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**Economic Commission for Africa**  
**Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**  
Twelfth session  
Addis Ababa (hybrid), 28–30 April 2026Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda\*  
**Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda  
and programme of work****Draft programme of work****Saturday, 25 April and Monday, 27 April****Impact labs, preliminary events, side events and other major  
meetings on the margins of the Forum****Saturday, 25 April**

8.30–9 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.–5.30 p.m.	Preliminary event 1
	Preliminary event 2
	Preliminary event 3
	Sustainable Development Goal impact labs

**Sunday, 26 April**

8.30–9 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.–5.30 p.m.	Preliminary event 4
	Preliminary event 5
	Preliminary event 6
	Sustainable Development Goal impact labs

**Monday, 27 April**

8.30–9 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.–5.30 p.m.	Preliminary event 7
	Preliminary event 8
	Preliminary event 9
	Preliminary event 10

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Preliminary event 11  
 Preliminary event 12  
 Sustainable Development Goal impact labs

## Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

### Wednesday, 28 April

- 8.30–9 a.m. Registration
- 9–10.30 a.m. **Opening of the session** (agenda item 1)  
**Venue:** Xxxxx  
**Chair:** Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Justine Lumumba Kasule  
**Master of ceremonies:** *[to be determined]*  
**Statements:**
- Minister of General Duties in the Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Justine Lumumba Kasule
  - Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Claver Gatete
  - President of the Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, Lok Bahadur Thapa *[to be confirmed]*
  - President of the African Development Bank, Sidi Ould Tah *[to be confirmed]*
  - Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mahamoud Ali Youssouf *[to be confirmed]*
  - President of the General Assembly, Annalena Baerbock *[to be confirmed]*
  - Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, or Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Mohammed *[to be confirmed]*
- Opening keynote address:** Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Abiy Ahmed *[to be confirmed]*
- 10.30–11 a.m. Group photo and coffee break
- 11–11.30 a.m. **Organizational matters** (agenda item 2)  
**(a) Election of the Bureau**  
**Venue:** Xxxxx  
**Chair:** Chair of the outgoing Bureau  
**(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**  
**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau
- 11.30 a.m.–1.30 p.m. **High-level panel 1: Scaling up transformative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The African We Want, of the African Union** (agenda item 3)

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** [*to be determined*]

**Presentation:** Highlights of the *Africa Sustainable Development Report, 2026*, with a focus on transformative and coordinated actions for the integrated and accelerated implementation of the two agendas, by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy

**Pannellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

1.30–2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

2.30–4 p.m.

**High-level panel 2: Unlocking finance for climate resilience and sustainable development in Africa: building on the outcomes of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development and the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** (agenda item 4)

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Guest speaker:** Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

4–4.30 p.m.

Coffee break

4.30–6 p.m.

**High-level panel 3: Achieving full employment and decent work for all, poverty reduction and social protection in Africa: taking forward the outcomes of the Second World Summit for Social Development** (agenda item 5)

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Guest speaker:** Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

6.30–8 p.m.

**Reception**

**Wednesday, 29 April**

9–10.30 a.m.

**Plenary round-table panel 1: Evidence-based voluntary national and local reviews to drive transformative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 6)**

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Guest speaker:** Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

10.30–11 a.m.

Coffee break

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

**Plenary round-table panel 2: Driving ambitious and integrated actions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063: leveraging the roles of the United Nations system, young people, the private sector, civil society and voluntarism (agenda item 7)**

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Guest speaker:** Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Representative of the United Nations
- Representative of young people
- Representative of the private sector
- Minister Xxxxx
- Minister Xxxxx

**General discussion****Reflection on key messages: Xxxxx**

12.30–1.30 p.m.

**Launch of initiative(s) to drive transformative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063** *[to be confirmed]*

1.30–2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

2.30–4.30 p.m.

**Parallel meetings to review in depth and showcase progress made and to facilitate peer-to-peer learning in connection with the sub-themes of the Forum** (agenda item 8)

- (a) Clean water and sanitation: assuring sustainable water availability and safe sanitation systems to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

Venue: Xxxxx

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Xxxxx

Presenter: Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion****Reflection on key messages: Xxxxx**

- (b) Affordable and clean energy**

Venue: Xxxxx

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Xxxxx

Presenter: Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

**(c) Industry, innovation and infrastructure**

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Presenter:** Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

**(d) Sustainable cities and communities**

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Presenter:** Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

**(e) Partnerships for the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Presenter:** Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

4.30–5.30 p.m.

**Parallel meetings to review in depth and showcase progress made and to facilitate peer-to-peer learning in connection with the sub-themes of the Forum (agenda item 8) (*continued*)**

**(f) Reports on the parallel meetings**

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Presenters:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Thursday, 30 April**

9–10.30 a.m.

**Plenary round-table panel 3: Harnessing science, innovation and frontier technologies to scale up transformative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 20263 (agenda item 9)**

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Presenter:**

**Panellists:**

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

10.30–11 a.m.

Coffee break

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Plenary round-table panel 4: Sustaining the gains made in relation to the 2030 Agenda: African perspectives on the post-2030 United Nations framework for sustainable development (agenda item 10)**

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Moderator:** Xxxxx

**Guest speaker:** Xxxxx

**Panellists:**

- Minister Xxxxx
- Minister Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

**General discussion**

**Reflection on key messages:** Xxxxx

1–2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

2.30–3.30 p.m.

**Consideration and adoption of key messages and the declaration on the theme of the Forum** (agenda item 11)

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Presenter:** Rapporteur of the Bureau

3.30–3.45 p.m.

**Theme, dates and venue of the thirteenth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development** (agenda item 12)

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

3.45–4 p.m.

**Other matters** (agenda item 13)

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

4–4.30 p.m.

**Closing of the session** (agenda item 14)

**Venue:** Xxxxx

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

**Statements:**

- Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy
- Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim and Country Representative for the United Nations Children’s Fund, Ethiopia, Aboubacar Kampo
- Chair of the Bureau