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**Provisional Annotated Agenda** 

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The moderator for the opening session will introduce the speakers for the session and invite the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to give welcome remarks. This will be followed by the statements of the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and other speakers. The representative of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia will deliver the opening address and declare the meeting open.

### 2. Organizational matters

#### (a) Election of the Bureau

The meeting will go for a short break after the opening session, during which the Heads of Delegation will confer to elect a Bureau of five members - one Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur, who will be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation from the five subregions of the continent. The moderator for the session will present the outcome of the consultations and invite the elected Chairperson to assume his/her place on the podium and preside over the deliberations.

#### (b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The Chairperson will introduce the provisional agenda and programme of work and invite the meeting to consider adopting them.

### **3.** Introduction and objectives of the meeting

The Secretariat will provide an overview of the objectives, format, expected outcomes and outputs of the meeting, to help arrive at a common understanding of the work and deliberations for the meeting.

### 4. Presentation and discussions on the African Common Position on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

A presentation will be made on the content of the African Common Position and the process that led to its formulation. The presentation will include an analysis of the High-level Panel Report and an examination of the links between the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs in terms of both process and substance; a summary of the post 2015-related decisions arising from the May 2013 African Union Heads of State summit; and a road map highlighting the next steps in the process. The presentation will be followed by general discussions. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to a clear understanding of the Global and Africa's Post-2015 Development Agenda process and priorities and linkages with the sustainable development goals (SDGs) process.

## 5. Presentations and discussions on the subregional reports on the Sustainable Development Goals

Presentations will be made on the five subregional reports on the SDGs for Eastern, Central, North, West and Southern Africa. Each presentation will include an assessment of the subregional sustainable development priorities, opportunities and challenges; the proposed set of SDGs and associated targets and indicators for the subregion; and action-oriented recommendations and the way forward in the implementation of the proposed SDGs within the context of the subregion. The presentations will be followed by general discussions. The presentations and discussions are expected to lead to an enhanced understanding and appreciation of sustainable development priorities in the five subregions of Africa as well as considerations that informed the sustainable development goals and targets, and the way forward in their implementation.

## 6. Presentation and discussions on the Africa Regional Report on the Sustainable Development Goals

A presentation will be made on the Africa Regional Report on the Sustainable Development Goals. The presentation will include an assessment of Africa's sustainable development priorities, opportunities and challenges; the proposed set of SDGs and associated targets and indicators for the region; and action-oriented recommendations and the way forward in the implementation of the proposed SDGs within the context of the region. The presentation will be followed by general discussions. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to an enhanced understanding and effective articulation of and consensus on Africa's sustainable development priorities, goals and targets; and the way forward in their implementation within the context of the region.

### 7. Statements by major groups on the sustainable development goals

Representatives of major groups will make brief statements highlighting the perspectives of their respective constituencies on Africa's sustainable development priorities and goals. The session will contribute to an enhanced appreciation and consideration of major groups' views on the SDGs and the way forward.

# 8. Consideration of the working document of the outcome of the consultative meeting

The experts will be given the draft working document of the outcome of the meeting for consideration. They will make observations, comments and inputs that will be incorporated directly in the working document. The session will conclude with the experts adopting a draft Outcome Document of the Africa Regional Consultative Meeting on the SDGs to be considered by the Ministerial segment.

### 9. Adoption of the report of the experts meeting

The experts will be given the draft report of the Experts segment for consideration, and make comments and observations on the draft. The report will be adopted with the understanding that the agreed amendments will be incorporated in the final report to be submitted to the Ministerial segment of the meeting.

### **10.** Closing of the meeting

Speakers for the closing session will make remarks, and the Chairperson of the Meeting Bureau will make a statement and declare closed, the Experts segment of the Africa Consultative Meeting on the Sustainable Development Goals.