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**Regional preparatory workshop for African voluntary
national reviews and voluntary local reviews**

Kampala, 7 and 8 April 2025

Draft programme of work**Speke Resort and Convention Centre Munyonyo****Sheena Room****Monday, 7 April**

Time*	Event
9–9.30 a.m.	Registration
9.30–10 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks Facilitator: Director, Climate Change, Food Security and Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Cosmas Ochieng Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy• Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Li Junhua (recorded statement)• Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism, Marie Antoinette Rose Quatre (recorded statement)• Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Delivery, African Union Commission, Botho Kebabonye Bayendi• Mayor of Lusaka, Chilando Chitangala• Head, Sustainable Development Goal secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, Albert Byamugisha

* All times are East African Time (UTC+3).



10–10.15 a.m.	Overview of the objectives of the preparatory workshop Facilitator: Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, John Sloan
10.15–11.45 a.m.	Lessons from the 2025 voluntary national review process to date Facilitator: Senior Continental Governance Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism, Sara Tawfik Hamouda Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Economist, Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, Eswatini, Nonhlanhla Shongwe • Director, United Nations Agencies Department, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Sudan, Ibrahim Omda Tomas • Representative, Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on the Sustainable Development Goals, Yahaya Umar • Economist, National Planning Department, Ministry of Finance, National Planning and Trade, Seychelles, Shirin Pillay-Laporte • Acting Head, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division, African Union Commission, Charles Wangadya
11.45 a.m.–noon	Coffee break
Noon–1.30 p.m.	Statistical tools to assist in the voluntary national review process Facilitator: Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, Oyebanke Abejirin Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director, Uganda Bureau of Statistics, Chris Mukiza • Technician, National Directorate of Socioeconomic Studies, Ministry of Planning, Angola, Hamilton Fernando • Monitoring and Evaluation Expert, Office of Strategic Planning and Delivery, African Union Commission, Josephine Etima • Festus Odingo, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century Presentation of a planning and foresight toolkit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Assistant, African Peer Review Mechanism, Bernadette Yiga • Senior Continental Governance Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism, Sara Tawfik Hamouda
1.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break

2.30–4 p.m.	<p>South-South cooperation on voluntary national reviews</p> <p>Moderator: Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, John Sloan</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Coordinator, Mauritius and Seychelles, Lisa Singh • Director General for Coordination and Monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals, Benin, Anicet Camille Sevoh • Director, Directorate of Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Gambia, Ibrahima Kinteh • Principal Planning Analyst, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana, Daniel Amofa • Regional Representative, East Africa Regional Office and Representative to the African Union, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Marcel Akpovo
4–4.15 p.m.	<p>Review of day one</p> <p>Facilitator: Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, John Sloan</p>

Tuesday, 8 April

9–9.30 a.m.	<p>Welcome and introduction to voluntary local reviews</p> <p>Facilitator: Chief, Urbanization and Development Section, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA, Atkeyelsh Persson</p> <p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive Secretary, and Acting Director, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA, Aboubakri Diaw • Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, Cristina Duarte • Chief, National Strategies and Capacity-Building Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Amson Sibanda • Coordinator, Sustainable Development Goal Localization and Local Governments Team, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Martino Miraglia • Lead, Sustainable Development Unit, Directorate General for European and International Affairs and Sustainable Finance, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security, Italy, Mara Cossu • Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Sustainable Development Goal secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, Pascal Byarugaba
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9.30–10 a.m.	<p>Introduction to <i>SDG Localization Module 2: Planning for Change with the SDGs</i>¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Manager for Administration and Finance, United Cities and Local Governments Africa, Baraka Damas Marandu • Partnerships and Programme Manager, Sustainable Development Goal Localization and Local Governments Team, UN-Habitat, Claudia García Zaragoza
10–11 a.m.	<p>Sustainable Development Goal strategic planning cycle: from assessment to budgeting</p> <p>Presentation: Task Manager for Administration and Finance, United Cities and Local Governments Africa, Baraka Damas Marandu</p> <p>Presentation of a case study: Principal Planning Officer, Ministry for Local Government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, Ghana, Carl Quist</p> <p>Interactive exercise involving all attendees</p> <p>Facilitator: Associate Programme Manager, Sustainable Development Goal Localization and Local Governments Team, UN-Habitat, Pietro Ceppi</p>
11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15–11.30 a.m.	<p>Sustainable Development Goal strategic planning cycle: monitoring and evaluation</p> <p>Presentation: Partnerships and Programme Manager, Sustainable Development Goal Localization and Local Governments Team, UN-Habitat, Claudia García Zaragoza</p>
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Exhibition of displays on Sustainable Development Goal localization experiences</p> <p>Moderator: Chief, National Strategies and Capacity-Building Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Amson Sibanda</p> <p>Presentations from the following localities and organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lusaka • Dire Dawa, Ethiopia • Djibouti • Addis Ababa • Ministry of Internal Affairs, Tunisia • Nampula Province, Mozambique

¹ UN-Habitat and United Cities and Local Governments (Nairobi and Barcelona, Spain, 2024).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Association of Municipalities of Mozambique • Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal • Mutare, Zimbabwe • Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa • Zanzibar Planning Commission, United Republic of Tanzania • Eswatini • South African Local Government Association
1–1.15 p.m.	Reflections on the day’s voluntary local review events Facilitator: Social Affairs Officer, ECA, Lusungu Kayani
1.15–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30–4 p.m.	Engagement of young people to support voluntary local and national reviews Moderator: Executive Director, Youth Advocates Ghana, Emmanuel Ametepey Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Leaders Fellow, United Nations Population Fund Ghana, Bernadette Seyram Azah • Youth representative, Kenneth Wabuteya • President, Uganda Youth Coalition for the Sustainable Development Goals, Aminah Nassali • Youth Ambassador, Junior Enterprise of Florence and SECI Network Academy (Seci.na), Florence, Italy, Leonora Olivia Palacios Santos
4–5.30 p.m.	Joint town hall meeting for stakeholders Moderators: Senior Director for Sustainable Development Initiatives, United Nations Foundation, Julie Kofoed; and Director, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, ECA, Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and Advocacy Adviser (Africa), Voluntary Service Overseas, Kenya, Mwangi Waituru • Executive Director, Reality of Aid Africa Network, Vitalice Meja • District Planner, Sironko District Local Government, Uganda, Fred Wozisi • Regional Policy Specialist for Integration, United Nations Volunteers programme, Jean de Dieu Sibomana