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**Regional Preparatory Workshop for Africa  
Voluntary National Review Countries:  
Strengthening Integrated and Voluntary National Review and Reporting of  
the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

**24 February 2020  
Grass Island 2, Elephant Hills Hotel  
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

**Provisional Programme**

Monday, 24 February 2020	
Time	Topic
8.30–9 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9–9.20 a.m.	<p><b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Facilitator:</b> Charles Akol, ECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya</li> <li>• DESA, Tonya Vaturi</li> <li>• OSAA, Juliet Wasswa-Mugambwa</li> <li>• UNDP, Alessandra Casazza</li> </ul> <p>Opening Statement, H.E. Ms. Amira El Fadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs African Union Commission</p>
9.20–10.05 a.m.	<p><b>Aims and objectives of the workshop:</b> ECA, Charles Akol,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expectations for the meeting</li> <li>• Round table of participants</li> </ul> <p><b>Overview presentation on voluntary national reviews and the HLPF:</b> DESA, Tonya Vaturi <b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
10.05–10.20 a.m.	Break
10.20–11.45 a.m.	<p><b>Tools for integrated planning and reporting on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063</b> <b>Chair:</b> African Union Commission</p> <p><i>Brief highlights on tools:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECA, Paul Mpuga and Ahmed Al-Awah</li> <li>• UNDP, Alessandra Casazza,</li> <li>• AUC/NEPAD Selamawit Mussie</li> <li>• OECD, Carina Lindberg</li> <li>• OSAA, Juliet Wasswa-Mugambwa</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Q&amp;A/discussion:</b> <i>for participants to highlight or seek clarification on key areas of progress and main challenges encountered in integrated planning and reporting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing of successes, challenges, gaps and lessons learned</li> <li>• Capacity needs</li> <li>• Interlinkages between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063</li> <li>• Sustainable Development Goals in conflict and post-conflict settings</li> <li>• Regional commonalities and regional peer learning</li> <li>• Rolling out the tools</li> </ul>
11.45 a.m.–12.15 p.m.	<p><b>Strengthening Voluntary Review: Lessons from the Kigali Continental Workshop on Africa’s Voluntary National Reviews and the governance of SDGs:</b> APRM: Sara Tawfik Hamouda</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
12.15–1 p.m.	<p><b>Preparation of the VNR report and national priorities of the voluntary national review:</b> DESA, Tonya Vaturi</p> <p>Chair: Cameroon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritization and national priorities</li> <li>• Stakeholder consultations and outreach</li> <li>• Handbook for preparations for the voluntary national review and the Secretary-General’s voluntary guidelines, as well as further discussion from the global workshop if needed</li> </ul> <p><b>Format and organization of reviews at the high-level political forum,</b> DESA, Tonya Vaturi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What type of presentations can be envisaged?</li> <li>• What kind of interaction format can be useful?</li> <li>• Expectations from volunteering countries</li> <li>• Timeline for main messages and full reports</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
1–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 – 3 p.m.	<p><b>Voluntary local reviews in Africa:</b> ECA, Edlam Yemeru/Charles Akol</p> <p>Chair: Accra City</p>
3 – 3.30 p.m.	<p><b>Strengthening evaluative and evidence-based thinking in voluntary national reviews and local reviews:</b> ECA, Grace Chisamya</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
3.30–3.45 p.m.	Break
3.45–4.45.	<p><b>Round the room discussions and insights on selected key topics</b></p> <p>Chair: Kenya</p> <p>Topic 1: [Strengthening VNRs in Africa]</p> <p>Topic 2: [Scaling up voluntary local review]</p> <p>Topic 3: [Harnessing population census for monitoring and reporting the two Agendas -with input from UNFPA]</p> <p>Topic 4: [Topic TBC]</p>
4.45–5p.m.	<p><b>Next steps and wrap up of the regional VNR workshop:</b> ECA, Charles Akol and DESA, Tonya Vaturi</p>
5– 7.00 p.m.	<p><b>Joint session of countries involved in the voluntary national review and major groups and other stakeholders, and closing of the meeting</b></p> <p>United Nations Foundation, the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, DESA and ECA</p>