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Preparatory and capacity development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the Africa region for the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Marrakech, Morocco

16 April 2019

Draft programme of work

8.30–9 a.m.

Registration

9–9.15 a.m.

Opening and introductory session

Facilitator: Edo Mahendra, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Opening statements:

- Lilia Hachem Naas, Director, Subregional Office for North Africa, ECA
- Jacqueline Amongin, Member of Parliament, Pan-African Parliament
- Emily Hosek, Associate Sustainable Development Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations
- Stephen Chacha, Chair, Interim Committee for the Regional Engagement Mechanism of Major Groups and other Stakeholders

9.15–10 a.m.

Presentation and discussion on the global follow-up to and review of the Sustainable Development Goals and the preparations for the 2019 meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development: “Voluntary national reviews and the role of major groups and other stakeholders”

Chair: Stephen Chacha, Co-founder, Africa Philanthropic Foundation

Presenter: Emily Hosek, Associate Sustainable Development Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations

	<p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Tsounkeu, General Representative, Africa Development Interchange Network • George Osei-Bimpeh, Co-Chair, Ghana Civil Society Platform on the Sustainable Development Goals
10–10.15 a.m.	Tea and coffee break
10.15–11 a.m.	<p>Presentation and discussion on the regional report on progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063</p> <p>Chair: Emily Hosek, Associate Sustainable Development Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations</p> <p>Presenter: Paul Mpuga, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, ECA</p> <p>Discussant: Salina Sanou, Global Co-Chair, Global Call to Action Against Poverty</p>
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Round table on promoting peer learning and the exchange of experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, with emphasis on selected Sustainable Development Goals for 2019: “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”</p> <p>Chair: Edith Madela-Mntla, Community Orientated Primary Care Research Unit, University of Pretoria</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Whittal, Chairperson, Ghana Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice • Yetnebersh Nigussie, Disability Inclusion Advisor, Light for the World • Mithika Mwenda, Secretary General, Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance • Naome Chakanya, Senior Researcher, Labour and Economic Development Research Institute of Zimbabwe • Roseline Kihumba, International and Regional Policies Coordinator, HelpAge International • Kawsu Sillah, Executive Secretary, African Youth Commission
1–2.30 p.m.	Lunch

- 2.30–3.30 p.m. **Presentation and discussion on the strengthening and formalization of the engagement of major groups and other stakeholders in the work of the Regional Forum and sustainable development**
- Chair: Stephen Chacha, Chair, Interim Committee for the Regional Engagement Mechanism of Major Groups and other Stakeholders
- Presenters: Interim Committee for the Regional Engagement Mechanism of Major Groups and other Stakeholders
- 3.30–3.45 p.m. Tea and coffee break
- 3.45–5 p.m. **Discussions by breakout groups on the views and key messages of the major groups and other stakeholders on the sub-themes of the fifth session of the Regional Forum**
- 5–6.30 p.m. **Way forward and wrap-up of the workshop: joint town hall session with the voluntary national reviews workshop**
- Statements by representatives of ECA, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, the United Nations Foundation, the voluntary national reviews and major groups and other stakeholders
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