



Economic Commission for Africa
Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Eighth session

Kigali (hybrid), 3–5 March 2022
Item 3(b) of the provisional agenda*

**Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and
programme of work**

Provisional programme of work

Tuesday, 1 March and Wednesday, 2 March 2022

Pre-events

- 8.30–9 a.m. **Registration**
- 9 a.m.–5.30 p.m. Africa Regional Collaborative Platform of the United Nations System
- Fourth Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum (Venue: Room MH1)
- Regional workshop on voluntary national reviews and voluntary subnational reviews (Venue: Room AD10)
- Preparatory and capacity-development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the African region for the eighth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (Venue: Room AD12)
- Other pre-events (see list at: www.uneca.org/?q=eighth-session-of-the-africa-regional-forum-on-sustainable-development/side-events)

Thursday, 3 March 2022

- 7–9.30 a.m. **Rapid COVID-19 testing and registration (Kigali Convention Centre)**
- 9.30–10.30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11 a.m.–12 p.m. **Opening of the session** (agenda item 1)
- Venue:** Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)
- Chair:** Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin, Congo, and Chair of

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the seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Arlette Soudan-Nonault

Master of ceremonies: Lerato Mbele

Statements:

Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin, Congo, and Chair of the seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, **Arlette Soudan-Nonault**

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ECA, **Vera Songwe**

President, Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, **Collen Kelapile**

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

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, **Amina Mohammed**

Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda, **Uzziel Ndagijimana**

Opening remarks and keynote address by the **President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame**

Group photo

12–12.15 p.m.

Ceremony for the signing by representatives of the Governments of the Congo and Rwanda of a memorandum of understanding on carbon pricing

12.15–1.30 p.m.

High-level panel on unlocking financing to build forward better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa (agenda item 2)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Representative of the Government of Rwanda

Moderator: Lerato Mbele

Special message by a representative of young people: Christella Kwizera

Panellists:

- Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ECA, Vera Songwe
- President, Islamic Development Bank, Muhammad Sulaiman Al Jasser
- Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Special Adviser on Africa, Cristina Duarte
- Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda, Uzziel Ndagijimana
- President, African Export-Import Bank, Benedict Okey Oramah

- Chief Executive Officer, Adunni Organics, Olamide Gbadebo

General discussion

- 1.30–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- Side events (see the list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2022)
- 2.30–2.45 p.m. **Organizational matters** (agenda item 3)
- Venue:** Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)
- (a) Election of the Bureau**
- Chair:** Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum
- (b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**
- Chair:** Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum
- 2.45–3:30 p.m. **Highlights of progress at the regional and subregional levels in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in the context of the COVID-19 crisis** (agenda item 4)
- Venue:** Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)
- Chair:** Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum
- Presentations:**
- Key regional initiatives to build forward better from COVID-19 and achieve the goals of Agenda 2063 (representative, African Union Development Agency–New Partnership for Africa's Development)
- Highlights of regional and subregional level progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in a COVID-19 context (Director, Macroeconomic and Governance Division, ECA, Bartholomew Armah)
- Perspectives from the subregions:
- Representative of a regional economic community or another regional actor
 - Director General, National Planning Commission, Malawi, Thomas Chataghalala Munthali
- General discussion**
- 3.30–5 p.m. Break
- 5–6.30 p.m. **Plenary round-table panels on national and subnational actions and reviews to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa** (agenda item 6)
- (a) Voluntary national reviews and peer learning to strengthen country-level interventions**
- Venue:** Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)
- Chair:** Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA,
Hanan Morsy

Panellists:

- Chief Executive Officer, secretariat of the African Peer Review Mechanism, Eddy Maloka
- Minister of Planning and Development, Côte d'Ivoire, Nialé Kaba
- Deputy Minister for the Digital Economy and Innovation, Djibouti, Mariam Hamadou Ali
- Deputy Minister of Economic Management, Liberia, Augustus J. Flomo
- Lecturer in International relations, University of Namibia, Rosetta Nawases
- Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children, Najat Maalla M'jid

General discussion

6.30–8 p.m.

Cocktail

Friday, 4 March 2022

9–10.30 a.m.

Plenary round-table panel on boosting the generation and use of data and statistics to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa (agenda item 5)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya

Panellists:

- Director General, National Institute of Statistics, Rwanda, Yusuf Murangwa
- Statistician/Economist, National Agency for Statistics and Demography, Senegal, Meissa Ndour
- Secretary for Economic Planning and Development, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Malawi, Winford Masanjala
- Lecturer in statistics, Department of Statistics and Demography, National University of Lesotho, Relebohile Bulane
- Senior Partnerships Manager, Development Initiatives, Bernard Sabiti
- Commercial Director, Jospong ICT Group, Alex Osei Opere Nyanteh

General discussion

10.30–11 a.m.

Coffee break

11 a.m.–12.45 p.m. **Plenary round-table panels on national and subnational actions and reviews** (agenda item 6 continued)

(b) Voluntary subnational reviews and peer learning to bolster local action

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Director a.i., Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA, Edlam Abera Yemeru

Panellists:

- Minister of Local Government and Public Works, Zimbabwe, July Moyo
- Director of International Relations, Department of Human Settlements, South Africa, Monika Glinzler
- Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa, Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi
- Mayor of Kanifing Municipality, Gambia, Talib Ahmed Bensouda
- Representative of young people and representative of the national secretariat of the African Peer Review Mechanism, Namibia, Festus Hangula
- Director, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat, Raf Tuts
- Chief Housing Officer, Ministry of Local Government and Chieftainship, Lesotho, Kabelo Lethunya

General discussion

12.45–1.45 p.m. Lunch break

1.45–3.30 p.m. **Parallel meetings for an in-depth review of progress made and peer learning on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum** (agenda item 7)

(a) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of quality education

Venue: Room MH1

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Assistant Director General, Education Sector, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Stefania Giannini

Panellists:

- Minister of Education, Central African Republic, Aboubakar Moukadas Noure
- Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research, Libya
- Minister of Education Arts and Culture, Namibia, Ester Anna Nghipondoka

- Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Mauritius, Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun
- Senior Youth Adviser, Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission, Nicholas Ouma
- Resident Coordinator, Mauritius and Seychelles, Christine Umutoni
- Representative of young people, Cameroon, Blandine Angele Messa
- Director, Digital Transformation and Skills, Public Education Sector, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Alexa Joyce

(b) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of gender equality

Venue: Room MH4

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion, Rwanda, Mireille Batamuliza

Moderator: Representative to Ethiopia, the African Union and ECA, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Letty Chiwara

Opening remarks

- Director, Representation Office to the African Union and ECA, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Mabingué Ngom
- Director a.i., Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, Edlam Abera Yemeru

Presentation: Progress and challenges in the implementation of gender equality and women's empowerment commitments, towards a green, inclusive and resilient Africa poised to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 5

Presenters:

- Independent Consultant, Jacinta Muteshi
- Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, Mithika Mwenda

Panellists:

- Minister for Gender Affairs and the Protection of Women, Families and Children, Central African Republic, Marguerite Ramadan
- Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, Denise Brown

- Director a.i., Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, African Union Commission, Prudence Ngwenya
- Climate and gender justice expert, Mela Chiponda
- Special Envoy on Youth, African Union, Chido Mpemba

General discussion

(c) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of life below water

Venue: Room AD10

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Ismahane Elouafi

Moderator: Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA, Jean-Paul Adam

Panellists:

- Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission, Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko
- FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa and Representative to the African Union and ECA, Chimimba David Phiri
- Representative of young people and Chief Operating Officer, Ocean Hub Africa, Herland Cerveaux
- Acting Deputy Director of Environment, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, Mauritius, Doolaree Boodhun
- State Secretary for Business Promotion, Cabo Verde, Adalgisa Barbosa Vaz
- State Secretary for Planning, Equatorial Guinea, Bindang Ndong Okiri
- General Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Biodiversity, Guinea-Bissau, Lourenco Antonio Vaz
- National Director for Planning, Sao Tome and Principe, Helmut Neto Viegas Barreto
- Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA, Jean-Paul Adam
- Resident Coordinator, Ana Patricia Gracia
- Representative, African Union Development Agency, Bernice McLean
- Regional Programme Manager, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Peter Manyara

General discussion

(d) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of life on land

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for Africa, FAO, Abebe Haile-Gabriel

Presenter: Environmental Affairs Officer, ECA, Charles Akol

Panellists:

- Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco, Leila Benali
- Minister of Agriculture, Liberia, Jeanine Cooper
- Acting Director, Knowledge Management and Programme Evaluation, African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development, Martin Bwalya
- Head, West Africa Office, United Nations Environment Programme, Angele Luh-Sy
- Founder and Managing Director, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global, Divine Ntiokam
- Senior Programme Management Officer, secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Eric Tamale
- Founder and Managing Director, Ignite Investment, Meseret Warner

General discussion

(e) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of partnerships

Venue: Room AD12

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: Head, Economic Integration and Regional Cooperation, Economic Affairs Department, African Union Commission, Jean-Denis Gabikini

Presenter: Head, E-learning and Knowledge Management Division, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, ECA, Thierry Amoussougbo

Rapporteurs: African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, ECA

- Research Officer, Flávia Domingas Mendes Ba
- Programme Management Officer, Aminata Diop

Panellists:

- Senior Economist, Sustainable Development Goals Centre for Africa, Enock Nyorekwa Twinoburyo

- President, Gender and Governance Action Platform, Nathalie Pilhes
- Lead Researcher and Project Manager, Oxford University Economic Recovery Project, Oxford University, Brian O’Callaghan
- United Nations Resident Coordinator, Ghana, Charles Abani
- Director, Global Migration Data Analysis Centre, International Organization for Migration, Frank Laczko
- Senior Programme Management Officer, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, Talla Kebe
- Regional Coordinator, Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction, Adessou Kossivi
- Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Development Re-imagined, Hannah Ryder

General discussion

3.30–4 p.m.

Coffee break

4–5.15 p.m.

Plenary round-table panel on leveraging science, technology, innovation and digital transformation to build forward better from the COVID-19 crisis and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa (agenda item 8)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA, Jean-Paul Adam

Panellists:

- Representative, Ministry of Information and Communications Technology and Innovation, Rwanda
- Managing Director, Kenewendo Advisory, and former Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana, Bogolo J. Kenewendo
- Director, Multisectoral Office for Eastern Africa, United Nations Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Hubert Gijzen
- Deputy Director General, Technology Innovation, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa, Mmboneni Moufhe

5.15–6.45 p.m.

Plenary presentations and discussions on sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 9)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Team Leader and Strategic Planner, United Nations Development Coordination Office for Africa, Eskedar Nega

Statements:

- President, Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, Collen Kelapile
- Head, West Africa Office, United Nations Environment Programme, Angele Luh-Sy

Presentations:

- Joint secretariat of the Africa Regional Collaborative Platform (on the support provided by the Platform to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development)
- Major groups and other stakeholders

General discussion

Saturday, 5 March 2022

10–11.30 a.m.

Presentation of commitments and actions to accelerate delivery of sustainable development (agenda item 10)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: Resident Coordinator for Egypt, United Nations, Elena Panova

Presentations:

- Member States and partners
- President, Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, Collen Kelapile
- The road to the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
 - Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Patricia Espinosa
 - Minister for Planning and Economic Development, Egypt, Hala El-Said

11.30–12 p.m.

Coffee break

12–1 p.m.

Consideration and adoption of key messages and the Kigali Declaration (agenda item 11)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

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- 1–1.15 p.m. **Theme, dates and venue of the ninth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**
(agenda item 12)
Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum
- 1.15–1.30 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 13)
Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum
- 1.30–1.45 p.m. **Closing of the session** (agenda item 14)
Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH 2 and MH3)
Statements:
- Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA, Hanan Morsy
 - Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum
- 1.45–2.45 p.m. Lunch
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