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**Regional preparatory workshop for African voluntary
 national reviews and voluntary local reviews**
 Addis Ababa, 27 April 2026

Draft programme of work

United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa
Conference Room 4

Monday, 27 April

Time ¹	Event
8.30–9 a.m.	Registration
9–9.30 a.m.	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Facilitator: Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Development and Integrated Planning Section, Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Lusungu Kayani</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Oumar Sylla • Representative, African Union Commission • Director, Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi
9.30–11 a.m.	<p>Session 1: Utilizing 2026 voluntary national reviews to “rescue” the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Moderator: Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Development and Integrated Planning Section, Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division, ECA, Lusungu Kayani</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Algeria • Representative, Cameroon

¹ All times are East African Time (UTC+3).



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, voluntary national review country • Representative, voluntary national review country • Representative, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security, Italy
11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.– 12.45 p.m.	<p>Session 2: Leveraging both voluntary national and voluntary local reviews to support and scale up fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the second 10-year implementation plan² of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union</p> <p>Moderator: Senior Continental Governance Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism, Sara Hamouda</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Gabon • Representative, Malawi • Representative, voluntary national review country • Head, Division of Environment and Green Spaces, Directorate of Technical Services, government of Pikine, Senegal, and Programme Coordinator, Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa, Ndiaga Fall • Representative, South African Local Government Association
12.45–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3.30 p.m.	<p>Session 3: Enhancing national and local action</p> <p>Moderator: Coordinator, Sustainable Development Goal Localization and Local Governments Team, UN-Habitat, Martino Miraglia</p> <p>Presentation on lessons from the eighth Local and Regional Governments Forum, held on the margins of the 2025 high-level political forum on sustainable development, and from voluntary national reviews around the globe, by the Chief of the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Amson Sibanda</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Senegal • Representative, Tunisia • Representative, Mozambique • Representative, Ghana • Representative, National Association of Municipalities of Mozambique, Pedro Laice

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

3.30–3.45 p.m.	Coffee break
3.45–5.15 p.m.	<p>Session 4: Statistical tools to support the voluntary national and local review processes</p> <p>Moderator: Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Development and Integrated Planning Section, Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division, ECA, Oyebanke Abejirin</p> <p>Presentation on a framework for the measurement of South-South cooperation by Statistician of the Data Capability and Geospatial Knowledge Section, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, David Boko</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Democratic Republic of the Congo • Representative, voluntary national review country • Representative, voluntary national review country • Socioeconomic Planner, Lusaka City Council, Thebinu Kabanda • Representative, local government of Sejnane, Tunisia
5.15–5.30 p.m.	<p>Closing</p> <p>Director, Subregional Office for West Africa, ECA, Ngoné Diop</p>