Information and guidelines for the plenary round-table panels on the sub-themes of people and of partnerships and realizing the means of implementation to deliver the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in the decade 2020–2030

I. Date and time

1. The plenary round-table panels will be held on 26 February 2020 from 9 to 11 a.m.

II. Objective

2. The aim of the plenary round-table panels is to conduct an in-depth review, hold discussions and facilitate peer learning on implementation of the cluster of goals under each sub-theme. In addition, these round-table panels are expected to identify, articulate and agree on key messages containing transformative actions to accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals under their respective sub-themes.

III. Format

3. Each of the two round tables will be led by a panel comprised of selected senior policymakers and experts in the fields related to or with an interest in each of the sub-themes (see paras. 7 and 8 below).

4. Each round-table panel will be informed by a presentation on the background paper on the respective sub-theme.
5. Each panel will identify and agree on key messages containing transformative actions to accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals under the respective sub-themes.

IV. Guidelines

6. The following guidelines will apply to the plenary round-table panels:

   (a) The Chair will introduce the round-table panel, the objective as stated above and the panel members. The Chair will then yield to the Co-Chair/moderator, who will guide the dialogue among the panellists and the other participants in the Forum;

   (b) The moderator will call upon the representative of the secretariat or the authors of the background paper on the sub-theme to present the sub-theme with an emphasis on emerging opportunities and actions to accelerate implementation. The presentation will last a maximum of seven minutes;

   (c) The moderator will then invite each panellist to speak or intervene for no more than five minutes, highlighting one or more of the following:

      (i) Notable progress and good practices in the implementation of the goals covered by the sub-theme;

      (ii) Key constraints or challenges that need to be addressed if African countries are to achieve the Goals by 2030;

      (iii) Concrete transformative actions, including opportunities and partnerships and commitments needed for countries to dramatically speed up the pace and widen the scale of implementation;

   (d) The moderator will help foster an interactive dialogue among the panellists;

   (e) The moderator will then invite questions and other contributions from the floor;

   (f) At the end of dialogue, the moderator will provide a summary of the key policy messages, including recommendations made. The moderator will then yield to the Chair, who will conclude the round-table panel.

V. Moderators and panellists

7. The moderator and panellists of the plenary round table on the sub-theme of people will be as follows:

  **Co-Chair/moderator:**
  Regional Director for Eastern Africa, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, 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, Gambia, Fatou Kinteh
  - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Representative for Africa, Abebe Haile-Gabriel
- Sustainable Development Goals Coordinator, World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, Congo, Humphrey Karamagi
- Youth Senate, Kenya (Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour and Urban Development), Judy Cheburet
- Head of Division, Health, Nutrition and Population, African Union Commission, Dr. Margaret Agama-Anyetei

8. The moderator and panellists of the plenary round-table on the sub-theme of partnerships and realizing the means of implementation to deliver the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in the decade 2020-2030 will be as follows:

Co-Chair/moderator:
Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, Alexander Trepelkov

Panellists:
- Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Nigeria, Lucy Edeh Okpanachi
- High Commission for Planning, Morocco, Moulay Abdeljebbar Salim
- Ministry of the Economy and Development Planning, Chad, Ngomina Bramingar
- Managing Director, Cisco South Africa, South Africa, Clayton Naidoo