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**High-level panel 4: Capitalizing on the Second World Summit for Social Development to advance the achievement of African priorities (poverty eradication; full employment and decent work for all; inclusivity and social integration, leaving no one behind; and full achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of Agenda 2063)**

## Information and guidelines for high-level panel 4

### I. Date, time and venue

1. The fourth high-level panel dialogue will be held on Thursday, 10 April 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Rwenzori Hall A and B. Participants will discuss capitalizing on the Second World Summit for Social Development to advance the achievement of African priorities: poverty eradication; full employment and decent work for all; inclusivity and social integration, leaving no one behind; and full achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union.

### II. Background and introduction

2. The eleventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development is well timed to serve as part of African regional preparations for the Second World Summit for Social Development, which will be convened in Doha from 4 to 6 November 2025. The Summit is intended to advance social development around the globe and provide renewed momentum for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It represents an opportunity to revitalize global efforts to address poverty and inequality, while fostering decent work and social inclusion. Participants in the Summit are expected to adopt a concise political declaration, in which social development will be the central theme, and to reinforce global commitment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through a focus on social development priorities.

3. The aims of the Summit are aligned with the objectives of the Forum. As such, the Forum offers a timely opportunity to explore, propose and agree on social development priorities for African countries that can drive progress towards poverty eradication; full employment and decent work for all; inclusivity and social integration, leaving no one behind; and full achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of Agenda 2063.

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### III. Objectives

4. The objectives of the panel discussion are:
  - (a) To advocate and mobilize the broad and effective participation of members of the Economic Commission for Africa and other stakeholders in the Second World Summit for Social Development;
  - (b) To agree on African priorities to contribute to the deliberations before and during the Summit and to its outcome document, in particular in respect of:
    - (i) Poverty eradication;
    - (ii) Full employment and decent work for all;
    - (iii) Inclusivity and social integration, leaving no one behind;
    - (iv) Full achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of Agenda 2063.

### IV. Guidelines

5. The Chair will outline the objectives of the high-level panel and introduce the moderator, special guests, panel members and discussants, all of whom are listed in section V.
6. The Chair will then invite **Xxxxx (title and name)** to deliver the opening statement.
7. Following the opening statement, the Chair will hand over to the moderator.
8. The moderator will:
  - (a) Invite **Xxxxx (title and name)** to deliver an address to set the tone and spark discussion on the Second World Summit for Social Development and its expected outcomes;
  - (b) Invite the panellists, in groups of three as indicated in paragraph 10, to speak for no longer than three minutes each, in response either to one or more of the questions listed in paragraph 9 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 **Xxxxx (title and name)** to share reflections on the key messages arising from the opening statement, presentations and dialogue during the high-level panel discussion;
  - (e) Hand over to the Chair, who will conclude the discussion.
9. During the discussion, the moderator will invite the panellists to address one or both of the following two questions:
  - (a) How can members of the Economic Commission for Africa and other stakeholders engage with and take advantage of the Second World Summit for Social Development to invigorate efforts at all levels to address African social development priorities and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and goals of Agenda 2063?
  - (b) What should participants in the Second World Summit for Social Development present as the African priorities for inclusion in the political declaration of the Summit with regard to the following:

- (i) Poverty eradication;
- (ii) Full employment and decent work for all;
- (iii) Inclusivity and social integration, leaving no one behind;
- (iv) Full achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of Agenda 2063?

## V. Chair, moderator and panellists

10. The Chair, moderator, guest speaker, panellists and discussants will be as follows:

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Opening statement:** XXXXX [to be determined]

**Moderator:** XXXXX

**Guest speaker:** XXXXX [to be determined]

**Panellists:**

### Dialogue group 1

- Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Morocco, Omar Hilale
- Deputy Executive Director, National Planning Commission, Namibia, Sylvester Mbangi

### Dialogue group 2

- XXXXX
- XXXXX
- XXXXX

**Discussants:**

- XXXXX
- XXXXX
- XXXXX

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** XXXXX [to be determined]