



Africa at the 2023 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development



The annual High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, or HLPF, provides a global venue to deliberate on the means to progress towards the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. African member States and civil society groups will be active at the forum, sharing the key successes, concerns, challenges and priorities from the region. Outcomes from the ninth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-9), held in March in Niamey, Niger, will feed directly into the Forum as well.

ECA partners with member states, stakeholders and other regional organizations from Africa are hosting

and co-hosting events during the Forum, to ensure that the region's priorities are clearly conveyed and made actionable on the global stage. Plenary events and VNR presentations are held at UN Headquarters in New York in room CR4, and can be viewed live on [UN Web TV](#), and connection details for other side-events and VNR labs can be found in the links below.

We look forward to welcoming you to the following events of note for Africa, as well as those to which ECA will contribute, which include:

Forum Plenary Sessions:

Session on African countries, LDCs and LLDCs – Thursday 13 July, 4:15-6pm

Plenary Session on “Regional Realities” – 9:15-10:45am, including presentations featuring outcomes ARFSD-9 by ECA Acting Executive Secretary Antonio Pedro, H.E. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa, Minister of Environment of Niger and chair of the ARFSD-9 Bureau and other ministers in the Bureau.

Presentations of Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of SDG progress:

Comoros and Zambia – Friday 14 July, 11am-1pm

Burkina Faso and Rwanda – Friday 14 July, 3-6pm

Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic – Monday 17 July, 3-6pm

Tanzania – Tuesday 18 July, 10:45am-1pm



Side-Events and VNR Labs:

Africa Day, focusing on the theme “Harnessing Water and Energy for Africa’s Sustainable Industrialization and Inclusive Economic Transformation” – Wednesday 19 July, 8:30-11:30am, virtual – participation of ECA Acting Executive Secretary Antonio Pedro, United Nations Special Adviser on Africa Cristina Duarte, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa Director Ahunna Eziakonwa, and Ministers of several countries from the region.

VNR Lab hosted by all Regional Commissions on “Innovations & Frontier Technologies in support of VNR preparation and SDG implementation”, featuring the case of Zambia – Monday 17 July, 1-2pm, Room CR11, [more info](#)

VNR Lab hosted by APRM, OSAA and ECA on “Bridging Gaps and Forging Partnerships to Enhance Reporting on SDGs in Africa” – Friday 14 July, 2-3pm, room CR11, [more info](#)

VNR Lab on integrating voluntary national and local reviews – Tuesday 11 July, 1-2pm, room CR11

Side-event on Uganda’s SDG Localization, co-hosted by Uganda, ECA, UN-Habitat – Tuesday 18 July, 10am-noon, Uganda House

Side-event on “Building urban resilience and responding to crises including through SDGs localization” – Friday 14 July, 6:30-8pm, CR11, Co-hosted by ECA

Side-event on “Advancing Regulatory Improvements to Accelerate Private Sector Investment in Electricity Access and Transition in Africa” – Tuesday 11 July, 8-9:30am, Conference Room A, co-hosted by ECA

Side-Event hosted by Africa Regional Mechanism for Major Groups and Other Stakeholders – Wednesday 12 July, 8-9:30am, Conference Room 12, with participation by ECA

Side-Event on “The role of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement in the possible achievement of the 2030 SDGs under review”, Thursday 13 July, 1:15-2:30pm, African Union Observer Mission

The full HLPF programme and further information, including for those attending in-person, can be found on the [Forum Website](#). Other plenary sessions will be held on the SDGs of Focus of this year’s Forum (6, 7, 9, 11 and 17), and at which the perspectives of Africa will be shared, including:

- Overcoming middle-income countries’ challenges in advancing the 2030 Agenda – 13 July, 3-4:15pm
- Transformation from the ground up: acting at the local level – 11 July, 3-4:15pm
- Small island developing states: from recovery to resilience in the face of multiple shocks – 11 July, 4:15-6pm
- Overcoming the crises, driving transformation for the SDGs, and leaving no one behind (townhall) – 10 July, 11am-1pm