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Item 3(b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and programme of work**Provisional programme of work****Monday, 24 February 2020****Pre-events**

8.30–9 a.m.

Registration

9 a.m.–5.30 p.m.

Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum

Regional workshop on voluntary national review: strengthening voluntary integrated national review and reporting of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want

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

Other pre-events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020)**Tuesday, 25 February 2020**

8.30–9 a.m.

Registration

9–10 a.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)**Venue:** Plenary Hall**Chair:** Minister Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, in charge of Moroccan expatriates and Chair of Outgoing Bureau of the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Nezha El Ouafi.**Moderator:** Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe

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Special message by representative of young people

Climate advocate, Zimbabwe, Nkosilathi Nyathi

Statements:

Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Representative of Morocco

Deputy Chairperson of the African Union, H.E Kwesi Quartey (tbc)

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Mohamed

Opening remarks and Keynote address by the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, H.E. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa

10–10.30 a.m. Coffee break

10.30a.m.–12noon **High-level panel on accelerators to deliver a transformed and prosperous Africa through the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 within the decade of 2020-2030** (agenda item 2)

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Representative of the Government of Zimbabwe

Moderator: Jimmy Ocitti

Special message by representative of young people

Junior Parliament, Zimbabwe, Vannesa Chivhizhe

Panellists:

- United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, Vera Songwe
- Minister of Environment, Angola, Paula Cristina Domingos Francisco Coelho
- Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Cameroon, Alamine Ousmane Mey
- Minister of National Development Planning, Zambia, Alexander Chiteme
- Minister Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, in charge of Moroccan expatriates and Chair of Outgoing Bureau of the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Nezha El Ouafi.
- Director General, The Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa, Belay Begashaw

General discussion

- 12 noon.–12.20 p.m. **Organizational matters** (agenda item 3)
Venue: Plenary Hall
(a) Election of the Bureau
Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fifth session of the Regional Forum
(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
- 12.20–1 p.m. **Progress report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 at the regional and subregional levels** (agenda item 4)
Venue: Plenary Hall
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
Presentations:
 Highlights of the Africa sustainable development report 2020: Progress, achievements and measures to scale up implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the goals identified in Agenda 2063, by a representative of ECA
 Maiden continental report on the implementation of Agenda 2063, by a representative of the African Union Commission
 Perspectives from the subregions by representatives of the regional economic communities
General discussion
- 1–2 p.m. Lunch break
 Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020)
- 2.30–4 p.m. **Plenary round-table panels** (agenda item 5):
(a) Voluntary national reviews and peer learning on implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063
Venue: Plenary Hall
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
Moderator: United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative, Zimbabwe, Georges van Montfort
Panellists:
- Director General, Coordination and Monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals, Ministry of Planning and Development, Benin, Magloire Augustin Aguessy
 - Senior Sector Expert, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, South Africa, Lusanda Batala

- Senior Economist, Ministry of Finance, Trade, Investment and Economic Planning, Seychelles, Sheena Cheryl Sonia Saldanha
- United Nations Resident Coordinator, Cape Verde, Ana Graça
- Member, African Union Pan African Parliament and Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, Jacqueline Amongin
- President, National Business Council, Zimbabwe, Langton Mabhanga

General discussion

4–4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

4.15–6 p.m.

Plenary round-table panels (agenda item 5) (con't.):

(b) Voluntary national review, voluntary local review and peer learning on implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: United Nations Resident Coordinator, Zimbabwe, Maria Ribeiro

Panellists:

- Minister of Local Government, Zimbabwe, July Moyo
- Mayor Quelimane Municipality, Quelimane, Mozambique, Manuel de Araujo,
- Representative of Accra Metropolitan Assembly, Ghana, Moses Quarshie
- Representative of Ngora District Local Government, Uganda, Priscila Asio
- Senior Human Settlements Officer, Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat, Thomas Chiramba
- Vice President for Southern Africa Region of the UCLG Africa and President of the Botswana Local Government Association, Mmachakga Moruakgomo

General discussion

6.45–8.30 p.m.

Bush dinner

Wednesday, 26 February 2020

9–11 a.m.

Plenary round-table panels and parallel meetings on in-depth review, peer learning and dialogue on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum (agenda item 6):

(a) Plenary round-table on the sub-theme of people

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Regional Director for Eastern Africa UNESCO, Ann Therese Ndong Jatta.

Panellists:

- Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Zimbabwe, Amon Murwira
- Minister for Women, Children and Social Welfare, The Gambia, Fatou Kinteh
- Assistant Director-General and FAO Regional Representative for Africa, Abebe Haile-Gabriel
- SDG Coordinator at WHO Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, Congo, Humphrey Karamagi
- Youth Senate, Kenya (Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor, and Urban Development), Judy Cheburet,
- Head of Division, Health, Nutrition and Population, African Union Commission, Dr. Margaret Agama-Anyetei

General discussion

11.00–11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. **(b) Plenary round-table on the sub-theme of partnerships and realizing the means of implementation to deliver the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in the decade of 2020-2030**

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA, Alexander Trepelkov, **Panellists:**

- Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development, Nigeria, Lucy Edeh Okpanachi
- Haut-Commissariat du Plan, Maroc, Moulay Abdeljebbar Salim
- Ministère de l’Economie de la Planification du Développement, Chad, Ngomina Bramingar
- Managing Director, Cisco South Africa, South-Africa, Clayton Naidoo

General discussion

1–2 p.m. Lunch break

Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2019)

2.30–6 p.m. **Plenary round-table panels and parallel meetings on in-depth review, peer learning and dialogue on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum (agenda item 6) (cont.):**

(c) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of prosperity;

Venue: Grass Island 1

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: Regional Director for Southern Africa, IOM, Mr. Charles A Kwenin

Panellists:

- Minister of Local Government, Zimbabwe, July Moyo
- Minister of labour and social security (tbc)
- Representative and Director of the Regional Hub in Ethiopia, UNIDO, Aurelia Patrizia Calabrò
- Executive Director, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust Zimbabwe, Judith Kaulem

General discussion

(d) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of the planet;

Venue: Grass Island 2

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission, Josefa Sacko

Panellists:

- Minister of Environment, Angola, Paula Coelho,
- Minister of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change, Burkina Faso, Batio Bassiere,
- Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement, Zimbabwe, Douglos Karoro,
- Dr Joseph Mukabana, Senior Scientific Officer, World Meteorological Organization
- Youth discussant: Youth Advocate for Climate Action, Elizabeth Gulugulu.

General discussion

(e) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of Peace.

Venue: Chipala Island 1

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: Chief of Africa Branch, OHCHR, Mahamane Cisse -Gouro

Panellists:

- Minister for Promotion of Good Governance, Fight against Corruption and Assessment of Public Policies, Gabon, Francis Nkea Ndzigue,
- Deputy Minister of Justice, Sierra Leone, Umaru Koroma,

- Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Kenya, Emily Chweya,
- Legal Officer, Cameroon, Gilles Fabrice Zoh Ondo
- SDGs and Agenda 2063 Expert, APRM-AU, Sara Tawfik Hamouda
- African Affairs and SDGs Unit Manager, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights, Egypt, Hagar Monsif,

General discussion

Thursday, 27 February 2020

- 9–10.45 a.m. **Outcomes and proposed key messages, including policy recommendations from the parallel meetings** (agenda item 7)
Venue: Plenary Hall
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
- (a) Prosperity;
(b) Planet;
(c) Peace;
- 10.45–11 a.m. Coffee break
- 11 a.m.–11.45 a.m. **Presentations and discussions** (agenda item 8):
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
Moderator: Jimmy Ocitti
- (a) 2020 Africa Science, Technology and Innovation Forum**
- General discussions** 11.45 a.m.–12 noon **(b) Presentation by the Major Groups and other stakeholders**
General discussions
- 12 noon–1 p.m. **(c) Support by the United Nations Development System to implement the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**
Venue: Plenary Hall
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
- Presentation by the UN Development System
 - Discussion and perspectives:
 - Representatives of member States
 - Representative of the regional economic communities
 - Representative of the African Union Commission
- General discussions**
- 1–2 p.m. Lunch break
Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020)
- 2–4.45 p.m. Refining the key messages by the secretariat under the guidance of the Bureau

2–4 p.m.	Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020)
4–4.45 p.m.	Coffee break
4.45 p.m.	Circulation of the summary and key messages of the sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
5–5.30 p.m.	Consideration and adoption of key messages (agenda item 9) Venue: Plenary Hall Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
5.30–5.45 p.m.	Theme, dates and venue of the seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (agenda item 10) Venue: Plenary Hall Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
5.45 p.m.	Other matters (agenda item 11) Venue: Plenary Hall Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
6 p.m.	Closing of the session (agenda item 12) Venue: Plenary Hall Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya• Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
7 p.m.	Cocktail
