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**High-level panel 3: Follow-up on the outcome documents  
of the Summit of the Future in the context of  
advancing sustainable, inclusive, science-based and  
evidence-based solutions to increase the pace and  
scale of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

## Information and guidelines for high-level panel 3

### I. Date, time and venue

1. The third high-level panel will be held on Thursday, 10 April 2025, from 9 to 10.30 a.m., in Rwenzori Hall A and B. Participants will discuss follow-up on the outcome documents of the Summit of the Future in the context of advancing sustainable, inclusive, science-based and evidence-based solutions to increase the pace and scale of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union.

### II. Introduction

2. The Secretary-General convened the Summit of the Future in September 2024 to accelerate the efforts of States to meet their existing international commitments, including the Sustainable Development Goals, and to take tangible steps to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities.

3. At the Summit, world leaders adopted the Pact for the Future, which incorporates the Global Digital Compact and the Declaration on Future Generations.

4. In the Pact, the States Members of the United Nations reaffirmed their commitment to the 2030 Agenda, including the political declaration agreed at the Sustainable Development Goals Summit of 2023. They also committed themselves to urgent and scaled-up action, policies and investments; to the closure of the Sustainable Development Goal financing gap; and to the expansion and strengthening of young people's participation in global decision-making.

5. The Pact includes a commitment from States Members of the United Nations to fully support and continue to strengthen the resident coordinator system. Moreover, world leaders agreed to take steps to deepen partnerships between the United Nations and other stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, national parliaments, local authorities and regional organizations. In the Pact, the Member States also decided to enhance the capabilities of the United Nations in innovation, data analytics, digital transformation, strategic foresight and behavioural science.

6. Accordingly, in the scaling up of efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, adherence to the commitments made in the Pact is of equal

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importance to investment in the areas in which the six transitions are needed: food systems; energy access and affordability; digital connectivity; education; jobs and social protection; and climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.<sup>1</sup> The eleventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development therefore offers a timely opportunity to explore and agree on specific measures to follow up on and implement the outcomes of the Summit of the Future, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.

### III. Objectives

7. The objectives of the panel discussion are:

(a) To raise awareness of the outcome documents of the Summit of the Future in the context of advancing African sustainable development priorities;

(b) To identify specific measures to be taken by Governments, entities of the United Nations system, private sector companies and other non-State actors to translate the outcome documents of the Summit into reality, including by driving job creation, boosting economic growth and accelerating implementation of the two agendas.

### IV. Guidelines

8. The Chair will outline the objectives of the high-level panel and introduce the moderator, presenter, panel members and discussants, all of whom are listed in section V.

9. The Chair will then hand over to the moderator.

10. The moderator will:

(a) Invite the presenter to deliver a presentation on the theme “From commitment to action: leveraging the Summit of the Future outcomes to accelerate the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063”;

(b) Invite the panellists, in groups of two as indicated in paragraph 12, to speak for no longer than three minutes each, in response to one or more of the questions listed in paragraph 11 or to questions from the floor;

(c) Following the statements from each group of panellists, foster a dialogue on the topics that were raised, by inviting questions and comments from the selected discussants and from the floor;

(d) At the end of the dialogue, invite the Regional Representative for East Africa and to the African Union of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Marcel Akpovo, to share reflections on the key messages arising from the presentation and dialogue during the high-level panel discussion;

(e) Hand over to the Chair, who will conclude the discussion.

11. During the discussion, the moderator will invite the panellists to address one or more of the following questions:

(a) What are the main commitments and calls for action from the Summit that are pertinent to African priorities for socioeconomic transformation, peace and security and overall sustainable development?

(b) What are the priority measures that Governments can and should take to give effect to the Pact for the Future and its annexes, with a view to driving job

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, “Six transitions: investment pathways to deliver the SDGs” (2023).

creation, boosting economic growth and accelerating implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063?

(c) What are the chief measures that the Regional Collaborative Platform for Africa, resident coordinator system and other United Nations entities should take to give effect to the Pact and its annexes, with a view to driving job creation, boosting economic growth and accelerating implementation of the two agendas?

(d) What measures should private sector companies, civil society organizations and young people take to give effect to the Pact and its annexes, with a view to driving job creation, boosting economic growth and accelerating implementation of the two agendas?

(e) How can African Governments strengthen their cooperation with the private sector and civil society to design sustainable, science-based solutions that meet the challenges outlined in the Pact and its annexes?

(f) Given the emphasis on intergenerational justice in the Declaration on Future Generations, how can the resident coordinator system support national Governments in the prioritization of policies that protect the interests of future generations?

(g) What partnerships and support are needed to enable the various stakeholders to give effect to the Pact and its annexes, with a view to driving job creation, boosting economic growth and accelerating implementation of the two agendas?

## V. Chair, moderator and panellists

12. The Chair, moderator, presenter, panellists and discussants will be as follows:

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Director, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, Economic Commission for Africa, Said Adejumobi

**Opening statement (pre-recorded video):** Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Guy Ryder

**Presentation (pre-recorded video):** Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs and Head, United Nations Youth Office, Felipe Paullier

**Panellists:**

- Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Namibia to the African Union, Addis Ababa, Rodney Sikopo
- Senior Technical Adviser and Head, National Sustainable Development Goals secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, Albert Byamugisha
- Resident Coordinator, Burundi, Violet Kakyomya
- President, Pan African Youth Union, Moumouni Dialla
- Director for Advocacy and External Engagement, East African Regional Office, World Vision, Ruth Koshal

**Discussant:**

- Director for Pact of the Future Implementation, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, Themba Kalua

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Regional Representative for East Africa and to the African Union, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Marcel Akpovo

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