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Africa Regional Consultative Meeting on the Sustainable Development Goals

31 October to 5 November 2013

Introduction and Objectives



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1. Background

- **Africa embarked on developing the African Common Position on Post-2015 Development Agenda in 2011**
 - Ensure that its priorities and aspirations feature prominently in the Post-2015 Development Agenda
 - **Common position developed - benefited from a broad range of stakeholder consultations in Accra-Ghana, Mombasa-Kenya, Dakar-Senegal, and Hammamet-Tunisia.**
 - **In May 2013 the AU established the Africa High Level Committee on the Post-2015 Development,**
 - The HLC comprises 10 African Heads of State and Government (2per subregion) and is chaired by HE Johnson Sirleaf President of Liberia.
- Mandated to:**
- **Oversee the finalization of the African Common Position**
 - **Sensitize and coordinate the activities of African Leaders and members of the High Level Panel**
 - **Build regional and inter-continental alliances on the African Common Position on the post 2015 Development Agenda.**



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- **June 2012 - UN Conference on Sustainable Development held and adopted outcome: “The Future We Want”**

- **Development of SDGs among key commitments of Rio+20**
 - **Focused & coherent action on SD;**
 - **Address and incorporate in a balanced manner all three dimensions of sustainable development and their interlinkages**
 - **Be integrated into the UN development agenda post-2015.**

- **UN General Assembly Open Working Group (OWG) established on 22 January 2013**



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- **UNECA in collaboration with AUC, AfDB and UNDESA organized the Africa-RIM in November 2012**
- **The RIM adopted the Africa RIM Outcome Document for the post Rio+20 follow-up processes**
 - **On the SDGs, integrated into the Post-2015 Dev Agenda**
 - **The Africa RIM agreed on an effective, broad-based, bottom-up and consultative process to flesh out the goals, indicators and targets**
- **In March 2013, The 6th Joint Annual Meetings of the AUC and ECA deliberated on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and implementation of the Rio+20 Outcomes in Africa**



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■ The Ministerial Statement adopted by the meeting *inter alia*:

- Urged for an early convergence between the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Rio+20 follow-up processes, particularly the SDGs;
- The Ministers also called on ECA, UNDP, AUC and AfDB to translate the African common position into concrete goals, indicators and targets.

■ The Africa Regional Consultative Meeting on SDGs jointly organized by ECA, AUC and AfDB



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2. Objectives of the meeting

- Enable African countries to identify, articulate and reach a consensus on the region's sustainable development priorities and goals and ensure that such priorities further enrich the African Common Position on the Post 2015 Development Agenda; and**
- Prepare Africa to speak with one strong voice and rally global support for the African Common Position on the Post 2015 Development Agenda**



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3. Format of the meeting

Comprises two Segments

-  **Experts segment from 31 October to 2 November 2013; and**
-  **Ministerial segment from 4 to 5 November 2013.**



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Experts Segment

Divided into four main plenary sessions:

-  **Presentation and discussion on the African Common Position on the Post-2015 Development Agenda**
-  **Presentations and discussions on the subregional reports on Sustainable Development Goals**
-  **Presentation and discussion on the Africa Regional Report on Sustainable Development Goals**
-  **Consideration of the working document of the outcome of the consultative meeting**



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Ministerial segment

- **Three main sessions:**
- **Opening session**
- **A high-level policy dialogue on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs**
 - **The Post-2015 Development Agenda and Africa's sustainable development priorities;**
 - **Ensuring convergence between the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs process; and**
 - **Strategies and suggestions for improving the effectiveness of the HLC in the delivery of its mandate**
- **Consideration and adoption of the Outcome Document and Report of the Africa Regional Consultative Meeting on the SDGs**



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4. Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of the key sustainability priorities that must inform the African Common Position on the Post-2015 Development Agenda;**
- High-level political guidance and consensus on achieving convergence between the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs process;**
- Consensus on the key drivers of sustainable development in Africa;**



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Documentation and information services

- **Conference bag**
- **Also posted online (meeting website):**
(<http://www.uneca.org/arcm-sdg2013>)
- **Information note provides more information on assistance to be provided upon request**



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