Economic Commission for Africa
Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Eighth session
Kigali (hybrid), 3–5 March 2022
Item 3(b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Provisional programme of work

Tuesday, 1 March and Wednesday, 2 March 2022

Pre-events

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Fourth Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum (Venue: Room MH1)

Regional workshop on voluntary national reviews and voluntary subnational reviews (Venue: Room AD10)

Preparatory and capacity-development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the African region for the eighth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (Venue: Room AD12)

Other pre-events (see list at: [www.uneca.org/?q=eighth-session-of-the-africa-regional-forum-on-sustainable-development/side-events](http://www.uneca.org/?q=eighth-session-of-the-africa-regional-forum-on-sustainable-development/side-events))

Thursday, 3 March 2022

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**Venue:** Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

**Chair:** Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin, Congo, and Chair of

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the seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Arlette Soudan-Nonault

Master of ceremonies: Lerato Mbele

Statements:

Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin, Congo, and Chair of the seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Arlette Soudan-Nonault

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ECA, Vera Songwe

President, Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, Collen Kelapile

Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission, Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Mohammed

Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda, Uzziel Ndagijimana

Opening remarks and keynote address by the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame

Group photo

12–12.15 p.m. Ceremony for the signing by representatives of the Governments of the Congo and Rwanda of a memorandum of understanding on carbon pricing

12.15–1.30 p.m. High-level panel on unlocking financing to build forward better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa (agenda item 2)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Representative of the Government of Rwanda

Moderator: Lerato Mbele

Special message by a representative of young people: Christella Kwizera

Panellists:

• Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ECA, Vera Songwe

• President, Islamic Development Bank, Muhammad Sulaiman Al Jasser

• Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Special Adviser on Africa, Cristina Duarte

• Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda, Uzziel Ndagijimana

• President, African Export-Import Bank, Benedict Okey Oramah
• Chief Executive Officer, Adunni Organics, Olamide Gbadebo

General discussion

1.30–2.30 p.m. Lunch break

Side events (see the list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2022)

2.30–2.45 p.m. Organizational matters (agenda item 3)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

(a) Election of the Bureau

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

(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

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

2.45–3:30 p.m. Highlights of progress at the regional and subregional levels in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in the context of the COVID-19 crisis (agenda item 4)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

Presentations:

Key regional initiatives to build forward better from COVID-19 and achieve the goals of Agenda 2063 (representative, African Union Development Agency–New Partnership for Africa's Development)

Highlights of regional and subregional level progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in a COVID-19 context (Director, Macroeconomic and Governance Division, ECA, Bartholomew Armah)

Perspectives from the subregions:

• Representative of a regional economic community or another regional actor

• Director General, National Planning Commission, Malawi, Thomas Chataghalala Munthali

General discussion

3.30–5 p.m. Break

5–6.30 p.m. Plenary round-table panels on national and subnational actions and reviews to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa (agenda item 6)

(a) Voluntary national reviews and peer learning to strengthen country-level interventions

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum
Moderator: Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA, Hanan Morsy

Panellists:
- Chief Executive Officer, secretariat of the African Peer Review Mechanism, Eddy Maloka
- Minister of Planning and Development, Côte d'Ivoire, Nialé Kaba
- Deputy Minister for the Digital Economy and Innovation, Djibouti, Mariam Hamadou Ali
- Deputy Minister of Economic Management, Liberia, Augustus J. Flomo
- Lecturer in International relations, University of Namibia, Rosetta Nawases
- Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children, Najat Maalla M'jid

General discussion
6.30–8 p.m.

Cocktail

Friday, 4 March 2022

9–10.30 a.m.
Plenary round-table panel on boosting the generation and use of data and statistics to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa (agenda item 5)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

Moderator: Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya

Panellists:
- Director General, National Institute of Statistics, Rwanda, Yusuf Murangwa
- Statistician/Economist, National Agency for Statistics and Demography, Senegal, Meissa Ndour
- Secretary for Economic Planning and Development, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Malawi, Winford Masanjala
- Lecturer in statistics, Department of Statistics and Demography, National University of Lesotho, Relebohile Bulane
- Senior Partnerships Manager, Development Initiatives, Bernard Sabiti
- Commercial Director, Jospong ICT Group, Alex Osei Opare Nyanteh

General discussion
10.30–11 a.m.
Coffee break
11 a.m.–12.45 p.m. Plenary round-table panels on national and subnational actions and reviews (agenda item 6 continued)

(b) Voluntary subnational reviews and peer learning to bolster local action

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

Moderator: Director a.i., Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA, Edlam Abera Yemeru

Panellists:
- Minister of Local Government and Public Works, Zimbabwe, July Moyo
- Director of International Relations, Department of Human Settlements, South Africa, Monika Glinzler
- Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa, Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi
- Mayor of Kanifing Municipality, Gambia, Talib Ahmed Bensouda
- Representative of young people and representative of the national secretariat of the African Peer Review Mechanism, Namibia, Festus Hangula
- Director, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat, Raf Tuts
- Chief Housing Officer, Ministry of Local Government and Chieftainship, Lesotho, Kabelo Lethunya

General discussion

12.45–1.45 p.m. Lunch break

1.45–3.30 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)

(a) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of quality education

Venue: Room MH1

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

Moderator: Assistant Director General, Education Sector, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Stefania Giannini

Panellists:
- Minister of Education, Central African Republic, Aboubakar Moukadas Noure
- Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research, Libya
- Minister of Education Arts and Culture, Namibia, Ester Anna Nghipondoka
• Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Mauritius, Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun

• Senior Youth Adviser, Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission, Nicholas Ouma

• Resident Coordinator, Mauritius and Seychelles, Christine Umutoni

• Representative of young people, Cameroon, Blandine Angele Messa

• Director, Digital Transformation and Skills, Public Education Sector, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Alexa Joyce

(b) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of gender equality

Venue: Room MH4

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

Co-Chair: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion, Rwanda, Mireille Batamuliza

Moderator: Representative to Ethiopia, the African Union and ECA, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Letty Chiwara

Opening remarks

• Director, Representation Office to the African Union and ECA, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Mabingué Ngom

• Director a.i., Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, Edlam Abera Yemeru

Presentation: Progress and challenges in the implementation of gender equality and women’s empowerment commitments, towards a green, inclusive and resilient Africa poised to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 5

Presenters:

• Independent Consultant, Jacinta Muteshi

• Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, Mithika Mwenda

Panellists:

• Minister for Gender Affairs and the Protection of Women, Families and Children, Central African Republic, Marguerite Ramadan

• Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, Denise Brown
• Director a.i., Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, African Union Commission, Prudence Ngwenya

• Climate and gender justice expert, Mela Chiponda

• Special Envoy on Youth, African Union, Chido Mpemba

**General discussion**

**(c) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of life below water**

**Venue:** Room AD10

**Chair:** Member of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

**Co-Chair:** Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Ismahane Elouafi

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

**Panellists:**

• Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission, Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko

• FAO Subregional Coordinator for Eastern Africa and Representative to the African Union and ECA, Chimimba David Phiri

• Representative of young people and Chief Operating Officer, Ocean Hub Africa, Herland Cerveaux

• Acting Deputy Director of Environment, Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, Mauritius, H.E. Mrs. Doolaree Boodhun

• State Secretary for Business Promotion, Cabo Verde, H.E. Adalgisa Barbosa Vaz

• State Secretary for Planning, Equatorial Guinea, H.E. Bindang Ndong Okiri

• General Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Biodiversity, Guinea Bissau, Mr. Laurenco Antonio Vaz

• National Director for Planning, São Tome & Principe, Mr Helmute Neto Viegas Barreto

• Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Mr. Jean-Paul Adam

• Resident Coordinator, RCS, Ms. Ana Patricia Grace

• AUDA-NEPA, Ms. Bernice McLean
• Regional Program Manager, IUCN, Mr. Peter Manyara

General discussion

(d) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of life on land

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

Co-Chair: Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for Africa, FAO, Abebe Haile-Gabriel

Presenter: Environmental Affairs Officer, ECA, Charles Akol

Panellists:

• Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco, Leila Benali
• Minister of Agriculture, Liberia, Jeanine Cooper
• Acting Director, Knowledge Management and Programme Evaluation, African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development, Martin Bwalya
• Head, West Africa Office, United Nations Environment Programme, Angele Luh-Sy
• Founder and Managing Director, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global, Divine Ntiokam
• Senior Programme Management Officer, secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Érie Tamale
• Founder and Managing Director, Ignite Investment, Meseret Warner

General discussion

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

Venue: Room AD12

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

Co-Chair: Head, Economic Integration and Regional Cooperation, Economic Affairs Department, African Union Commission, Jean-Denis Gabikini

Presenter: Head, E-learning and Knowledge Management Division, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, ECA, Thierry Amoussougbob

Rapporteurs: African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, ECA

• Research Officer, Flávia Domingas Mendes Ba
• Programme Management Officer, Aminata Diop

Panellists:
General discussion

3.30–4 p.m.  Coffee break

4–5.15 p.m.  Plenary round-table panel on leveraging science, technology, innovation and digital transformation to build forward better from the COVID-19 crisis and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa (agenda item 8)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

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

Panellists:

- Representative, Ministry of Information and Communications Technology and Innovation, Rwanda
- Managing Director, Kenewendo Advisory, and former Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana, Bogolo J. Kenewendo
- Director, Multisectoral Office for Eastern Africa, United Nations Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Hubert Gijzen
- Deputy Director General, Technology Innovation, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa, Dr. Mmboneni Moufhe

5.15–6.45 p.m.  Plenary presentations and discussions on sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 9)
Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

Moderator: Team Leader and Strategic Planner, United Nations Development Coordination Office for Africa, Eskedar Nega

Statements:

- President, Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, Collen Kelapile
- Head, West Africa Office, United Nations Environment Programme, Angele Luh-Sy

Presentations:

- Joint secretariat of the Africa Regional Collaborative Platform (on the support provided by the Platform to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development)
- Major groups and other stakeholders

General discussion

Saturday, 5 March 2022

10–11.30 a.m.  Presentation of commitments and actions to accelerate delivery of sustainable development (agenda item 10)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

Moderator: Resident Coordinator for Egypt, United Nations, Elena Panova

Presentations:

- Member States and partners
- President, Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations, Collen Kelapile
- The road to the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
  - Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Patricia Espinosa
  - Minister for Planning and Economic Development, Egypt, Hala El-Said

11.30–12 p.m.  Coffee break

12–1 p.m.  Consideration and adoption of key messages and the Kigali Declaration (agenda item 11)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

1–1.15 p.m. Theme, dates and venue of the ninth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (agenda item 12)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

1.15–1.30 p.m. Other matters (agenda item 13)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

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

1.30–1.45 p.m. Closing of the session (agenda item 14)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Rooms MH2 and MH3)

Statements:
• Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA, Hanan Morsy
• Chair of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Regional Forum

1.45–2.45 p.m. Lunch