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Overview.

This high-level pre-event convened during the 11th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) brought together representatives from the African Union Commission (AUC), the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Agenda 2063, UN Resident Coordinators, UN Country Teams (UNCTs), Regional Directors, and key development partners to focus on the domestication and acceleration of the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063 alongside the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The forum built on lessons from the First Ten-Year Plan (FTYIP), which revealed a 39% implementation rate, largely due to weak domestication and fragmented alignment with the SDGs. The STYIP presents an opportunity to reverse this trend through a more unified and actionable approach at country level.

The discussions focused on:

- Strengthening AU–UN collaboration through the RC system and RCP mechanisms.
- Leveraging Country Cooperation Frameworks (CFs) as vehicles for aligning national development plans with the STYIP and SDGs.
- Familiarizing UNCTs with domestication tools such as the STYIP Theory of Change, M&E Framework, and Core Indicator Handbook.
- Identifying concrete and time-bound actions for integrating STYIP into UNCT programming, implementation, and monitoring.

Session 1: Overview of Agenda 2063 Special Project – FTYIP Lessons, Opportunities, and Challenges – Presentation by Ms. Josephine Etima, TWG on Agenda 2063

This session opened with a presentation on the performance of the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan (FTYIP) of Agenda 2063. The evaluation revealed an overall implementation rate of 39%, with limited domestication and weak alignment with national plans and SDG processes.

Three discussants — the Resident Coordinator in Malawi, a representative from UNDP's Climate Hub, and the Uganda National Planning Authority — shared country-specific reflections on the challenges and opportunities related to integrating the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) into national development planning processes. Key themes included the need for enhanced coordination between Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030, the role of UNCTs and RCs in supporting integration, and the importance of inclusive, multi-stakeholder engagement.

The session concluded with a moderated discussion and participant reflections, which reaffirmed the critical role of the RC system and UNCTs in operationalizing the "Two Agendas, One Plan" at the country level.

Key Recommendations

1. Align CFs and national development plans with Agenda 2063 and the SDGs by integrating STYIP objectives, Moonshots, and indicators into the Cooperation Framework planning cycles.
2. Deploy STYIP domestication tools to guide structured integration, including the use of the Theory of Change and Core Indicator Handbook in national programming and results frameworks.
3. Leverage the RC system to lead joint planning efforts that harmonize implementation support from both the AU and the UN at the country level, especially in CF-revision countries.
4. Facilitate whole-of-society approaches by ensuring meaningful participation of youth, civil society, academia, private sector, and local actors in the STYIP domestication process.
5. Enhance coordination between OIBCs and UNCTs to provide technical support for translating STYIP Moonshots into national action plans, with regular feedback loops and lessons-sharing platforms.
6. Leverage the convening power of Resident Coordinators to lead and coordinate resource mobilization efforts across both Agendas, including joint donor engagements and alignment with regional financing instruments.

Session 2 Overview: Introduction to the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) & Domestication: Tools and Strategies - Presentation by TWG on Agenda 2063 — Josephine Etima, Frederick Mugisha, and Josephine Marealle-Ulimwengu.

This session introduced the core content and operational tools of the STYIP, including its strategic objectives, seven Moonshots, and domestication toolkit. Presenters from the Agenda 2063 Technical Working Group outlined key planning instruments—such as the Theory of Change, Core Indicator Handbook, and M&E Framework—that support adaptation of STYIP at national and sub-national levels.

Discussants—including representatives from RCO Uganda, UNICEF, UNFPA, and UNCTs—provided practical perspectives on how UNCTs can integrate the STYIP into UN Cooperation Frameworks (CFs), and align it with national development plans and SDG commitments. The session emphasized harmonized planning, data-driven monitoring, and inter-agency coordination as essential to advancing both Agendas.

Through dynamic discussion, the session reinforced the role of the RC system in ensuring tools are applied consistently and domestication is demand-driven, nationally owned, inclusive, and results-oriented.

Key Recommendations

1. Conduct national-level technical workshops to train UNCTs, planning ministries, and M&E officers on using STYIP tools—including the Theory of Change and Core Indicator Handbook—for planning, implementation, and reporting.
2. Incorporate STYIP Moonshots and indicators into CF outcome statements and results frameworks to ensure clear alignment between UN programming and continental development priorities.
3. Integrate STYIP indicators into UN Info and Joint Workplans to support unified reporting and performance tracking for both Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030.
4. Facilitate strategic engagement with the private sector to co-invest in STYIP Moonshots and SDG-aligned national priorities through structured public-private dialogues.
5. Enhance the statistical capacity of national institutions to collect and analyze disaggregated data that supports integrated reporting on Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030.
6. Promote inter-agency collaboration within UNCTs and with the RCP to coordinate technical support, share best practices, and ensure coherent STYIP domestication across countries.

The closing session featured reflections from the ECA, AUC and UNDP Directors, and a representative of the UN Resident Coordinators. The speakers underscored the importance of building on the momentum from the pre-event to accelerate integrated implementation of the STYIP and Agenda 2030 across Africa. They emphasized the need to translate the technical tools and strategic guidance discussed into concrete country-level actions, particularly through CFs and national development planning.

The session also highlighted the critical role of the RC system in convening partners, aligning financing, and leading the domestication process. As a follow-up to this event, it was announced that a dedicated webinar will be organized for all Resident Coordinators to deepen understanding of the STYIP domestication tools, share country experiences, and clarify expectations for joint AU–UN engagement under the “Two Agendas, One Plan” approach. The session concluded with a call to sustain the spirit of collaboration and move from dialogue to action.

Annex 1: Matrix of Concrete Actions Agenda 2063 STYIP and Agenda 2030 Integration.

Focus Area	Concrete Action	Responsible Parties
Enhance coordination, collaboration, and partnerships on A63 and A30	Convene TWG–RCP/UNCT and RCP-UNCT coordination meetings at regional and country levels to align technical support and policy priorities.	TWG, DCO, RCP
	Facilitate structured dialogues with the private sector and civil society to strengthen multistakeholder partnerships.	TWG, DCO, UNCTs
	Develop joint operational guidance for AU–UNCT collaboration under the 'Two Agendas, One Plan' approach.	TWG, DCO
Commitments for implementation support of the two Agendas	Deploy joint technical missions to support STYIP-SDG alignment in 15 countries revising CFs in 2025-2026.	TWG, DCO, UNCTs
	Develop and disseminate country-specific STYIP integration briefs.	TWG, DCO
	Coordinate donor roundtables to support integrated implementation of CFs and national plans.	UNCTs
	Facilitate capacity-building sessions for national institutions on Agenda alignment and delivery.	TWG, UNCTs
Strategies for supporting the domestication & implementation of STYIP at country level	Conduct national technical workshops on STYIP domestication tools.	TWG, UNCTs
	Support UNCTs and planning authorities to integrate STYIP Moonshots and strategic objectives into development plans.	UNCTs, TWG
Strategies for incorporating the two Agendas into CAs/CFs of UNCTs	Revise CF outcomes and results matrices to include STYIP Moonshots and integrated indicators.	UNCTs, DCO
	Align CF Theory of Change with the STYIP framework.	UNCTs, DCO
	Support alignment workshops with national stakeholders during CF preparation.	UNCTs, DCO, TWG
	Integrate domestication guidance into CF planning manuals and training curricula.	DCO, TWG
Ways of enhancing harmonized monitoring & reporting	Incorporate STYIP indicators into UN Info and CF reporting frameworks.	UNCTs, DCO
	Train national statistical systems and UNCTs on STYIP monitoring tools and indicators.	TWG, UNCTs
	Facilitate harmonized AU–UN reporting using shared dashboards and aligned workplan templates.	TWG, DCO