

**Regional preparatory workshop for  
African voluntary national reviews and voluntary  
local reviews: strengthening integration and reporting  
on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

Brazzaville (online), 26 and 27 February 2021

## Programme

### Day one

#### Friday, 26 February 2021

Time*	Event
Noon–12.30 p.m.	<p><b>Welcome and opening remarks</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Jean-Paul Adam, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</p> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambassador Collen V. Kelapile, Vice-President, Economic and Social Council</li> <li>• Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, ECA</li> <li>• Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li> <li>• Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa</li> <li>• Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)</li> <li>• Beatrice Pacunega Manano, Chief of Economic Affairs, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa</li> <li>• Representative of the African Union Commission</li> </ul>

\* All times given are Brazzaville time (GMT+1).



12.30–1.15 p.m.	<p><b>Overview of the objectives of the workshop</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Nassim Oulmane, ECA</p> <p><b>Overview of voluntary national reviews and the high-level political forum on sustainable development</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Tonya Vaturi, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p>
1.15–2.30 p.m.	<p><b>Linkages between voluntary national reviews, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Charles Akol, ECA</p> <p><b>Statements from the following representatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gilson Gomes Pina, Cabo Verde</li> <li>• Ngomina Bramingar, Chad</li> <li>• [TBD], Egypt</li> <li>• [TBD], Madagascar</li> <li>• [TBD], Namibia</li> <li>• Ibrahim Issoufou, the Niger</li> </ul>
2.30–3 p.m.	Break
3–4.15 p.m.	<p><b>Accounting for shocks and disruptions in reporting – COVID-19 and how to reflect disruptions in voluntary national reviews</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Sara Tawfiq Hamouda, African Peer Review Mechanism</p> <p><b>Statements from the following representatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antonio Pombal, Angola</li> <li>• [TBD], Djibouti</li> <li>• [TBD], Sierra Leone</li> <li>• Belgacem Ayed, Tunisia</li> <li>• Simon Masanga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe</li> </ul>
4.15–5 p.m.	<p><b>Evidence-based voluntary national reviews</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Grace Chisamya, ECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zakari Lawal, Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Nigeria</li> <li>• Ian Goldman, CLEAR</li> <li>• Robert Ndamobissi, UNICEF</li> <li>• Marcel Akpovo, East Africa Regional Representative, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</li> </ul>

5–5.45 p.m.	<p><b>Preparing voluntary national reviews for submission to the high-level political forum on sustainable development</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Tonya Vaturi, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A session</b></p>
5.45–6 p.m.	<p><b>Day one wrap-up session</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> John Robert Sloan, ECA</p>

## Day two

**Saturday, 27 February 2021**

Time	Event
Noon–12.10 p.m.	<p><b>Welcoming remarks. Overview of voluntary local reviews</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Thokozile Ruzvidzo, ECA</p>
12.10–1.30 p.m.	<p><b>Regional voluntary local review guidelines</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Edlam Abera Yemeru, ECA</p> <p><b>African regional guidelines</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Lusungu Kayani-Stearns</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Anyang Nyong’o, Kisumu, Kenya</li> <li>• Carol Wright, Cape Town, South Africa</li> <li>• Pascal Byarugaba, Uganda National Sustainable Development Goals secretariat</li> <li>• Curt Garrigan, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>

1.30–2.45 p.m.	<p><b>Voluntary local review preparation processes and post-review actions: how voluntary local reviews can inform policies to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and how they can be used as a basis for future reviews</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Juliet Wasswa-Mugambwa, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa</p> <p><b>Statements from the following representatives of municipalities and districts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [TBD], Accra, Ghana</li> <li>• [TBD], Zimbabwe</li> <li>• Priscilla Margery Asio, Ngora District, Uganda</li> <li>• [TBD], Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe</li> <li>• Marie Solange Mbang, Yaoundé, Cameroon</li> </ul>
2.45–3.15 p.m.	Break
3.15–4.30 p.m.	<p><b>Linkages between voluntary national and local review processes</b></p> <p><b>Introductory remarks and presentation of global guidance for voluntary local reviews:</b> Amson Sibanda, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p><b>Presentation on voluntary national review–voluntary local review linkages:</b> Shipra Narang Suri, UN-Habitat</p> <p><b>Breakout session:</b> Five breakout groups will discuss linkage opportunities between voluntary national and local reviews.</p> <p><b>Reconvening session and sharing of key messages</b></p>
4.30–5.30 p.m.	<p><b>The next wave of voluntary local reviews: lessons going forward in 2021</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Shipra Narang Suri, UN-Habitat</p> <p><b>Discussion of the voluntary local review process by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angeles Arano, Buenos Aires, Argentina</li> <li>• Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</li> <li>• Brazzaville, Congo</li> <li>• Djibouti City, Djibouti</li> <li>• Hodh Ech Chergui, Mauritania</li> </ul>

5.30–6.30 p.m.	<p><b>Stakeholder town hall meeting on voluntary national and local reviews</b></p> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b> Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Kavita Desai, United Nations Foundation</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representative of Sierra Leone</li><li>• Judith Kaulem, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust</li><li>• Winstons W. Muhwezi, ACODE Uganda</li><li>• [TBD]</li></ul>
6.30–6.45 p.m.	<p><b>Closing of the workshop</b></p> <p><b>Remarks by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jean-Paul Adam, ECA</li><li>• Representative of the African Union</li><li>• Representative of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li><li>• [TBD]</li></ul>

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