need to consider the opportunities and implications of demographic diversity on the continent to the Sustainable Development Goals with recognition of the indivisibility for the achievement of Africa Agenda 2063.

OBJECTIVE: The side event will provide a platform for information sharing key outcomes of the AADPD+5 review as they relate to the SDGs under review. It will include reflections on demographic trends and implications for development outcomes especially for women and youth in Africa. Prevailing development inequalities across the SDGs under review in 2019 with interrelations across other SDGs will also provide further insights.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: In line with the expected outcomes of ARFSD 5 and building on commitments for accelerated implementation of ICPD (AADPD+5) and its contributions to achieving the SDGs, the side event will seek to (i) advance policy advocacy and accelerate implementation of SDGs at regional and national levels, while underscoring Africa's constraining factors, catalysts and opportunities of transformative change; and (ii) improve ICPD and SDG monitoring and reporting at national, regional and continental levels with recommended accelerated actions to significantly close the inequality gaps by 2030.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

The side event will bring together a wide array of delegates to ARFSD5 including representatives of member states, international organizations, academia and think tanks, private sector, civil society organizations and interest groups including youth organizations.

VENUE, DATE AND TIME

Palais des Congrès de la Palmeraie de Marrakech, Morocco, Wednesday 17th April 2019; 13:00 – 14:30



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