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**Parallel meetings for an in-depth review of progress made,  
peer learning and acceleration actions regarding the sub-themes  
of the Regional Forum**

## Information and guidelines for the parallel meetings

### I. Date, time and venue

1. The parallel meetings will be held on Wednesday, 24 April 2024, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., in the parallel meeting rooms indicated in section V.

### II. Introduction

2. In the context of the theme of the tenth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”, each parallel meeting will have as its focus one of the following five sub-themes, which have been crafted around the five Sustainable Development Goals to be considered at the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development (Goals 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17):

- (a) No poverty;
- (b) Zero hunger;
- (c) Climate action;
- (d) Peace, justice and strong institutions;
- (e) Partnerships for the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.

3. As such, the parallel meetings will contribute to the achievement of the objectives set out in the Forum concept note (ECA/RFSD/2024/4/Rev.1) and those listed in section III.

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### III. Objectives

4. The objectives of the parallel meetings are as follows:
  - (a) To review in depth and facilitate peer learning on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, with a special emphasis on the selected sub-themes;
  - (b) To identify and explore innovative and ambitious actions to eradicate poverty, rescue the Sustainable Development Goals and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda alongside the second 10-year plan for the implementation of Agenda 2063;
  - (c) To identify, explore and agree on a set of key messages that offer policy options and other measures to promote the accelerated implementation of the two agendas, including by leveraging the Summit of the Future to create momentum in implementation.

### IV. Guidelines

5. The Chair of the Bureau will designate a member of the Bureau to chair each parallel meeting.
6. Representatives of United Nations entities and regional organizations that jointly led with the Economic Commission for Africa the preparation of the sub-theme background reports will be selected to moderate the discussions during parallel meetings.
7. Each parallel meeting discussion will be led by a panel comprising selected senior policymakers and experts in fields related to the sub-theme or persons who have an interest in those fields (see section V). The meeting will be informed by a presentation on the background report that will include indicative key messages on the sub-theme. Participants will discuss and reach a consensus on those key messages, which will inform the consolidated draft key messages to be adopted by Forum participants.
8. The Chair of each parallel meeting will:
  - (a) Outline the objectives of the parallel meeting (see section III) and introduce the moderator and the panellists;
  - (b) Yield to the moderator, who will guide the discussion among the panellists and the other participants;
  - (c) Close the round-table discussion.
9. The moderator will:
  - (a) Call upon a representative of the secretariat or an author of the background report on the sub-theme to give a presentation on the report that lasts for no longer than seven minutes, with emphasis on the progress made, implications, emerging opportunities and the action required to accelerate the recovery from the multiple crises and the implementation of the two agendas;
  - (b) Invite each panellist to speak for no longer than five minutes, focusing on one or more of the following questions:
    - (i) What progress has been made since the previous review of the selected Goal (1, 2, 13, 16 or 17) and the related goals of Agenda 2063, and what are the implications of the crises for the attainment of those goals?
    - (ii) What are the lessons learned, major gaps and challenges in the attainment of those goals?

(iii) What are the most urgent and impactful actions that Governments, the private sector and development partners can take to eradicate poverty and reinforce and accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the second ten-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063?

(iv) What should participants in the Summit of the Future adopt as priorities for Africa to eradicate poverty and to reinforce and accelerate the implementation of the two agendas?

(c) The moderator will also catalyse an interactive discussion among the panellists, with a focus on the above-mentioned questions, to identify concrete policy actions and measures to eradicate poverty and to reinforce and accelerate the implementation of the two agendas;

(d) The moderator will invite questions and other contributions from the floor and ensure that interventions are focused on the main questions listed above;

(e) At the end of the discussion, the moderator will provide a summary of the key policy messages, including recommendations made to enable members of the Economic Commission for Africa and its partners to eradicate poverty and to reinforce and accelerate the implementation of the two agendas;

(f) The moderator will yield to the Chair, who will conclude the meeting.

## V. Chairs, moderators, presenters and panellists of the parallel meetings

10. The Chair, moderator, presenter and panellists of the parallel meeting on the sub-theme of no poverty will be as follows:

**Venue:** United Nations Conference Centre, Banquet Hall

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Country Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund in Ethiopia, Aboubacar Kampo

**Presenter:** Chief, Social Policy Section, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA, Saurabh Sinha

**Panellists:**

- Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ghana, Dakoa Newman
- Secretary-General, Ministry of the Civil Service, Labour and Social Protection, Burkina Faso, Hamidou Sawadogo
- Director, Health and Humanitarian Affairs, African Union Commission, Julio Rakotonirina
- Resident Coordinator, United Republic of Tanzania, Zlatan Milišić
- President, Ethiopian Economics Association, Addis Ababa University, Tassew Woldehanna
- Executive Director, Sustainable Development Goals Kenya Forum, Florence Syevuo
- Young negotiator on agriculture, Botswana, Tsaone Mukwotsa

11. The Chair, moderator, presenter and panellists of the parallel meeting on the sub-theme of zero hunger will be as follows:

**Venue:** United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 3

**Chair:** Member of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Abebe Haile-Gabriel

**Presenter:** Economic Affairs Officer, Agriculture and Business Enabling Environment Section, Private Sector Development and Finance Division, ECA, Medhat El-Helepi

**Panellists:**

- Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia, Girma Amente
- Special Envoy for Food Systems, African Union, Ibrahim Mayaki
- Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission, Josefa Sacko *[to be confirmed]*
- Strategic Director, Skills, Systems and Synergies for Sustainable Development (4SD) Foundation, David Nabarro
- Director, African Union Global Office of the World Food Programme, and Representative to the African Union and ECA, Hameed Nuru
- Chief of Nutrition, United Nations Children's Fund in Ethiopia, Stanley Chitekwe
- Senior Coordinator, Office of the Director General, Food and Agriculture of the United Nations, Khaled Eltaweel
- President, Amaya, A.G., France, Mabrouk Aib
- Head of Agricultural and Environmental Strategy, Enda Tamweel, Tunisia, Kheireddine Kahia
- Resident Coordinator, Zambia, Beatrice Mutali

12. The Chair, moderator, presenter and panellists of the parallel meeting on the sub-theme of climate action will be as follows:

**Venue:** United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 4

**Chair:** Member of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Lidia Arthur Brito

**Presenters:**

- Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, Celeste Saulo
- Representative of the co-lead agencies for the sub-theme

**Panellists:**

- Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya, Soipan Tuya
- Minister of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment, Seychelles, and Chair, African Island States Climate Commission, Flavien Joubert

- Minister of the Environment and Renewable Energy, Algeria, Fazia Dahlab
- Minister of the Environment, Angola, Ana Paula Chantre Luna de Carvalho
- Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission, Josefa Sacko
- Assistant Secretary-General, and Director General, African Risk Capacity Group, Ibrahima Cheikh Diong
- High-level champion of climate action of the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Nigar Arpadarai
- Resident Coordinator, Cabo Verde, Patricia Fernandes de Souza

13. The Chair, moderator, presenter and panellists of the parallel meeting on the sub-theme of peace, justice and strong institutions will be as follows:

**Venue:** United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 5

**Chair:** Member of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Resident Coordinator, Senegal, Aminata Maiga

**Presenter:** Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Governance and Public Finance Section, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, ECA, Allan Mukungu

**Panellists:**

- Minister of Political and Public Affairs, Sierra Leone, Amara Kallon
- Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat, African Union, Eddy Maloka
- Member of the parliamentary committee for the Sustainable Development Goals, Uganda, Judith Peace Achan
- Deputy Regional Director, East Africa Regional Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Maymuchka Lauriston
- Executive Director, Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kebour Ghenna
- Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa, Chenai Mukumba
- Executive Director, Uganda National NGO Forum, Moses Isooba

14. The Chair, moderator, presenter and panellists of the parallel meeting on the sub-theme of partnerships for the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 will be as follows:

**Venue:** United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 6

**Chair:** Member of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa, International Organization for Migration, Othman Belbeisi

**Presenter:** Programme Management Officer, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, Utku Teksoz

**Panellists:**

- Minister of Solidarity, Social Integration and the Family, Morocco, Aawatif Hayar
  - Chair, Network of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Sustainable Development Goals, Benin, Carmen Gaba
  - Senior Adviser, Multilateral and Programme Country Partnerships, Partnerships and Innovation Department, World Food Programme, Chris Toe
  - Deputy Director, Development Policy and Finance, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Vishal Gujadhur
  - Secretary-General, Pan African Youth Union, Morocco, Wiisichong Bening Ahmed
  - Trustee, African Renaissance, Kenya, Caroline Kwamboka
  - Resident Coordinator, Egypt, Elena Panova
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