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Sixth session
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 24–27 February 2020

Item 3(b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and programme of work**Draft 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:** Ministre déléguée to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans residing abroad, responsible for Moroccans residing abroad, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Nezha El Ouafi.**Moderator:** Director of the African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya

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

Special message by the 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, Kwesi Quartey (tbc)

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina J. Mohammed

Opening remarks and keynote address by the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa

10–10.30 a.m.

Coffee break

10.30 a.m.–12 noon

High-level panel on accelerators to deliver a transformed and prosperous Africa through the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 within the decade 2020-2030 (agenda item 2)

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Representative of the Government of Zimbabwe

Moderator: Jimmy Ocitti

Special message by the representative of young people

Junior Parliament, Zimbabwe, Vannesa Chivhizhe

Panellists:

- United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, 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 and Planning, Zambia, Alexander Chiteme
- Ministre déléguée to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans residing abroad, responsible for Moroccans residing abroad, and Chair of the 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
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
Moderator: United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Nigeria, Edward Kallon
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, Cabo Verde, Ana Graça
- Member, 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

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, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Thomas Chiramba
- Vice President for Southern Africa Region of the World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments (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

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
- Sustainable Development Goals Coordinator at WHO Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, 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, 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 within the decade 2020-2030

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session

Moderator: Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Alexander Trepelkov

Panellists:

- Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development, Nigeria, Lucy Edeh Okpanachi
- High Commission for Planning, Morocco, Moulay Abdeljebbar Salim
- Ministry of Economics and Development Planning, 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

Co-Chair: Regional Director for Southern Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Charles A. Kwenin

Panellists:

- Minister of Local Government, Zimbabwe, July Moyo
- Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda, Gabriel Ajedra
- Deputy Minister, Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ghana, Freda Prempeh
- Representative and Director of the Regional Hub in Ethiopia, UNIDO, Aurelia Patrizia Calabrò
- Senior Human Settlements Officer, Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat, Thomas Chiramba
- 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

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, Douglass Karoro
- Senior Scientific Officer, World Meteorological Organization, Joseph Mukabana
- 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

Co-Chair: Chief of Africa Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (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, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)-African Union, 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
 (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
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

- Presentation by the United Nations 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
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
5.45 p.m.	Other matters (agenda item 11) Venue: Plenary Hall Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session
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
7 p.m.	Cocktail