

Presentations and discussions on transformative pathways and ambitious actions for accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

(a) Transformational initiatives by the United Nations development system to reinforce the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

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OPPORTUNITY/ISSUE-BASED COALITIONS (OIBCs) AND TASKFORCES

CO-CONVENERS

	OIBC 1 – Strengthened Integrated Data and Statistical Systems for Sustainable Development and The Africa We Want	ECA, UNFPA, UN Women
	OIBC 2 – Ensuring effective and efficient macroeconomic management and accelerated inclusive, economic transformation and diversification	ECA, UNCTAD, ITC, UNDP
	OIBC 3 – Innovation, Digitalization, Youth, and Transforming Education	UNDP, ILO, UNESCO, UNFPA, ITU, UN HABITAT, UN Women, WHO
	OIBC 4 – Fostering Climate Action, Resilience and Food Systems	FAO, UNDP, UNEP, ECA
	OIBC 5 – Towards Peace, Security, Respect of Human Rights, and Forced displacement	OHCHR, UNODC, UNDP, UNHCR, UN Women
	OIBC 6 – Subregional Initiatives and Strategies (<i>cross-cutting</i>)	SRSGs/SEs
	Taskforce on Recommendation #2: Africa Regional Knowledge Management Hub	ILO & ECA
	Taskforce on Recommendation #3: Enhancing transparency and RBM at the regional level	UNFPA & ECA
	Taskforce on Recommendation #5: Regional Efficiencies	UNAIDS & WFP

2023 Contributions of the UN regional development system to accelerating the SDGs and Agenda 2063 (I)



Food Systems



- Deployment of targeted support to integrate **Food Systems Pathways** into the CFs and national policies in six countries: DRC, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe, which ensured that food systems transformation is nationally prioritized;
- Collaboration with IGAD's Food Security and Nutrition Working Group to improve **food security analysis and early warning systems**, advocating for a cohesive regional approach in promoting food systems thinking.

Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss & Pollution



- Facilitation of capacity-building of young **African female negotiators** in climate talks, enhancing the diversity of the Africa Group of Negotiators at COP-28 to shape resilient and inclusive climate policies.
- Support to São Tomé and Príncipe in mobilising **green finance instruments**, as well as to Mozambique by assisting with debt-for-climate swaps and financing for Loss and Damages;
- Support to The **Africa Group of Negotiators** in formulating a common Africa position at COP-28.

Energy Access and Affordability



Contribution to Mauritius in expanding access to **affordable renewable energy**. This initiative helped advance Mauritius's goal of reaching 60% renewable energy by 2030, with a feasibility study for offshore wind energy that informed cabinet policy development by identifying two viable sites for wind farms.



2023 Contributions of the UN regional development system to accelerating the SDGs and Agenda 2063 (II)



Digital Connectivity



- Support the organization of **African Girls Coding Camps** in Niger and Mozambique to empower thousands of young women and girls with critical digital skills that enable technological innovation and leadership;
- Deployment of the UN Innovation and Technology Accelerator for Cities (UNITAC) Initiative in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa to introduce **new technologies for urban planning**, e.g., satellite photos for detecting buildings within informal settlements in view of their systematic upgrading.

Education



- Follow-up on outcomes of the **Transforming Education Summit** by supporting the UN Country Team in Zambia in accompanying the government to implement policies for free primary and secondary education to increase educational access, as well as conducting a comprehensive curriculum review.
- Public-private partnerships under the Giga Initiative enabled **internet connectivity** for 2,510 schools in seven countries: Kenya, Botswana, Sao Tome and Principe, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Niger, with advanced technologies (satellite imagery analysis, AI), enhancing educational access for over 1.39 million students.

Jobs and Social Protection



- Supported the African Union Agenda 2063 through policy advise to 5 countries: Mozambique, South Sudan, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, and CAR, in **formulating and validating national AfCFTA** strategies, bringing the total to 47 countries by 2023 to achieve the world's largest free trade area.
- Support the **Economists in the UN Resident Coordinators Offices** through capacity-building to provide them with the necessary tools to support Member States.



UN regional development system support to Member States through the UN Resident Coordinator System

The Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) guides the entire planning and implementation process of the UN development activities at country level, including monitoring, reporting and evaluation of collective UN support for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want.

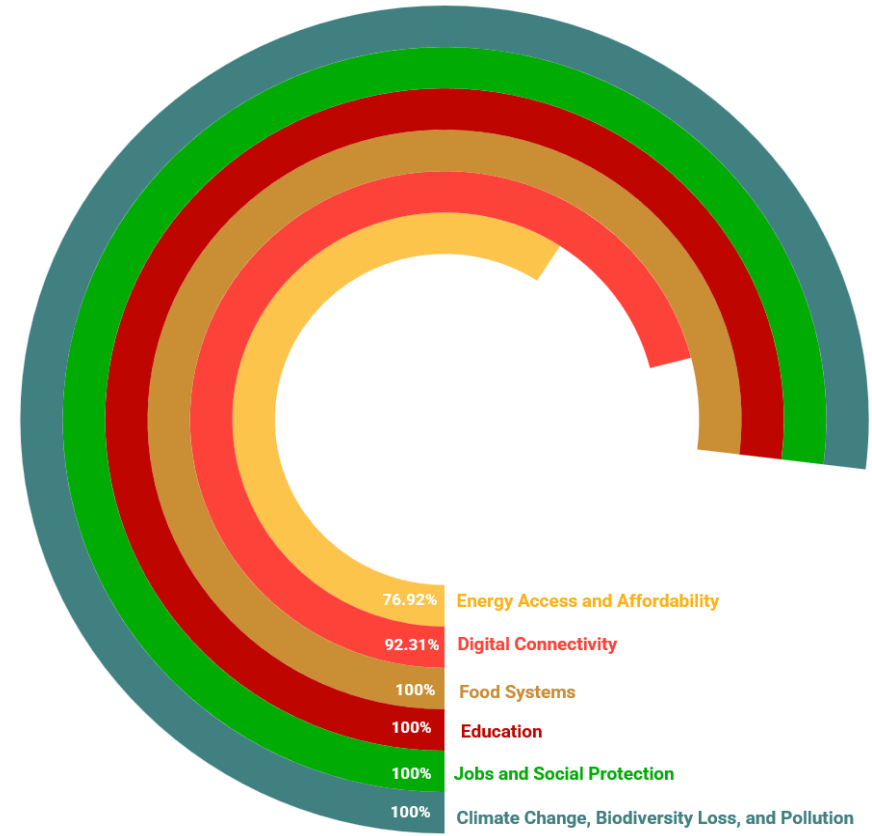
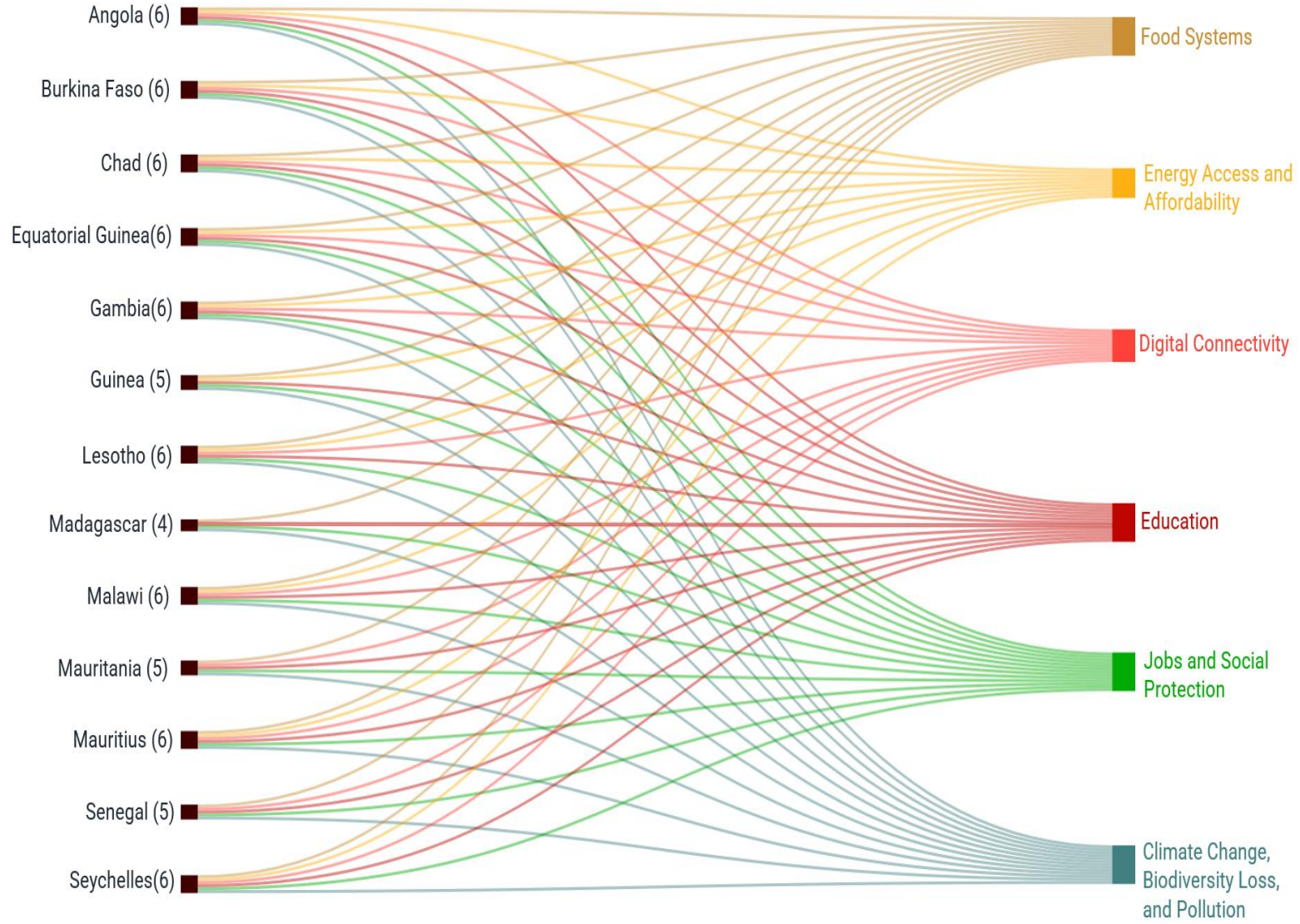
2023 Cooperation Frameworks (13): Angola, Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea, Eq. Guinea, The Gambia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Senegal, Seychelles

2024 Cooperation Frameworks (8): DR Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Mali, Namibia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sudan*

2025 Cooperation Frameworks (13): Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ghana, Liberia, Libya, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda



Alignment of 2023 Cooperation Frameworks with the six key transitions



Progress on regional knowledge management and data for the SDGs



Africa UN Knowledge Management
Hub



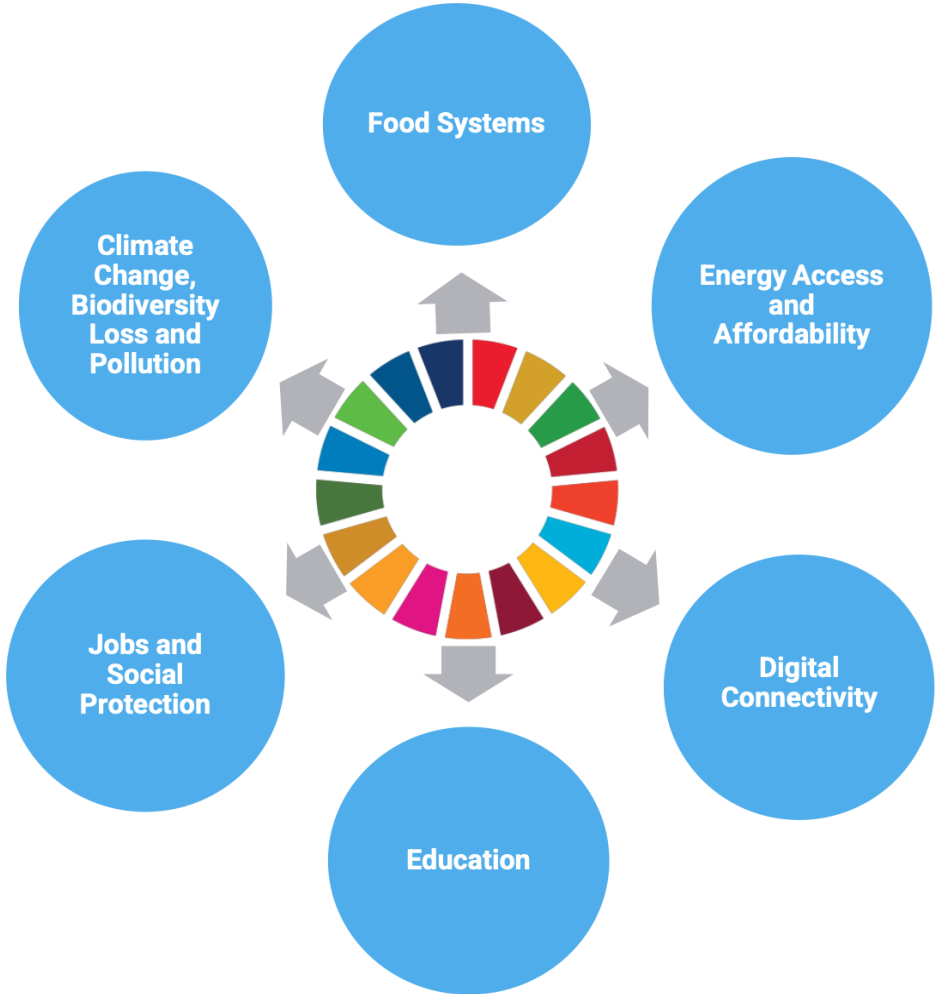
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Africa Knowledge Management Hub

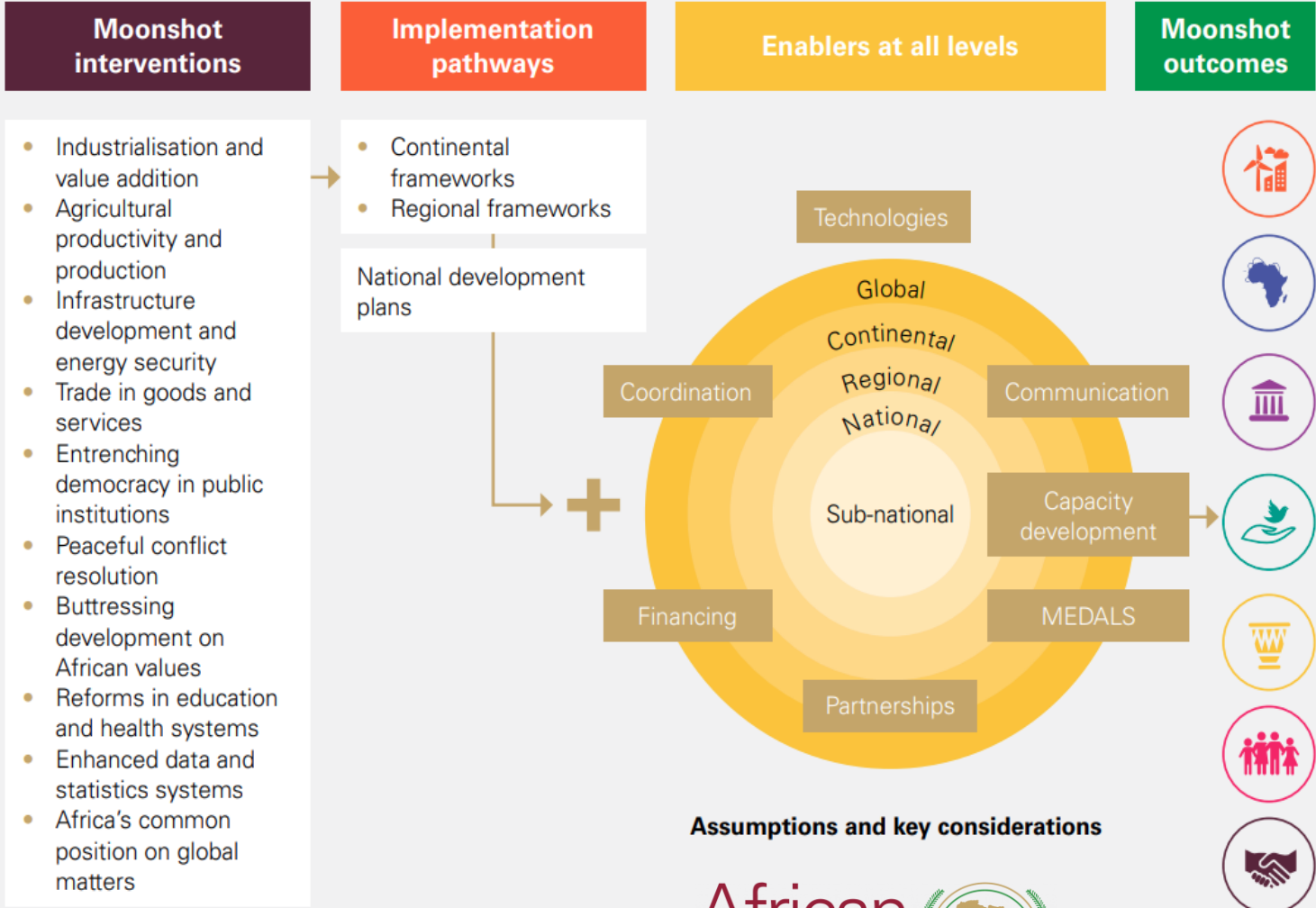
Launch and operationalization of the Africa Knowledge Management Hub (AKMH) and Expertise Repository during the 2023 Africa RCP Retreat in Nairobi, September 2023.



Aligning accelerators of Agendas 2030 and 2063



Theory of Change for the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063



Assumptions and key considerations



Key messages and Priorities of the UN regional development system in 2024



Increased focus on **four priority areas** to achieve high-impact across all transitions around (i) Jobs and Social Protection, (ii) Energy Access and Affordability, (iii) Digital connectivity, and (iv) Education.

Human dignity and human agency, solidarity, and a new generation of leadership should be at the center of the Summit of the future and the work of the development system. Investing in solidarity and preserving human dignity is essential for sustainable development.

Strengthening **strategic partnership and coordination** between the UN development system and the African Union on the AU theme of the Year “Education”.

Amplifying **Africa’s voice** in the Summit of the Future.





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