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**Preparatory regional workshop on  
voluntary national and local reviews:  
strengthening integration and reporting  
on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

Addis Ababa (hybrid), 22 April 2024

**Programme**

**United Nations Conference Centre  
Conference Room 3**

**Monday, 22 April**

<b>Time*</b>	<b>Event</b>
8.30–9 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9–9.30 a.m.	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Facilitator:</b> Acting Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Nassim Oulmane <b>Opening remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Director, Subregional Office for Eastern Africa, ECA, Mama Keita</li><li>• Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, Cristina Duarte</li><li>• Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Li Junhua (recorded message)</li><li>• Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, Dima Al Khatib (recorded message)</li></ul>

\* All times given are Addis Ababa time (UTC+3).



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, Dunstan Balaba</li> </ul>
9.30–9.45 a.m.	<p><b>Overview of the objectives of the preparatory workshop</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, John Sloan</p> <p><b>Progress in the first 10-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Policy Officer, African Union Commission, Charles Wangadya</p>
9.45–11.15 a.m.	<p><b>Voluntary national reviews to redouble efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Officer-in-Charge, Continental Governance Programmes, African Peer Review Mechanism, Sara Tawfik Hamouda</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Director of Planning and Rural Economy, Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Planning, Guinea, Hassane Diallo</li> <li>Deputy Director for Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063, Ministry of Public Service, Labor and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe, Sylocious Chaturuka</li> <li>Director General of Planning and Development, Ministry of the Economy, Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration, Congo, Franck Mampouya-M'bamba</li> <li>Chief, Development Planning Section, ECA, Bartholomew Armah</li> <li>Regional Policy Specialist on Integration, United Nations Volunteers, Jean de Dieu Sibomana</li> <li>Senior Economist, Ministry of Planning, Sierra Leone, Manso Saio Kargbo</li> </ul>
11.15–11.30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p><b>Data to unlock the relevance and accuracy of voluntary national reviews</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Director, African Centre for Statistics, Oliver Chinganya</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head, Sustainable Development Goals Secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, Albert Byamugisha</li> <li>Chairperson, National Bureau of Statistics, South Sudan, Augustino Mayai</li> <li>Advisor to the Presidency on Planning and Economic Diversification, Equatorial Guinea, Bindang Ndong Okiri</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of international cooperation and focal point for the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063, Chad, Adoumtogue Rubain</li> <li>• United Nations Resident Coordinator, Kenya, Stephen Jackson</li> <li>• Head of Vital Statistics, National Agency for Civil Registration, Senegal, Khadidjatou Thiam</li> </ul>
1–2 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
2–2.15 p.m.	<p><b>Setting the scene for voluntary local reviews</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief, Urbanization and Development Section, ECA, Atkeyelsh Persson</li> <li>• Chief, National Strategies and Capacity-Building Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Amson Sibanda</li> </ul>
2.15–3.30 p.m.	<p><b>From reporting to action: how action-oriented voluntary local reviews inform policies that further the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Coordinator, Sustainable Development Goal Localization Team, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Martino Miraglia</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Local Review Development Expert, Nakuru City, Kenya, George Wasonga</li> <li>• Head, UN-Habitat, Tunisia, Aida Robbana</li> <li>• Project Coordinator, Mwanza-Tampere Strengthening Cooperation Project, Mwanza City Council, United Republic of Tanzania, Amin Abdallah</li> <li>• Director General, National Planning Commission, Namibia, Obert Kandjoze</li> <li>• Executive Director, Youth Advocates Ghana, Emmanuel Ametepey</li> </ul>
3.30–4.45 p.m.	<p><b>Local-level reporting to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: how voluntary local reviews contribute to voluntary national reviews</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Chief, National Strategies and Capacity-Building Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Amson Sibanda</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager, Projects, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa, Nevana Srikiisoon</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit Manager, Waste Management, Rustenburg Municipality, South Africa, Julian Nkoana</li> <li>• Senior Planning Analyst, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana, Patience Ampomah</li> <li>• Regional Representative and Representative to the African Union, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Marcel Akpovo</li> <li>• Economics Adviser, United Nations Development Programme, South Africa Country Office, Rogers Dhliwayo</li> </ul>
4.45–5 p.m.	<p><b>Looking ahead to the Summit of the Future and closing</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, John Sloan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat, Oumar Sylla</li> <li>• Officer-in-Charge, Continental Governance Programmes, African Peer Review Mechanism, Sara Tawfik Hamouda</li> <li>• Director of Policy, Monitoring and Advocacy, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, Jean-Paul Adam</li> </ul>
5–5.15 p.m.	<p><b>Break</b></p>
5.15–6.45 p.m.	<p><b>Stakeholders’ town hall meeting: regional inputs to the Summit of the Future</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Senior Director for Sustainable Development Initiatives, United Nations Foundation, Julie Kofoed; and Director, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane</p> <p><b>Participating experts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head, Technical Unit, Mauritius, Ramakrishna Appadoo</li> <li>• Sustainable Development Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Tonya Vaturi</li> <li>• Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Namibia, and co-facilitator of the intergovernmental preparatory process of the Summit of the Future, Neville Melvin Gertze</li> <li>• Executive Director, Sustainable Development Goals Kenya Forum, Florence Syevuo</li> <li>• Next-Generation Fellow, United Nations Foundation, Anita Dywaba</li> <li>• Co-Chair, Africa Regional Mechanism for Major Groups and Other Stakeholders, Kofi Kankam</li> </ul>