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Brazzaville (hybrid), 1–4 March 2021

Item 3(b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and programme of work**Draft programme of work****Thursday, 25 February and Friday, 26 February 2021****Pre-events**

8.30 –9 a.m.

Registration

9 a.m.–5.30 p.m.

Third Forum on Science Technology and Innovation in Africa

Regional workshop on voluntary national reviews: strengthening the voluntary, integrated national review of and reporting on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want.

Regional workshop on voluntary local reviews: bolstering local action for sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.

Preparatory and capacity-development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the African region for the seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.

Other pre-events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2021)**Monday, 1 March 2021**

9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Pre-events

9 a.m.–3.30 p.m.

Registration

3.30–4.45 p.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

Venue: xxxxxxxx

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Chair: Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum, Paul Mavima.

Moderator: Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA, Jean-Paul Adam

Special message by a representative of young people

Statements:

Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum, Paul Mavima

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Mohamed (tbc)

Chairperson of the African Union Commission (tbc)

Special statements by invited Head of States and Government (tbc)

Opening remarks and keynote address by the President of the Republic of the Congo (tbc)

3.45–4 p.m.

Break

4–5.30 p.m.

High-level panel on transformative action and investment to build forward better from the COVID-19 crisis towards a resilient and green Africa to achieve the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 2)

Venue: xxxxxxxxxx

Chair: Representative of the Government of the Congo

Moderator: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Special message by a representative of young people

Panellists:

- Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe
- African Union Commission
- Minister
- Minister
- Civil society/private-sector representative

General discussion

Tuesday, 2 March 2021

9.30–10. a.m.

Organizational matters (agenda item 3)

Venue: xxxxxxxxxxxx

(a) Election of the Bureau

Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

10–11 a.m.

Progress report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 and tackling the COVID-19 crisis at the regional and subregional levels (agenda item 4)

Venue: xxxxxxxxxxxx

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Presentations:

Highlights of the Africa sustainable development report 2021: progress, achievements and measures for a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and to scale up implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (by a representative of the Economic Commission for Africa)

Implementation of Agenda 2063 and regional approaches to COVID-19 recovery (by a representative of the African Union Commission)

Perspectives from the subregions (by representatives of the regional economic communities)

General discussion

11–11.15 a.m.

Break

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m.

Plenary round-table panels on strengthening implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 at the national and subnational levels: voluntary national and local reviews of progress made, tools, approaches, lessons learned and the way forward to accelerate implementation (agenda item 5):

(a) Voluntary national reviews and responding to the COVID-19 crisis: progress, tools, approaches, lessons learned and the way forward to accelerate implementation

Venue: xxxxxxxxxxxx

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: United Nations Resident Coordinator for Ethiopia

Panellists:

- Minister/member State representative (of a country that will undertake a voluntary national review in 2021)
- Minister/member State representative (of a country that undertook a voluntary national review in 2020 or earlier)
- Minister/member State representative (of a country that undertook a voluntary national review in 2020 or earlier)
- United Nations representative
- Civil society/private-sector representative

General discussion

1–2 p.m.

Lunch break

Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2021)

2.30–4 p.m.

Plenary round-table panels (agenda item 5 continued):

(b) Voluntary local reviews and responding to the COVID-19 crisis

Venue: xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: United Nations partner representative

Panellists:

- Minister responsible for local governance/devolution
- Mayor/local government representative
- Mayor/local government representative
- Mayor/local government representative
- United Nations representative
- Civil society/private-sector representative

General discussion

4–4.15 p.m.

Break

4.15–6 p.m.

Plenary round-table panel on meeting data and statistics needs for evidence-based, inclusive and sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and to achieve the goals of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development in Africa (agenda item 6)

Venue: xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Panellists:

- Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, and head of United

Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mami Mizutori

- Minister responsible for statistics
- Minister responsible for finance
- Minister responsible for information, science and technology/digital transformation
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector representative

General discussion

Wednesday, 3 March 2021

9–11 a.m.

Parallel meetings for an in-depth review of progress made and peer learning on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum: (agenda item 7):

(a) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of no poverty

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- Africa Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

(b) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of zero hunger

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

(c) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of good health and well-being

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

(d) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of decent work and economic growth

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

11–11.15 a.m.

Break

11.15 a.m.–1.15 p.m.

Parallel meetings for an in-depth review of progress made and peer learning on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum: (agenda item 7 cont.):

(e) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of reduced inequalities

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

(f) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of responsible consumption and production

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

(g) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of climate action

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, and head of United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mami Mizutori

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

(h) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of peace, justice and strong institutions

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

(i) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of partnerships

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

General discussion

2.30–4 p.m.

Plenary round-table panel on leveraging science, technology, innovation and digital transformation for a resilient and sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and to achieve the goals of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development in Africa: (agenda item 8)

Venue: xxxxxxxxx

Chair: Member of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum

Co-Chair: African Union Commission/regional economic community/United Nations representative representative

Panellists:

- Minister
- Minister
- United Nations representative
- African Union Commission/regional economic community representative
- Civil society/private-sector/youth representative

4–4.15 p.m.	Break
4.15–4.50 p.m.	<p>Presentations and discussions on sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 9):</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum</p> <p>(a) Perspectives of major groups and other stakeholders;</p> <p>General discussion</p>
4.50–6 p.m.	<p>(b) Regional collaborative platform and support delivery modalities of the United Nations development system</p> <p>Venue: xxxxxxxxxxxx</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by a representative of the United Nations development system • Sharing of perspectives by representatives of member States, regional economic communities and the African Union Commission <p>General discussion</p>

Thursday, 4 March 2021

9 a.m.–2.30 p.m.	<p>Forum on food security and resilience in Africa</p> <p>Refining and circulation of a summary report and the key messages of the seventh session of the Regional Forum by the secretariat under the guidance of the Bureau</p>
2.30–3.30 p.m.	<p>Consideration and adoption of key messages (agenda item 10)</p> <p>Venue: xxxxxxxxxxxx</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum</p>
3.30–3.45 p.m.	<p>Theme, dates and venue of the eighth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (agenda item 11)</p> <p>Venue: Plenary Hall</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum</p>
3.45–4 p.m.	<p>Other matters (agenda item 12)</p> <p>Venue: xxxxxxxxxxxx</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum</p>
4 p.m.	<p>Closing of the session (agenda item 13)</p> <p>Venue: Plenary Hall</p> <p>Statements:</p>

- Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe (or her representative)
 - Chair of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Regional Forum
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