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Items 6 (c) to (e) 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:****Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of prosperity****Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of the planet****Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of peace****Information and guidelines for the parallel meetings  
on the sub-themes of prosperity, the planet and peace****I. Date and time**

1. The parallel meetings will be held on 26 February 2020 from 2.30 to 6 p.m.

**II. Objective**

2. The aim of the parallel meetings 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, panels and parallel meetings 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. The Chair of the Forum will designate members of the Bureau to chair each of the parallel meetings. There will be a Co-Chair from the United Nations entity selected from the co-leads of the background paper. Each of the three parallel meetings will:

- (a) Be led by a panel comprised of selected senior policymakers and experts in the fields related to or with an interest in the sub-theme (see paras. 5-7 below);

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(b) Be informed by a presentation on the background paper on the respective sub-theme. In addition, the participants in the parallel meetings will have before them the proposed draft key messages on the respective sub-theme;

(c) Identify and agree on key messages related to the sub-theme, which will be presented to the plenary.

#### **IV. Guidelines**

4. The following guidelines will apply to the parallel meetings:

(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 parallel meeting;

(b) The moderator will call upon the representative of the secretariat or 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 the 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. Chair, Co-Chair and panellists**

5. The Chair, Co-Chair and panellists of the parallel meeting on the sub-theme of prosperity will be as follows:

**Chair:**

Member of the Bureau designated by the Chair of the Forum

**Co-Chair:**

Regional Director for Southern Africa, International Organization for Migration, Charles Kwenin

**Panellists:**

- Minister of Local Government, Zimbabwe, July Moyo
- Minister of labour and social security (tbc)

- Representative and Director of the Regional Hub in Ethiopia, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Aurelia Patrizia Calabrò
- Executive Director, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust–Zimbabwe, Judith Kaulem
- Representative of major groups and other stakeholders.

6. The Chair, Co-Chair and panellists of the parallel meeting on the sub-theme of the planet will be as follows:

**Chair:**

Member of the Bureau designated by the Chair of the Forum

**Co-Chair:**

Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission, Josefa Sacko

**Panellists:**

- Minister of the Environment, Angola, Paula Coelho
- Minister of the Environment, the Green Economy and Climate Change, Burkina Faso, Batio Bassière
- Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement, Zimbabwe, Douglas Karoro
- Joseph Mukabana, Senior Scientific Officer, World Meteorological Organization
- Youth discussant: Youth Advocate for Climate Action, Elizabeth Gulugulu.

7. The Chair, Co-Chair and panellists of the parallel meeting on the sub-theme of peace will be as follows:

**Chair:**

Member of the Bureau designated by the Chair of the Forum

**Co-Chair:**

Chief of Africa Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mahamane Cisse-Gouro

**Panellists:**

- Minister for the Promotion of Good Governance, the Fight against Corruption and Evaluation 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
- Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 expert, African Peer Review Mechanism, Sara Tawfik Hamouda
- African Affairs and Sustainable Development Goals Unit Manager, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights, Egypt, Hagar Monsif