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Preparatory regional workshop on voluntary national and local reviews: strengthening integration and reporting on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

Addis Ababa (hybrid), 22 April 2024

Programme

United Nations Conference Centre Conference Room 3

Monday, 22 April

Time*	Event
8.30–9 a.m.	Registration
9–9.30 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks
	Facilitator: Acting Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Nassim Oulmane
	Opening remarks:
	• Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete
	• Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, Cristina Duarte
	• Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Li Junhua (recorded message)
	• Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, Dima Al Khatib (recorded message)
	• Minister [country], [name]

^{*} All times given are Addis Ababa time (UTC+3).



9.30–9.45 a.m.	Overview of the objectives of the preparatory workshop
	Facilitator: Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, John Sloan
	Progress in the first 10-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union
	Presenter: [title], African Union Commission, Charles Wangadya
9.45–11.15 a.m.	Voluntary national reviews to redouble efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063
	Facilitator: Officer-in-Charge, Continental Governance Programmes, African Peer Review Mechanism, Sara Tawfik Hamouda
	Panellists:
	Director of Planning, Guinea, Hassane Diallo
	 Deputy Director for SDGs and Agenda 2063, Zimbabwe, Chaturuka Sylocious
	• Director General of Development and Planning, Congo, Franck Mampouya-M'bamba
	Chief of Development Planning Section, ECA, Bartholomew Armah
	 Regional Policy Specialist on Integration, United Nations Volunteers, Jean de Dieu Sibomana
11.15–11.30 a.m.	Break
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Data to unlock the relevance and accuracy of voluntary national reviews
	Facilitator: Director, African Centre for Statistics, Oliver Chinganya
	Panellists:
	 Head of the Sustainable Development Goals Secretariat, Uganda, Dr. Albert Byamugisha
	 Chairperson, South Sudan Bureau of Statistics, Augustino Mayai
	• Director of international cooperation and focal point for SDGs and Agenda 2063, Chad, Adoumtogue Rubain
	 Advisor to the Presidency on Planning and Economic Diversification, Equatorial Guinea, Bindang Ndong Okiri
	• [title], [resident coordinator office/United Nations country team from VNR country], [name]
	 Head of Vital Statistics, Senegal National Agency for Civil Registration, Khadidjatou Thiam

1–2 p.m.	Lunch
2–2.15 p.m.	Setting the scene for voluntary local reviews
	 Chief, Urbanization and Development Section, ECA, Atkeyelsh Persson Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Amson Sibanda
2.15–3.30 p.m.	From reporting to action: how action-oriented voluntary local reviews inform policies that further the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
	Moderator: Coordinator, SDG Localization Team, Martino Miraglia, UN-Habitat
	Panellists:
	VLR Development Expert, Nakuru City, George Wasonga
	Head, UN-Habitat Tunisia, Aida Robbana
	Project Coordinator of Mwanza - Tampere Strengthening Cooperation Project, Mwanza City Council Amin Abdallah
	• Senior Special Adviser to the President on Industrialization, African Development Bank, Oyebanji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka
	• Executive Director, Youth Advocates Ghana, Emmanuel Ametepey
3.30–4.45 p.m.	Local-level reporting to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: how voluntary local reviews contribute to voluntary national reviews
	Moderator: Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Amson Sibanda
	Panellists:
	• Manager, Projects, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa, Nevana Srikissoon
	• Unit Manager, Waste Management, Rustenburg Local Municipality, South Africa, Julian Nkoana
	• Senior Planning Analyst, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana, Patience Ampomah
	• Regional Representative and Representative to the African Union, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Marcel Akpovo
	• Economics Advisor, United Nations Development Programme, South Africa Country Office, Rogers Dhilwayo

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4.45–5 p.m.	Looking ahead to the Summit of the Future and closing
	Facilitator: Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, John Sloan
	 Director, Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat, Oumar Sylla
	Officer-in-Charge, Continental Governance Programmes, African Peer Review Mechanism, Sara Tawfik Hamouda
	• Director, Policy, Monitoring and Advocacy, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, Jean-Paul Adam
5–5.15 p.m.	Break
5.15–6.45 p.m.	Stakeholders' town hall meeting: regional inputs to the Summit of the Future
	Moderators: Senior Director for Sustainable Development Initiatives, United Nations Foundation, Julie Kofoed; and Director, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane
	Participating experts:
	• [title], [VNR Country], [name]
	• Sustainable Development Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Tonya Vaturi
	• Representatives of Germany and Namibia, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental preparatory process of the Summit of the Future (to be confirmed)
	• Executive Director, SDGs Kenya Forum, Florence Syevuo
	• UN Foundation Next Generation Fellow, Anita Dywaba
	• Co-Chair, Africa Regional Mechanism for Major Groups and Other Stakeholders, Kofi Kankam

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