

**Regional preparatory workshop for
African voluntary national reviews and voluntary
local reviews: strengthening integration and reporting
on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

Brazzaville (online), 26 and 27 February 2021

Programme

Day one

Friday, 26 February 2021

Time*	Event
Noon–12.30 p.m.	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Facilitator: Jean-Paul Adam, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Collen V. Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the UN and Vice-President, Economic and Social Council • Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Executive Secretary of ECA • Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs • Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa • Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) • Beatrice Pacunega Manano, Chief of Economic Affairs, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

* All times given are Brazzaville time (GMT+1).



12.30–1.15 p.m.	<p>Overview of the objectives of the workshop</p> <p>Presenter: Nassim Oulmane, ECA</p> <p>Overview of voluntary national reviews and the high-level political forum on sustainable development</p> <p>Presenter: Tonya Vaturi, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p>
1.15–2.30 p.m.	<p>Linkages between voluntary national reviews, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union</p> <p>Facilitator: Charles Akol, ECA</p> <p>Statements from the following representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilson Gomes Pina, Cabo Verde • Ngomina Bramingar, Chad • Michaël Raobison, Madagascar • Ned Sibeya, Namibia • Ibrahim Issoufou, the Niger
2.30–3 p.m.	Break
3–4.15 p.m.	<p>Accounting for shocks and disruptions in reporting – COVID-19 and how to reflect disruptions in voluntary national reviews</p> <p>Facilitator: Sara Tawfiq Hamouda, African Peer Review Mechanism</p> <p>Statements from the following representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonio Pombal, Angola • Sherif Dawoud, Egypt • Joseph Samah, Sierra Leone • Belgacem Ayed, Tunisia • Simon Masanga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe
4.15–5 p.m.	<p>Evidence-based voluntary national reviews</p> <p>Facilitator: Grace Chisamya, ECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zakari Lawal, Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Nigeria • Ian Goldman, CLEAR • Robert Ndamobissi, UNICEF • Abdu Ali, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

5–5.45 p.m.	<p>Preparing voluntary national reviews for submission to the high-level political forum on sustainable development</p> <p>Presenter: Tonya Vaturi, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p>Q&A session</p>
5.45–6 p.m.	<p>Day one wrap-up session</p> <p>Presenter: John Robert Sloan, ECA</p>

Day two

Saturday, 27 February 2021

Time	Event
Noon–12.10 p.m.	<p>Welcoming remarks. Overview of voluntary local reviews</p> <p>Presenter: Thokozile Ruzvidzo, ECA</p>
12.10–1.30 p.m.	<p>Regional voluntary local review guidelines</p> <p>Facilitator: Edlam Abera Yemeru, ECA</p> <p>African regional guidelines</p> <p>Presenter: Lusungu Kayani-Stearns</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Anyang Nyong’o, Kisumu, Kenya • Carol Wright, Cape Town, South Africa • Pascal Byarugaba, Uganda National Sustainable Development Goals secretariat • Curt Garrigan, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific <p>General discussion</p>
1:30–3.00 p.m.	<p>Linkages between voluntary national and local review processes</p>

	1:30	Introductory remarks and presentation of Global Guiding Elements for Voluntary Local Reviews: Amson Sibanda, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
	1:45	Presentation on voluntary national review–voluntary local review linkages: Shipra Narang Suri, UN-Habitat
	2:00	Breakout session: Breakout groups will discuss linkage opportunities between voluntary national and local reviews.
	2:45	Reconvening session and sharing of key messages
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Break	
3.30–5.00 p.m.	<p>Voluntary local review preparation processes and post-review actions: how voluntary local reviews can inform policies to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and how they can be used as a basis for future reviews</p> <p>Facilitator: Shipra Narang Suri, UN-Habitat</p> <p>Discussion of the voluntary local review process by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana Cammisa, Buenos Aires, Argentina • Prosper Chitambara, Harare, Zimbabwe • Priscilla Margery Asio, Ngora District, Uganda • Brian Nyamande, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe • Marie Solange Mbang, Yaoundé, Cameroon 	

5:00–5:30 pm.	Closing of the VNR-VLR workshop Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jean-Paul Adam, ECA• Amson Sibanda, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
5.30–6.30 p.m.	Town hall meeting on voluntary national and local reviews Opening remarks: Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning Facilitator: Kavita Desai, United Nations Foundation Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joseph Samah, Sierra Leone• Judith Kaulem, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust• Winstons W. Muhwezi, ACODE Uganda• Mmachakga Moruakgomo, UCLG Southern Africa

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