



At a Glance



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REGIONAL FORUM

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The year of launching transformative action

Overview of the Regional Forum



The Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development is an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder platform convened annually by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in collaboration with the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank and the United Nations system to review progress, share experiences and lessons learned and build a consensus on recommendations in the form of key messages to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063. The Regional Forum therefore makes important contributions to bolstering multi-stakeholder engagement and synergies and promotes concerted efforts to implement and achieve the development goals of the two mutually reinforcing agendas. Five sessions of the Forum have been held since 2015.

The sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development is designed to be an action-oriented Forum for member States and other stakeholders to explore, gain insight into, share and agree on sets of concrete and workable solutions

actions that will enable the countries to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 within the set time frame. The Sixth session of the Forum will also prepare African countries to effectively participate in the 2020 high-level political forum on sustainable development to be held in New York from 7 to 17 July 2020.

The thrust, format and expected outcome of the Forum are in recognition of and in response to a number of considerations, trends and gaps in implementation and calls and key recommendations by member States and other Stakeholders notably at both the Africa Regional Forum and high-level political forum on sustainable development. Such considerations include the evidence that in spite the great efforts over the last four years, countries and partners are off-track to achieve the goals within the set time. Time is therefore of essence and there therefore an urgent need to adopt and set in motion accelerated and transformative actions to step up the pace and scale of implementation towards achieving the goals within the coming decade

Theme of the Forum

The sixth session of the Regional Forum will be held under the theme “2020-2030: A Decade to Deliver a Transformed and Prosperous Africa through the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.” This theme of the Regional Forum is well aligned with that of the 2020 High-level political forum on sustainable development, namely “Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.” Both themes recognize the need for and rally countries and partners to take urgent and transformative actions to deliver in the coming decade, the promise of a transformed world that is on an inclusive, resilient and sustainable path. The theme of the Regional Forum underlines the need for integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda given that they are synergistic and mutually reinforcing and together provide the framework for transformation and sustainable development in Africa.

Subthemes

People

The SDGs declare the world’s determination “to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.”

Despite some signs of hope, it’s clear we need to do better – especially as we face complex challenges like conflict and climate change that directly impact the dignity and well-being of humankind. Notably, progress has been uneven and the disparities are expected to widen going forward, making it increasingly difficult to achieve less than three percent extreme poverty by 2030. The speed of global progress has slowed as poverty becomes increasingly concentrated in a handful of countries in Africa, where today almost 75 percent of the world’s people in extreme poverty live. More than half of the extreme poor are children. According to current trajectories, 480 million people will still live in extreme poverty in 2030 and 233 million will be children.



Planet

This sub-theme aims to protect the planet from degradation through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing natural resources, and taking urgent action on climate change, so that the planet can sustain the needs of present and future generations – that is, attain sustainable life on land. The planet sub-theme thus includes Goals 6 (clean water and sanitation), Goal 12 (responsible consumption and production), Goal 13 (climate action), Goal 14 (life below water) and Goal 15 (life on land).

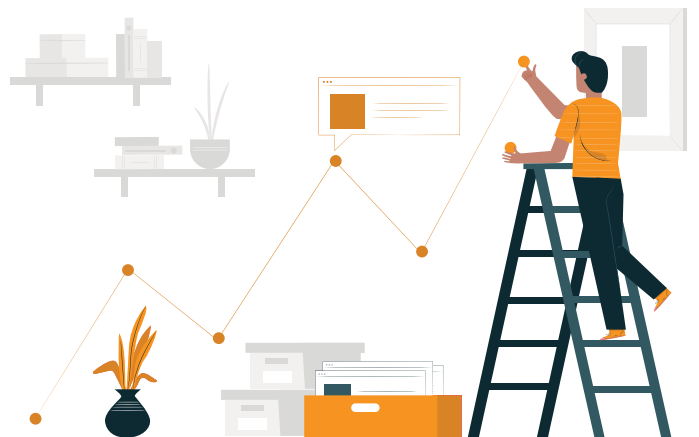
In Agenda 2063, the theme of planet is captured under various aspirations, including Aspiration 1.10 on a

prosperous Africa with the means and resources to drive its own development with sustainable and long-term stewardship of its resources and where, among others, its unique natural endowments, environment and ecosystems are healthy, valued and protected with climate-resilient economies and communities. Aspiration 1.15 emphasizes the importance of Africa's blue/ocean economy as a major contributor to continental transformation and growth. Aspirations 1.10 and 1.16 call for climate action, while Aspiration 1.18 calls for equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources.



Prosperity

The pursuit of prosperity is a central priority in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which seeks to ensure that wealth is shared and income inequality is tackled through economic growth that is sustainable and inclusive generating decent work for all. A key foundation for this, as set in the Agenda, includes the strengthening of productive capacities, productivity and employment in key sectors of the economy including industry and agriculture and through improved services such as energy, ICT, and infrastructure. This chapter therefore reviews progress in the implementation of those goals within the 2030 Agenda that are of particular significance for advancing prosperity namely Goals 7 (Affordable and clean energy), 8 (Decent work and economic growth), 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced inequalities) and 11 (Sustainable cities and communities)



Key to advancing prosperity in Africa is the structural transformation of its economies to ensure that economic growth sufficiently tackles poverty and inequality. Accelerating structural transformation in Africa is necessary to achieve inclusive and sustainable economic growth that generates sufficient decent work for the region.

Peace

The SDGs rightly note that “There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.” Therefore, they set out goals to foster peaceful, just, and inclusive societies. After declining between 2000 and 2007, the global homicide rate has increased since 2015, and the world is far from ending violence against women and girls. Women bear the greatest burden of homicide by a partner or family member. Every day, 137 women are killed in this manner, with women in Africa facing more than double the risk compared to the global average (3.1 deaths per 100,000 females compared to 1.3).

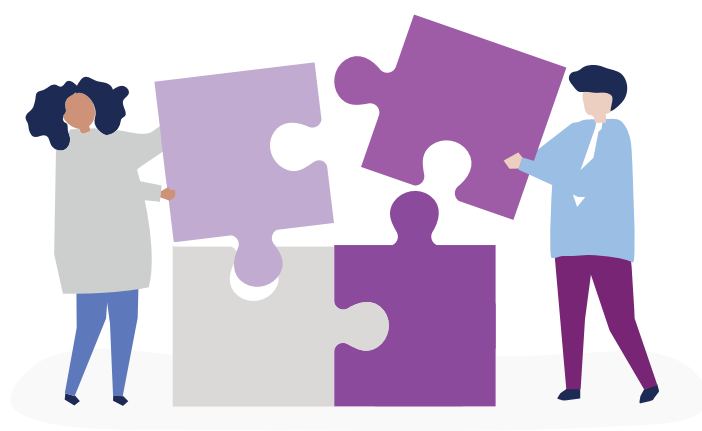


In 2017, the average scores for personal safety and national security in Africa were the lowest in 10 years, according to the Mo Ibrahim Index of African Governance. The decline of security on a continental level is driven by a higher number of both domestic and community conflicts, and increased levels of violence perpetrated by non-state actors, highlighting the modern transversal security challenges the continent is facing.

Partnerships

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for mobilization of the means required to implement the Agenda through a revitalised Global Partnership, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.

SDG 17 seeks to catalyse partnerships through funding, capacity-building, peer learning and knowledge sharing, debt sustainability, trade facilitation, effective public-private partnerships and access to technologies. This encompasses the means of implementation, without which none of the other SDGs and the African Union Agenda 2063 goals could be realized. It implies a diverse range of multi-sectoral stakeholder partnerships, a common shared vision among countries and communities, effective public and private sectors, civil society organizations and public sector partnerships.



Programme of the sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Day Two: 25 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session
8.30 - 9AM		Registration
9AM - 5.30PM	Plenary Hall	Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum
	Grass Island 2	Regional preparatory workshop for Africa voluntary national review countries: Strengthening Integrated and Voluntary National Review and Reporting of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063
	Grass Island 1	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
4.30 - 6PM	Plenary Hall	UN@75 - The future is now; African youth engagement for the decade of action

Day Two: 25 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Chair/Moderator
12.20 - 1PM	Plenary Hall	Progress report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 at the regional and sub-regional levels (agenda item 4)	Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
1- 2 PM	LUNCH BREAK Side events (see list on page 19 or on the event website)		
2.30 - 4 PM	Plenary Hall	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	Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum Moderator: UNDP Resident Representative, Zimbabwe, Georges van Montfort
4 - 4.15 PM	COFFEE BREAK		
4.15 - 6 PM	Plenary Hall	Plenary round-table panel (agenda item 5) (continued) (a) Voluntary national reviews voluntary local review and peer learning on implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063	Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum Moderator: United Nations Resident Coordinator, Cameroon, Allegra Baiocchi
6.45 - 8.30 PM	RECEPTION		

Day Three: 26 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Chair/Moderator
9 - 11 AM	Plenary Hall	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)	Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
11 - 11.15 AM - COFFEE BREAK			
11.15 AM - 1 PM		(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	Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum Moderator: Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA
1 - 2 PM - LUNCH BREAK Side events (see list on page 19 or on the event website)			
2.30 - 6 PM		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.)	Chair: Member of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum Co-Chair: tbc
	Grass Island 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of prosperity 	Chair: Member of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum Co-Chair: tbc
	Grass Island 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of the Planet 	Chair: Member of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum Co-Chair: tbc
	Chipala Island 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (e) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of Peace 	Chair: Member of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum Co-Chair: Chief of Africa Branch, OHCHR, Mahamane Cisse -Gouro

Day Four: 27 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Chair/Moderator
9-10.45 AM	Plenary Hall:	Outcomes and proposed key messages, including policy recommendations from the parallel meetings (agenda item 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prosperity; Planet; Peace; 	Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
10.45 - 11 AM - COFFEE BREAK			

Day Four: 27 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Chair/Moderator
11 - 11.45 AM	Plenary Hall	Presentations and discussions (agenda item 8):	Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
11.45 - 12 AM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 2020 Africa Science, Technology and Innovation Forum 	
12 AM - 1 PM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) Presentation by the Major Groups and other stakeholders 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) Support by the United Nations Development System to implement the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 	
1 - 2 PM LUNCH BREAK Side events (see list on page 19 or on the event website)			
2 - 4.45 PM	Plenary Hall	Refining the key messages by the secretariat under the guidance of the Bureau	
2 - 4 PM		Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020)	
4 - 4.45 PM - COFFEE BREAK			
4 - 45 PM	Plenary Hall	Circulation of the summary and key messages of the sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	
5 - 5.30 PM		Consideration and adoption of key messages (agenda item 9)	
5.30 - 5.45 PM		Theme, dates and venue of the seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (agenda item 10)	
5.45 PM		Other matters (agenda item 11)	
6 PM		Closing of the session (agenda item 12)	



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Africa Regional Science, Technology and Innovation Forum for Sustainable Development

Second Session: 23 – 24 February 2020

The Multi-Stakeholder Science, Technology, and Innovation Forum for the SDGs (commonly referred to as the STI Forum) is part of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM), which was established by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) and launched in tandem with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The first African Regional STI Forum was held in Marrakesh, Morocco, on 16 April 2019 in collaboration with the Department of Science and Innovation, Republic of South Africa.



Day One: 24 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Moderator / Rapporteur
15.00– 6 p.m.		Registration	

Day One: 24 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Moderator / Rapporteur
8 - 8.30 AM		Registration	
8.30 - 10 AM	Chipala Island 1	<p>Opening of the session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthems: Zimbabwe and AU • Welcome remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. F. Tagwira, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science, Innovation and Technology Development, Zimbabwe • His Worship, Somvelo Dhlamini, Mayor, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe • Remarks: Prof. Hubert Gijzen - Regional Director and Representative, UNESCO • Overview of the STI Forum: Jean-Paul Adam, Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management, UN ECA • Prof. Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of Education, Science, Technology, United Republic of Tanzania & Sector Chair of SADC, • H E Mukudzeiishe Madzivire, Child President, Zimbabwe 	<p>Rapporteur: Martiale Gaetan Zebaze Kana, Head of Science Unit, UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa</p>

Day One: 24 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Moderator / Rapporteur
8 - 8.30 AM		Registration	
8.30 - 10 AM	Chipala Island 1	Opening of the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks: Hon Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande – Minister, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, South Africa Opening Speech: Hon. Prof. dr. Amon Murwira (Sen): Minister, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science, Innovation and Technology Development, Zimbabwe 	Rapporteur: Martiale Gaetan Zebaze Kana, Head of Science Unit, UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa
10 - 11 AM	Chipala Island 1	High-Level Policy Dialogue on Making Science, Technology and Innovation Deliver the 2030 Agenda for Africa	Moderator: Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director of IDEP, ECA Rapporteur: Karimanzira Rungano, Director, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science & Technology Development, Zimbabwe
11 - 11.20 AM - COFFEE BREAK			
11.20 AM -12.20 PM	Chipala Island 1	High-Level Policy Dialogue on Emerging Technologies and the Fourth Industrial Revolution as tools for scaling up Action	Moderator: Mr Imraan Patel, Deputy Director-General: Socio-Economic Partnerships, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa Rapporteur: Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
12.20 - 1 PM	Chipala Island 1	Open Innovation to Accelerate Knowledge Sharing, Innovation and Development	Moderators: Victor Konde and Mmampei Chaba
1 - 2 PM - LUNCH BREAK			
2 -3.30 p.m.		Break-out sessions:	
	Chipala Island 1	Session 1: People – Poverty, Hunger, Health, Education and Equality (SDG 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Moderator: Ann Therese Ndong Jatta, Director & Representative, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa (TBC) Rapporteur: Moses Tapfumaneyi Mukabeta
	Chipala Island 2	Session 2: Prosperity (SDG 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)	Moderator: Mrs Mampei - DSI Rapporteur:

Day One: 24 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Moderator / Rapporteur
	Chipala Island 3	Session 3: Planet (SDG 6, 12, 13, 14, 15)	<p>Moderator: Prof. Hubert Gijzen, Regional Director and Representative to SADC UNESCO</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr Sibongiseni Thotsejane, Representative from the Fourth Industrial Revolution Presidential Commission, South Africa (TBC)</p>
3.30 - 3.50 PM - COFFEE BREAK			
3.50 - 4.50 PM		Break-out sessions:	
	Chipala Island 1	Session 4: Peace (SDG 16)	<p>Moderator: Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director of IDEP, ECA</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr Anitha Ramsuran: TIA</p>
	Chipala Island 2	Session 5: Partnerships (SDG 17):	<p>Moderator: Oliver Chinganya, Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA</p> <p>Rapporteur: Lindiwe Gama: DSI</p>
	Chipala Island 3	Session 6: Open Science (Coordinated by UNESCO)	<p>Moderator: Peggy Oti-boateng, Director, Science Policy and Capacity Building Division, UNESCO</p> <p>Rapporteur: Samuel Partey / Martiale</p>
4.50 - 5.40 PM		Report back session and discussion	<p>Moderator: Prof. F. Tagwira, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science, Innovation and Technology Development, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Rapporteur: Karimanzira Rungano, Director, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science & Technology Development, Zimbabwe</p>
17.40 - 18:00		Closing Session: Highlights of the 2nd ARSTI Forum and way forward	Chair: TBC
18.30 - 21:00		Networking and Showcasing Innovations in Action	<p>Master of ceremony: TBC</p> <p>Guests of honour:</p> <p>Hon. Prof. Dr. Amon Murwira (Sen): Minister, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science, Innovation and Technology Development, Zimbabwe</p>

Main Side Events

Regional Preparatory Workshop and capacity development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the African region

23 February 2020 – Room x

It is well known, for instance, that they contribute significantly to efforts aimed at enhancing inclusion by representing the voiceless, the marginalized and vulnerable populations, engaging in capacity-building activities and strengthening participation in and ownership of development processes by diverse communities, in particular at the national, sub-national and local lev-

els. Moreover, the Agenda stipulated that the high-level political forum, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, should carry out regular reviews, Africa Voluntary National Review Countries. We Want, which is being implemented concomitantly with the 2030 Agenda.

Regional workshop on voluntary national review

24 February 2020 – Grass Island 2

The Works is organized by ECA in collaboration with AUC, UNDESA, OSAA and UNDP. The objective of the Regional Preparatory Workshop for Africa Voluntary National Review Countries is to enhance preparations for the 2020 VNRs and strengthen capacity of Member States to undertake integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.

Specifically, the workshop will: provide an opportunity for the 2020 participating countries to report on the status of VNR preparations and identify areas that need to be strengthened; promote peer learning and exchange of good practices, experiences and lessons learned in

conducting a VNR with regional specificities in focus; discuss the format and expectations for presentation of VNR reports at the HLPF in July 2020; share experiences of sub-national implementation through preparation of VLRs and increase understanding of their linkages with the VNRs vis-à-vis their contributions to improving implementation of the two Agendas. The workshop will also highlight the importance of the use of evidence from evaluations and rigorous disaggregated data in VNR and VLR processes; and familiarize participants with existing tools for planning and reporting on the two Agendas.

The key outcomes expected of the workshop are: strengthened capacity of 2020 VNR countries to participate meaningfully in the VNR and VLR processes; increased appreciation and commitment of more countries to offer themselves to undertake effective VNRs and VLRs; enhanced consideration of regional specificities including Agenda 2063 and human rights and governance imperatives in the VNR reporting; continuous engagement and mutual support and shared progress among the participating countries in the peer-learning exercise within the VNR networks; increased understanding of the importance of

strengthening use of evidence in VNRs and VLRs; and stronger alignment of national development frameworks with the two Agendas. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages Member States to “conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven.” At the global level, the voluntary national reviews (VNRs) serve as a basis for the regular reviews of progress undertaken by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). They facilitate experiential sharing and exchange of good practices, successes, challenges and

lessons learned in accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

This regional workshop will build on the Global Workshop for countries presenting their VNRs at the 2020 HLPF, which was organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) on 19 and 20 November 2019 in Oslo, Norway.

While targeting the 16 African countries undertaking a VNR in 2020, the Regional Preparatory Workshop will also be open to other Member States and stakeholders. The workshop presents an opportunity not only to pre-

pare the 2020 VNR countries, but also to strengthen follow-up to previously conducted VNRs and inspire countries to conduct a VNR if they have not yet done so.

Day One: 24 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Chair / Moderator
8.30 - 9 AM		Registration	
9 - 9.20 AM	Grass Island 2	Welcome and opening remarks`	Facilitator: ECA
9.20 - 10.05 AM	Grass Island 2	Aims and objectives of the workshop	Facilitator: ECA
10.05 - 10.20 AM - C O F F E E B R E A K			
10.20 - 11.45 AM	Grass Island 2	Tools for integrated planning and reporting on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063	Chair: African Union Commission
11.45 AM - 12.15 PM	Grass Island 2	Strengthening Voluntary Review: Lessons from the Kigali Continental Workshop on Africa's Voluntary National Reviews and the governance of SDGs - APRM	Chair: TBC
12.15 - 1 PM	Grass Island 2	Preparation of the VNR report and national priorities of the voluntary national review - Tonya Vaturi, DESA	Chair: Accra City
1- 2.30 PM - L U N C H B R E A K			
2.30 - 3 PM		Voluntary local reviews in Africa - ECA	Chair: Accra City
3 - 3.30 PM	Grass Island 2	Strengthening evaluative and evidence-based thinking in voluntary national reviews and local reviews: ECA	Chair: Accra City
3.30 - 3.45 PM - C O F F E E B R E A K			
3.45 - 4.45 PM	Grass Island 2	Round the room discussions and insights on selected key topics	Chair: Kenya
4.45 - 5 PM	Grass Island 2	Next steps and wrap up of the regional VNR workshop: ECA	Chair: TBC
5 - 7.00 PM	Grass Island 1	Joint session of countries involved in the voluntary national review and major groups and other stakeholders, and closing of the meeting	Chair: TBC

Preparatory and capacity development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders (MGoS)

23 February 2020 – Room x

Major groups and other stakeholders play a crucial role in promoting sustainable development. It is well known, for instance, that they contribute significantly to efforts aimed at enhancing inclusion by representing the voiceless, marginalized and vulnerable populations; engaging in capacity- building activities; and strengthening participation in and ownership of development processes by diverse communities, in particular at the national, subnational and local levels. Clearly, major groups bring to bear key aspects essential to enhancing the reach, effectiveness and durability of development initiatives and outcomes.

In its resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the General Assembly recognized the need for major groups and other relevant stakeholders to be involved in the implementation of the Agenda, including the follow-up and review processes. In that regard, Governments, the private sector, civil society, the United Nations system and other actors were called upon in the context of an enhanced Global Partnership to deliver on the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals and targets, which are at the core of the Agenda. Moreover, in the Agenda, a high- level political forum, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, was stipulated to carry out regular reviews in line with General Assembly resolution 67/290 of 9 July 2012, and that the reviews should provide a platform for partnerships, including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders. In addition, major groups



and other relevant stakeholders were called upon to report on their contribution to the implementation of the Agenda. Also of note, citizens of African countries, civil society organizations and all other identifiable groups are being engaged with respect to the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation under Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, which is being implemented coherently with the 2030 Agenda.

Programme

Day One: 24 February 2020

Time	Venue	Session	Chair / Moderator
8.30 - 9 AM		Registration	
9 - 10 AM	Grass Island 1	Opening of the session	Facilitator: Laetitia Montero, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA
10 - 11 AM	Grass Island 1	Setting the scene: progress on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and goals of Agenda 2063 - Presentation of the background report	Chair: Dr. Edith Madela-Mntla, University of Pretoria, South Africa
11 - 11.15 AM - COFFEE BREAK			
11.15 AM -12.15 PM	Grass Island 1	Voluntary national reviews and peer learning on implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063	Chair: George Osei-Bimpeh, Co-chair Ghana Civil Society Organisation Sustainable Development Goals Platform
12.15 - 1 PM	Grass Island 1	Role and space of civil society in implementing and reviewing the Sustainable Development Goals implementation from the Global to the Local level	Chair: Fiona Amony, Youth advocate member of the National Gender Advocacy Alliance Group
1 - 2 PM - LUNCH BREAK			
2-3.30 p.m.	Grass Island 1	Africa Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism update, presentation and adoption of Victoria Falls Declaration, and handing over to the elected ARCSEM leadership	Chair: Interim Technical Committee
3.30 - 3.45 PM - COFFEE BREAK			
3.45 - 5 PM		Discussions in breakout groups on the views and key messages of the major groups and other stakeholders on the sub-themes of the sixth session of the Regional Forum	
	Grass Island 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People: Goals 1 (No poverty), 2 (Zero hunger), 3 (Good health and well-being), 4 (Quality education) and 5 (Gender equality) 	Chair: Lilei Chow, Save the Children and Juliet Barasa, Plan international
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosperity: Goals 7 (Affordable and clean energy), 8 (Decent work and economic growth), 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced inequalities) and 11 (Sustainable cities and communities) 	Chair: Naome Chakanya, Labour and Economic Development Research Institute of Zimbabwe and Marilyn Mbogua, Global Network of CSO for Disaster Reduction
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planet: Goals 6 (Clean water and sanitation), 12 (Responsible consumption and production), 13 (Climate action), 14 (Life below water) and 15 (Life on land) 	Chair: Salina Sanou, PACJA and Ayouba Sani, Jeune Volontaires pour l'Environnement
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace: Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) 	Chair: Hagar Monsif, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership: Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) 	Chair: Daniel Nyanganyura, Africa International Science Council and Alex Nkosi, International Trade Union Confederation
5-7 p.m.	Grass Island 2	Way forward and wrap-up of the workshop: joint town hall session with the voluntary national review workshop	Chair: TBC

Full List of Side-Events

Day 1 - 24 February, 2020							
	Hours						
Rooms	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 14:00	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	16:00 - 18:00
		Tea Break	DSG Meeting with UNDS	Lunch	RCM	Tea Break	RCM
Kalala = 270	Major Group and Other Stakeholders		Major Group and Other Stakeholders		Major Group and Other Stakeholders		Major Group and Other Stakeholders SE# 43 - UNIDEP & UN Foundation & UNDESA - VNR Town Hall: Elevating Good Practices & Lessons Learned to Raise Ambition in 2020 - Back to Back
Grass Island 1 = 200	VNR		VNR		VNR		VNR
Grass Island 2 = 200	Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum
Chipala Island 1 = 200	Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum - Breakout session		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum - Breakout session		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum - Breakout session		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum - Breakout session
Chipala Island 2 = 100	Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum - Breakout session		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum - Breakout session		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum - Breakout session		Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum - Breakout session
Chipala Island 3 = 100	SE# 60 - Consolidated Africa Services - Young Entrepreneurs Business Forum Round Table (Rt) Series On		SE# 60 - Consolidated Africa Services - Young Entrepreneurs Business Forum Round Table (Rt) Series On		RCM BO		RCM BOS
		Tea Break	DSG Meeting with UNDS	Lunch	RCM	Tea Break	RCM

Full List of Side-Events

Day 1 - 24 February, 2020							
	Hours						
Rooms	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 14:00	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	16:00 - 18:00
Chipala Island 4 = 100	SE# 3 - Restless Developmenten - African Youth Powering the Global Goals: Intergenerational Learning Festival on Achieving Accelerated Action & Accountability towards Agendas 2030 and 2063		SE# 3 - Restless Developmenten - African Youth Powering the Global Goals: Intergenerational Learning Festival on Achieving Accelerated Action & Accountability towards Agendas 2030 and 2063		SE# 3 - Restless Developmenten - African Youth Powering the Global Goals: Intergenerational Learning Festival on Achieving Accelerated Action & Accountability towards Agendas 2030 and 2063		SE# 3 - Restless Developmenten - African Youth Powering the Global Goals: Intergenerational Learning Festival on Achieving Accelerated Action & Accountability towards Agendas 2030 and 2063
Chipala Island 5 = 100	SE# 1 - UNIDEP & UNCDF - Leaving no-one behind : Harnessing inclusive digital transformation to meet SDGs and Agenda 2063 objectives		SE# 1 - UNIDEP & UNCDF - Leaving no-one behind : Harnessing inclusive digital transformation to meet SDGs and Agenda 2063 objectives		SE# 4 -UNESCO and Partners for an Accelerating Attachment of SDG4 and CESA Targets to Leave No One Behind		SE# 4 -UNESCO and Partners for an Accelerating Attachment of SDG4 and CESA Targets to Leave No One Behind
Kalundu = 80	SE# 6 - International planned parenthood federation - YOUTH AS DRIVERS OF SDGs IN AFRICA		SE# 6 - International planned parenthood federation - YOUTH AS DRIVERS OF SDGs IN AFRICA		SE# 6 - International planned parenthood federation - YOUTH AS DRIVERS OF SDGs IN AFRICA		SE# 6 - International planned parenthood federation - YOUTH AS DRIVERS OF SDGs IN AFRICA
Gwayi = 80 -							
Matetsi = 50	SE# 2 - German Development Institute - Science and sustainable development – the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) and African science-policy-interface		SE# 2 - German Development Institute - Science and sustainable development – the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) and African science-policy-interface		SE# 2 - German Development Institute - Science and sustainable development – the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) and African science-policy-interface		SE# 2 - German Development Institute - Science and sustainable development – the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) and African science-policy-interface
Kazuma = 30	DSG Meetings						

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	Hours						
Rooms	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Kalala = 270	Free	Tea Break	SE# 50 - UNWOMEN (Zimbabwe) - African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Launch and Dialogue	No Side Event	Tea Break	Free	
Grass Island 1 = 200			SE# 15 - AUC, ECA, FAO, WFP, UNDP, IFAD - Food Security-Nutrition-Poverty Nexus: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities to Achieve SDGS of 2030 Agenda and Commitments of Agenda 2063/Malabo Declaration			Free	
Grass Island 2 = 200	Free		SE# 23 - UNFPA in partnership with AUC and UNECA - Accelerating the Promise to Leave No One Behind: Enhancing Partnerships to Advance Population and Development in Africa			Free	
Chipala Island 1 = 200	Free		SE# 10 - ILO, ITU, AU in collaboration with UNECA - Information session on accelerating partnerships towards decent jobs and digital skills for youth in Africa's digital economy"			Free	

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	Hours						
Rooms	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Chipala Island 2 = 100	Free					Free	
Chipala Island 3 = 100	Free		SE# 14 - UNECA OES - ACPC - Nature Based Solutions for Development The African Protected Areas Index begins with Transfrontier Conservation				
Chipala Island 4 = 100	Free					Free	
Chipala Island 5 = 100	Free		SE# 13 - UNSSC KNOWLEDGE CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - EMPOWERING ACTION AND SUPPORTING THE DECADE OF DELIVERY FOR THE 2030			Free	
Kalundu = 80	Free		AGENDA AND AGENDA 2063 THROUGH HIGH-IMPACT LEARNING			SE# 45 - University of South Africa - Silencing the Guns- Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Sustainable Development	
Gwayi = 80	Free		SE# 12 - TrustAfrica - Ending Discrimination and Changing the Terms of Inclusion: Making the SDGs Meaningful for all in Africa			Free	

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Day 1 - 24 February, 2020							
	Hours						
Rooms	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Matetsi = 50	Free		SE# 44 - United Nation Resident Coordinator Office in Cameroon - Localising the SDGs Through Mainstreaming in Cluncil Development Plans in Cameroon:			Free	
Media Room			SE# 49 - UNDP/HDRO - A Consultation co-organized with ECA on the 2020 Human Development Report				
Kazuma = 30			SE# 16 - Forum for African Women Educationalist (FAWE) - Health-in-all-Policies: The "People" Integrated Approach				
			SE# 41 - WMO-AMCOMET - Climate Services, a key to sustainable development. Why invest in NMHSs ?				
Kazuma = 30	DSG Meetings						

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Day 2 - 25 February, 2020							
Rooms	Hours						
	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Kalala = 270	Free	Tea Break	No Side Event	SE# 50 - UNWOMEN (Zimbabwe) - African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Launch and Dialogue	No Side Event	Tea Break	Free
Grass Island 1 = 200				SE# 15 - AUC, ECA, FAO, WFP, UNDP, IFAD - Food Security-Nutrition-Poverty Nexus: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities to Achieve SDGS of 2030 Agenda and Commitments of Agenda 2063/Malabo Declaration			Free
Grass Island 2 = 200	Free			SE# 23 - UNFPA in partnership with AUC and UNECA - Accelerating the Promise to Leave No One Behind: Enhancing Partnerships to Advance Population and Development in Africa			Free
Chipala Island 1 = 200	Free			SE# 10 - ILO, ITU, AU in collaboration with UNECA - Information session on accelerating partnerships towards decent jobs and digital skills for youth in Africa's digital economy"			
Chipala Island 2 = 100	Free			SE# 14 - UNECA OES - ACPC - Nature Based Solutions for Development The African Protected Areas Index begins with Transfrontier Conservation			Free
Chipala Island 3 = 100	Free						
Chipala Island 4 = 100	Free			SE# 13 - UNSSC KNOWLEDGE CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - EMPOWERING ACTION AND SUPPORTING THE DECADE OF DELIVERY FOR THE 2030			
AGENDA AND AGENDA 2063 THROUGH HIGH-IMPACT LEARNING			Free	1			

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Day 2 - 25 February, 2020							
Rooms	Hours						
	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Chipala Island 5 = 100	Free			SE# 12 - TrustAfrica - Ending Discrimination and Changing the Terms of Inclusion: Making the SDGs Meaningful for all in Africa			Free
Kalundu = 80	Free			SE# 44 - United Nation Resident Coordinator Office in Cameroon - Localising the SDGs Through Mainstreaming in Cluncil Development Plans in Cameroon:			SE# 45 - University of South Africa - Silencing the Guns- Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Sustainable Development
Gwayi = 80	Free			SE# 49 - UNDP/HDRO - A Consultation co-organized with ECA on the 2020 Human Development Report			Free
Matetsi = 50	Free			SE# 16 - Forum for African Women Educationalist (FAWE) - Health-in-all-Policies: The "People" Integrated Approach			
Media Room				SE# 41 - WMO-AMCOMET - Climate Services, a key to sustainable development. Why invest in NMHSs ? In media room			
Kazuma = 30	DSG Meetings						

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Day 3 - 26 February, 2020							
Rooms	Hours						
	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Kalala = 270	Free	Tea Break	No Side Event	SE# 37- UN Office of the Special Adviser on Africa -	No Side Event		SE# 34 -- CR4D Initiative Partners (ECA, WMO, AMCOMET, WCRP, AAS, DFID, WISER, Grant recipient institutions
Africa Stakeholders Consultation on Review of the Implementation of Commitment to Africa's Development					Parallel Meeting on the Sub-Theme of Prosperity		
	No Side Event	Tea Break		1	Parallel Meeting on the Sub-Theme of Planet		
Grass Island 1 = 200	Free			SE# 27 - Caritas Africa Regional Executive Secretariat	Parallel Meeting on the Sub-Theme of Peace		
Partnering with Faith Groups to Achieve Sustainable Development in Africa					No Side Event		SE# 17 - United Nations Mission of Senegal to the UN and Brooke - Working livestock: An accelerator to the 2030 Agenda

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Day 3 - 26 February, 2020							
Rooms	Hours						
	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
	Parallel Meeting on the Sub-Theme of Prosperity						
Grass Island 2 = 200	Free			SE# 9 - The African Women's development and Communications Network - Enhancing Data driven Actions for accountability and achievement of SDGs in Africa			
	Parallel Meeting on the Sub-Theme of Planet						Free
Chipala Island 1 = 200	SE# 22 - Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data - Timely data for SDGs						SE# 36 - International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions - Informed and Empowered: Making the Most of Information in the Decade of Delivery
				Parallel Meeting on the Sub-Theme of Peace			

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Day 3 - 26 February, 2020							
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	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Chipala Island 2 = 100	SE# 21 - Africa Women Major Group - Women Working to Promote Sustainable Development in Africa						SE# 57 - Zimbabwe Youth SDGs - The role of youth in the implementation of SDGs
	No Side Event	Tea Break	SE# 17 - United Nations Mission of Senegal to the UN and Brooke - Working livestock: An accelerator to the 2030 Agenda				
Chipala Island 3 = 100				SE# 5 - International Maritime Organization - Mainstreaming the Maritime Sector in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework			

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	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Chipala Island 4 = 100	Free			SE# 30- African Centre for Human Advancement Social and Community Development & African School of Diplomacy and International Relations -			
Gravitating Towards Renewable Energy: The New Dawn for Africa							
Chipala Island 5 = 100	Free			SE# 8 - World Wide Fund for Nature - Accelerated Actions and Transformative Pathways to the SDGs; Nature Based Solutions			
Kalundu = 80	Free			SE# 33 - UNECA, APRM and SIDA - Accelerating action and transformative pathways for good governance in Africa: institutionalizing youth-led accountability for people, prosperity and planet			SE# 36 - International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions - Informed and Empowered: Making the Most of Information in the Decade of Delivery
Gwayi = 80 -	Free			SE# 29 - Africa Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD) -			
SDGs Financing in the era of digital technologies – Opportunities and Challenges			SE# 57 - Zimbabwe Youth SDGs - The role of youth in the implementation of SDGs				

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Day 3 - 26 February, 2020							
Rooms	Hours						
	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	14:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Matetsi = 50	Free			SE# 11 - HelpAge International - Counting the current gains on age-inclusion to deliver 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063			Free
Kazuma = 30	DSG Meetings						

Day 4 - 27 February, 2020							
Rooms	Hours						
	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	15:00 - 16:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Kalala = 270	Free	Tea Break	No Side Event	Free	Free	Tea Break	Free
Grass Island 1 = 200	Free			SE# 28 - ECA/GPSPD with IOM and AUC - "Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in Africa: Operationalizing Migration SDGs"	SE# 38 - United Nations University's Institute for Natural Resources in Africa - Africa's Development in an Age of Stranded Assets: Managing Risks and Seizing Opportunities		Free
Grass Island 2 = 200	Free						Free
Chipala Island 1 = 200	Free			SE# 40 - UNDP; AfDB; AUDA-NEPAD, ECA - "LAUNCH OF THE NEW DIGITAL GUIDE FOR INTEGRATED PLANNING IN AFRICA TO MAINSTREAM THE SDGs, AU AGENDA 2063, NDCs, DRR and the NEW DEAL:			
To deliver a Transformed and Prosperous Africa"	SE# 24 - HIVOS Foundation - People and Prosperity: Gender Equality for Africa's economic growth		Free				

Day 4 - 27 February, 2020							
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	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	15:00 - 16:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Chipala Island 2 = 100	Free				SE# 18 - Global Call to Action Against Poverty - GCAP - Assessing the multiple discrimination against women with disabilities in Africa- Strategies and ways to address it to ensure no one is left behind		
Chipala Island 3 = 100	Free	Free			SE# 51 - UN Women East and Southern Africa Regional Office (Zimbabwe) - "Opportunities for strengthening partnerships on CSA for rural women smallholder farmers' contribution to Sustainable Development in Africa"		Free
Chipala Island 4 = 100	Free				SE# 58 - SAYWHAT - Young People's participation in country level SDG processes: Opportunities and Challenges		Free

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Day 4 - 27 February, 2020							
Rooms	Hours						
	07:00 - 08:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:30	13:00 - 14:30	15:00 - 16:30	15:30 - 16:00	18:30 - 20:00
Chipala Island 5 = 100	Free				SE# 59 - Poverty Reduction Forum Trust - A Youth Driven Transformation of Africa Through the Agenda 2030 And 2063		Free
Kalundu = 80	Free			SE# 25 - Danish Institute for Human Rights - Learning session: using human rights to accelerate progress for the most vulnerable as we enter the decade of action and delivery for the SDGs			Free
Gwayi = 80 -	Free			SE# 46 - World Vision - SDGs Decade for Action and Delivering: What it means for most vulnerable children	Free		Free
Matetsi = 50	Free			SE# 56 - Ministry of Lands Agriculture, Water and RR - Youth in Agriculture Show casing	Free		Free
Kazuma = 30	DSG Meetings						

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