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Plenary high-level round-table panel 4: Sustaining the gains made in relation to the 2030 Agenda: African considerations on shaping the post-2030 United Nations framework for sustainable development

Information and guidelines for high-level round-table panel 4

I. Date, time and venue

1. The fourth plenary high-level round-table panel will be held on Thursday, 30 April 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Plenary Hall. The focus of the panel will be on mechanisms for the participation of Africa in and initial considerations on advancing sustainable development by 2030 and beyond.

II. Introduction

2. The process of reviewing the Sustainable Development Goals and shaping the global development agenda beyond 2030 was formally initiated with the adoption in 2024 of the Pact for the Future¹ at the Summit of the Future. Under the Pact, the high-level political forum on sustainable development, under the auspices of the General Assembly, is invited to consider in 2027 the ways in which sustainable development can be advanced by 2030 and beyond, placing long-term development at the core of future multilateral work. Accordingly, a structured timeline, leading to the adoption of a new global strategy commencing on 1 January 2031, has been established.

3. Africa played a decisive role in shaping the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which was adopted in September 2015 as a global framework for sustainable development for the period 2015–2030.

4. African influence was primarily channelled through the Common African Position on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which significantly shaped the negotiations on the Goals. Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union, which was adopted in January 2015, was the strategic foundation on which the continent formulated the priorities for its common position and for the global development agenda.

5. In Africa, the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 are considered to be well-aligned sustainable development frameworks. Agenda 2063 is implemented

* ECA/RFSD/2026/1/Rev.1.

¹ General Assembly resolution 79/1.



through sequential 10-year implementation plans. The second 10-year implementation plan² covers the period 2024–2033, which has been designated as the decade of acceleration.

6. Against that backdrop, this crucial high-level round-table panel has been designed for strategizing on the active participation of Africa in the review of sustainable development and its advancement by 2030 and beyond and for generating initial perspectives in that regard.

III. Objectives

7. The objectives of the panel discussion are:

(a) To consider and define effective processes and mechanisms for the active engagement of Africa in the review of sustainable development and its advancement by 2030 and beyond;

(b) To articulate the initial considerations of the continent, including African priorities, shaped by African developmental experiences, and aligned with the continent's long-term strategic vision, on the review of sustainable development and its advancement by 2030 and beyond.

IV. Guidelines

8. The Chair will outline the objectives of the round-table panel; introduce the moderator, guest speaker or presenter, panellists and discussants, all of whom are listed in section V; hand over to the moderator to conduct the panel discussion; and conclude the proceedings at the end of the panel discussion.

9. The moderator will first invite the guest speaker or presenter to make a scene-setting presentation on the review of sustainable development and its advancement by 2030 and beyond. The moderator will then invite the panellists to speak for no longer than three minutes each in response to one or more of the questions set out in paragraph 10 or to questions from the floor, before inviting questions and comments from selected discussants and from the floor on the topics that were raised by the panellists. At the end of the discussion, the moderator will reflect on the main messages that will have arisen and then hand over to the Chair, who will conclude the proceedings.

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

(a) On processes and mechanisms for engagement:

(i) How should Africa be organized for the optimal development, adoption and presentation of multi-stakeholder national and regional inputs into the review of sustainable development and its advancement by 2030, and into the post-2030 development agenda, and how can the reflection of those inputs in the review and the agenda be ensured?

(ii) What national and regional inputs must be prepared ahead of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit to be held in 2027?

(b) On the review and future of the Sustainable Development Goals, the priorities for the post-2030 agenda and their alignment with African national and regional priorities:

² African Union, *Decade of Accelerated Implementation: Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan, 2024–2033* (Addis Ababa, 2024).

- (i) How should progress on the Sustainable Development Goals be evaluated in the 2027 review and what lessons from past implementation should inform the post-2030 framework?
 - (ii) What are the markers of success in 2030, and how can that progress be safeguarded thereafter?
 - (iii) Which Sustainable Development Goals or targets require continuation, strengthening or restructuring, on the basis of gaps identified prior to 2030?
 - (iv) Which coordination, follow-up and review mechanisms of the United Nations, the African Union, regional economic communities, States and other stakeholders have shown the most promise and how can they be scaled up after 2030?
 - (v) What emerging challenges at the global, regional, national and local levels should be included as core priorities in a new development agenda?
 - (vi) How can we ensure that success in the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 by 2030 becomes the foundation for the post-2030 global sustainable development framework?
 - (vii) How can the post-2030 development framework reflect the long-term visions of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 and build on their implementation plans, in order to address the priorities of Africa beyond 2030?
 - (viii) In shaping a post-2030 development framework, what lessons can be learned from the development and implementation of the 2030 Agenda alongside Agenda 2063 and its first two 10-year implementation plans?
 - (ix) How can long-term and future-oriented issues, including intergenerational equity and risk preparedness, be best integrated into the next framework?
 - (x) How can the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development be optimally integrated and addressed in a balanced manner in the post-2030 agenda?
- (c) On governance and multilateralism, what global governance reforms are necessary to ensuring a more effective, representative and resilient multilateral system that can sustain development beyond 2030?
- (d) On financing for development:
- (i) What changes are needed in the international and continental financial architecture to ensure adequate, equitable and long-term financing for sustainable development after 2030?
 - (ii) How can financing mechanisms better support countries facing debt stress, inequality and climate vulnerabilities?
- (e) On inclusivity and future generations:
- (i) How can women, young people, persons with disabilities, older people, the private sector, civil society, other stakeholders and, where applicable, future generations be meaningfully engaged in the design, decision-making, implementation, follow-up and review processes for the post-2030 agenda?
 - (ii) What mechanisms should be established to ensure that long-term effects on future generations are assessed in global, regional, national and local development processes and decisions?

V. Chair, moderator and panellists

11. The Chair, moderator, guest speaker or presenter, panellists and discussants will be as follows:

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]

Guest speaker or presenter: [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]

Panellists:

- Minister [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]
- Minister [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]
- Representative of the United Nations [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]
- Representative of the African Union [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]
- Representative of the African Development Bank [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]
- Representative of development partners [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]
- Representative of young people or civil society [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]
- Representative of the private sector [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: moderator or other selected speaker [position], [organization], [name] [to be determined]
