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Items 6 (a) and (b) of the provisional agenda\*  
**Plenary round-table panels and parallel meetings on  
in-depth review, peer learning and dialogue on the  
sub-themes of the Regional Forum:**

**Plenary round table on the sub-theme of people**

**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**

### **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.

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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 moderators 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
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