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**Economic Commission for Africa****Preparatory and capacity development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the Africa region for the sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**

Sixth session

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 24 February 2020

**Programme of work****Monday, 24 February 2020****Venue: Grass Island 1**

8.30–9 a.m.

**Registration**

9–9.20 a.m.

**Opening of the session****Facilitator:**

Laetitia Montero, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

**Statements:**

- Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, Social Development Policy Division, ECA
- Stephen Chacha, Chair, Interim Committee for the Regional Engagement Mechanism of Major Groups and Other Stakeholders
- Anésie Mfatiyimana, Senator of Burundi, Member of the Pan-African Parliament

9.20–10.20 a.m.

**Setting the scene: progress on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and goals of Agenda 2063 - Presentation of the background report**

**Chair:** Edith Madela-Mntla, University of Pretoria, South Africa

- Presentation of the background report, Paul Mpuga, Economic Affairs Officer, ECA

**Round table:**

- Yetnebersh Nigussie, Disability Inclusion Adviser, Light for the World, Ethiopia
- Mmachakga Moruakgomo, Vice-President for the Southern Africa Region of United Cities and



Local Governments of Africa and President of the Association of Local Authorities of Botswana

- Thuli Makama, Yongu FOE, Eswatini

**General discussion**

10.20–10.40 a.m. Coffee break

10.40–11.45 a.m. **Voluntary national review 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 Organisations Platform on Sustainable Development Goals

**Panellists:**

- The case of Kenya, VNR 2017, 2020, Florence Syevuo, Country Coordinator, SDGs Kenya Forum
- The case of the Niger, VNR 2018, 2020, Fatchima Noura Djibrilla, Honorary President ANSEN
- The case of the Sudan, VNR 2018, Sawsan Elshowaya, member of the executive committee of the Sudanese SDGs Platform

**General discussion**

11.45 a.m.–1 p.m. **Role and space of civil society in implementing and reviewing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals from the global to the local level**

**Chair:** Fiona Amony, youth advocate, member of the National Gender Advocacy Alliance Group

**Panellists:**

- Major groups and other stakeholders at the global level: Stefano Prato, Co-Chair of the Steering Group of High-level Political Forum Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism
- Global platform for civil society: Oliver Henman, Global Coordinator, Action 4 Sustainable Development
- A regional platform: John Patrick Ngoyi, the Africa Civil Society Working Group
- Accra voluntary local report and the role of major groups and other stakeholders: Moses Quarshie, Business Development Director, City of Accra

**General discussion**

1–2 p.m. Lunch break

2–3.30 p.m. Africa Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (ARCSEM) update, presentation and adoption of Victoria Falls Declaration, and handing over to the elected ARCSEM leadership

**Chair:** Interim Technical Committee

3.30–3.45 p.m. Coffee break

3.45–5 p.m.

**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**

Sub-themes:

(a) People: Goals 1 (No poverty), 2 (Zero hunger), 3 (Good health and well-being), 4 (Quality education) and 5 (Gender equality)

**Chairs:** Lilei Chow, Senior Policy and Advocacy Adviser, Save the Children, and Juliet Barasa, Project Manager, Girls Advocacy Alliance, Plan International

(b) 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)

**Chairs:** Naome Chakanya, Senior Researcher, Labour and Economic Development Research Institute of Zimbabwe, and Marilyn Mbogua, Regional Development Coordinator (East Africa), Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction

(c) 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, Head of Programmes, Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance, and Ayoub Sani, National Director, Jeune volontaires pour l'environnement

(d) Peace: Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions)

**Chair:** Hagar Monsif, African Affairs and SDGs Unit Manager, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights

(e) Partnership: Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)

**Chairs:** Daniel Nyanganyura, Regional Director for Africa, International Science Council, and Alex Nkosi, Policy Analyst, International Trade Union Confederation

5–7 p.m.

**Way forward and wrap-up of the workshop: joint town hall session with the voluntary national review workshop**

**Venue: Grass Island 2**