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United Nations Sustainable Development Group secretariat  
Marrakech, Morocco, 23 and 24 March, 2019

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## **Provisional programme of work**

**Saturday, 23 March 2019**

09:00-09:45 a.m.

### **Opening of the session**

**Facilitator:** Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary General and Director of UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa and Chair of the Africa Regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group

### **Remarks and statements:**

- Vera Songwe, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- H.E. Ambassador Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations and Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council
- H.E. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

9:45-10:00 a.m.

### **Presentation and adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

#### **Co-chairs:**

- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission

10-11:30 a.m.

**High-level panel discussion: Strengthening the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and its subregional coordination mechanisms in the context of the African Union and United Nations reforms**

**Co-chairs:**

- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission

**Panellists:**

- H.E. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development
- Ambassador Dr. Kipyego Cheluget, Assistant Secretary General for Programmes, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa and Chair of the Africa Regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group
- Giovane Biha, Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa

**Discussion**

11.30-11.45 a.m.

Group photograph

11:45 a.m.-noon

Coffee break

Noon-1.30 p.m.

**First high-level panel discussion on the theme: Addressing the root causes of refugees and Internally Displaced Persons**

**Co-chairs:**

- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission

**Panellists:**

- Dr. Elsadig Abdala, Director of Economic Cooperation and Social Development, Intergovernmental Authority on Development
- Jean-Paul Cavalieri, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representative in Morocco
- Ruby Sandhu-Rojon, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel

- Richard Dazinger, International Organization for Migration Regional Director, West Africa
- Bience Gawanas, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser, United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

#### **Discussion**

1.30-2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

2.30-4 p.m.

**Second high-level panel discussion on the theme: Upscaling durable solutions, including addressing the forced displacement-development nexus**

#### **Co-chairs:**

- H.E. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

#### **Panellists:**

- H.E. Bineta Diop, African Union Commission Chairperson Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security
- Letty Chiwara, UN-Women Representative to the African Union and the Economic Commission for Africa
- Ann Theresa Ndong Jatta, Regional Director for Eastern Africa, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Aeneas Chuma, United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator in Ethiopia
- Phillippe Ankers, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Subregional Coordinator for North Africa,
- Dereje Wordofa. Deputy Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund

#### **Discussion**

4-4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

4.15-5.45 p.m.

**Third high-level panel discussion on the theme: Coordinating the work under the Compacts related to Migration, and to Refugees**

#### **Co-chairs:**

- H.E. Bineta Diop, African Union Commission Chairperson Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security
- Hanna Serwaa Tetteh, Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union

**Panellists:**

- H.E. Taïeb Baccouche, Executive Secretary, Arab Maghreb Union
- Jean-Paul Cavalieri, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representative in Morocco
- Maureen Achieng, International Organization for Migration Representative to the African Union, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Intergovernmental Government on Development
- Dereje Wordofa, Deputy Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund

**Discussion**

**Sunday, 24 March 2019**

9:30–11 a.m.

**Fourth high-level panel discussion on the theme: The Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa's support to the African Union agenda on refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons**

**Co-chairs:**

- Professor Emmanuel Nnadozie, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation
- Bience Gawanas, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser, United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

**Panellists:**

- H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner, Rural Economy and Agriculture Department, African Union Commission
- H.E. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou, President, Economic Community of West African States
- Jean-Paul Cavalieri, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representative in Morocco
- Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo, Director and Regional Representative United Nations Environment Programme
- Hanna Serwaa Tetteh, Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union

**Discussion**

11-11:15 a.m.

Coffee break

11:15 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Presentations and discussion on progress in the work of RCM-Africa, alignment with the peace and security and development frameworks, and consideration of its workplan**

**Co-chairs:**

- Ambassador Rosette Katungye, Adviser to the Chairperson, African Union Commission

- Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, Economic Commission for Africa

**Presentations:**

- African Union-United Nations progress report of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and its subregional coordination mechanisms
- Aligning the work of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa with the Joint United Nations-African Union Framework for an Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security and the African Union-United Nations Framework for the Integrated Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Consideration and adoption of the African Union-United Nations workplan for 2019-2020 of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa

**Discussion**

1-1.15 p.m.

**Update on the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in preparation for the 2019 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development**

1.15-1.30 p.m.

**Other matters**

1.30-2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

2.30-4 p.m.

**Drafting of the report**

4-4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

5-5.45 p.m.

**Consideration and adoption of the report of the twentieth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa**

5.45-6.15 p.m.

**Closing of the session**

- Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary General and Director of UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa and Chair of the Africa Regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group
- Vera Songwe, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- H.E. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission