

History of the Sessions of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development, Committee on Sustainable Development and the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Table 1
Bureau membership up to 2021 (ARFSD-7) *

Meetings or sessions	Dates and venue	Bureau members	Subregion
First meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development	25–29 January 1999, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: United Republic of Tanzania First Vice-Chair: Cote d'Ivoire Second Vice-Chair: South Africa Rapporteur: Cameroon	Chair: East Africa First Vice-Chair: West Africa Second Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Third Vice-Chair: North Africa Rapporteur: Central Africa
Second meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development	26–29 November 2001, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: Zambia First Vice-Chair: Chad Second Vice-Chair: Burkina Faso Third Vice-Chair: Tunisia Rapporteur: Uganda	Chair: Southern Africa First Vice-Chair: Central Africa Second Vice-Chair: West Africa Third Vice-Chair: North Africa Rapporteur: East Africa
Third meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development	7–10 October 2003, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: Egypt First Vice-Chair: South Africa Second Vice-Chair: Ethiopia Third Vice-Chair: Congo Rapporteur: Ghana	Chair: North Africa First Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Second Vice-Chair: East Africa Third Vice-Chair: Central Africa Rapporteur: West Africa
Fourth meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development	24–28 October 2005, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: Nigeria First Vice-Chair: Congo Second Vice-Chair: Algeria Third Vice-Chair: South Africa Rapporteur: United Republic of Tanzania	Chair: West Africa First Vice-Chair: Central Africa Second Vice-Chair: North Africa Third Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Rapporteur: East Africa
Fifth meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development	22–25 October 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: Kenya First Vice-Chair: Namibia Second Vice-Chair: Democratic Republic of the Congo Third Vice-Chair: Sudan Rapporteur: Senegal	Chair: East Africa First Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Second Vice-Chair: Central Africa Third Vice-Chair: North Africa Rapporteur: West Africa
Sixth session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development	27–30 October 2009, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: South Africa First Vice-Chair: Democratic Republic of the Congo Second Vice-Chair: Morocco Third Vice-Chair: Gambia Rapporteur: Mauritius	Chair: Southern Africa First Vice-Chair: Central Africa Second Vice-Chair: North Africa Third Vice-Chair: West Africa Rapporteur: East Africa



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Seventh session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development	20–23 October 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: Republic of Congo First Vice-Chair: Somalia Second Vice-Chair: Botswana Third Vice-Chair: Benin Rapporteur: Sudan	Chair: Central Africa First Vice-Chair: East Africa Second Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Third Vice-Chair: West Africa Rapporteur: North Africa
Eighth session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development	19–21 November 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: The Congo First Vice-Chair: Egypt Second Vice-Chair: Liberia Third Vice-Chair: Uganda Rapporteur: Malawi	Chair: Central Africa First Vice-Chair: North Africa Second Vice-Chair: West Africa Third Vice-Chair: East Africa Rapporteur: Southern Africa
Ninth session of the Committee on Sustainable Development and the first session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	16–18 June 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: Senegal First Vice-Chair: Sudan Second Vice-Chair: Gabon Third Vice-Chair: Kenya Rapporteur: Malawi	Chair: West Africa First Vice-Chair: North Africa Second Vice-Chair: Central Africa Third Vice-Chair: East Africa Rapporteur: Southern Africa
Second session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	17–19 May 2016, Cairo, Egypt	Chair: Egypt First Vice-Chair: Liberia Second Vice-Chair: South Sudan Third Vice-Chair: Zambia Rapporteur: Burundi	Chair: North Africa First Vice-Chair: West Africa Second Vice-Chair: East Africa Third Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Rapporteur: Central Africa
Third session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	17–19 May 2017, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Chair: Togo First Vice-Chair: Seychelles Second Vice-Chair: Zimbabwe Third Vice-Chair: Congo Rapporteur: Algeria	Chair: West Africa First Vice-Chair: East Africa Second Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Third Vice-Chair: Central Africa Rapporteur: North Africa
Fourth session of Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	2–4 May 2018, Dakar, Senegal	Chair: Senegal First Vice-Chair: Lesotho Second Vice-Chair: Cameroon Third Vice-Chair: Mauritania Rapporteur: Uganda	Chair: West Africa First Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Second Vice-Chair: Central Africa Third Vice-Chair: North Africa Rapporteur: East Africa
Fifth Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	16-18 April 201, Marrakech, Morocco	Chair - Morocco First Vice-Chair - Angola Second Vice-Chair - Chad Third Vice-Chair - Uganda Rapporteur - Guinea	Chair: North Africa First Vice-Chair: Southern Africa Second Vice-Chair: Central Africa Third Vice-Chair: East Africa Rapporteur: West Africa
Sixth Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	24–27 February 2020, Victoria Falls Zimbabwe	Chair: Zimbabwe First Vice-Chair: Democratic Republic of the Congo Second Vice-Chair: Uganda Third Vice-Chair: Liberia Rapporteur: Morocco	Chair: Southern Africa First Vice-Chair: Central Africa Second Vice-Chair: East Africa Third Vice-Chair: West Africa Rapporteur: North Africa
Seventh Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	1-4 March 2021, Brazzaville, Congo	Chair: Congo Republic First Vice-Chair: Kenya Second Vice-Chair: Niger Third Vice-Chair: Algeria Rapporteur: Zimbabwe	Chair: Central Africa First Vice-Chair: East Africa Second Vice-Chair: West Africa Third Vice-Chair: North Africa Rapporteur: Southern Africa

*North Africa is assumed to be Third Vice-Chair in 1999.

Table 2

Frequency of representation of subregions in the bureau up to 2021

<i>Position in the Bureau</i>	Frequency of tenure by subregion					
	Central Africa	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	West Africa	Total
Chair	3	2	3	3	4	15
First Vice-Chair	3	4	2	4	2	15
Second Vice-Chair	3	4	2	3	3	15
Third Vice-Chair*	3	2	5	2	3	15
Rapporteur	1	4	3	4	3	15
Total	13	16	15	16	15	75

Note:

*There is no record of the Third Vice-Chair for the first meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development. Accordingly, it is assumed that a country from North Africa held the post based on the symmetrical historical distribution of subregions in the composition of the Bureau.

Table 3

Frequency of representation of Member States in the bureau up to 2021

<i>Subregion</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Third Vice-Chair*</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>	<i>Total</i>
North Africa	Algeria			1	1	1	3
	Egypt	2	1				3
	Libya						0
	Mauritania				1		1
	Morocco	1		1		1	3
	Sudan		1		1	1	3
	Tunisia				1		1
East Africa	Burundi					1	1
	Comoros						0
	Djibouti						0
	Ethiopia			1			1
	Eritrea						0
	Kenya	1	1		1		3
	Madagascar						0
	Rwanda						0
	Seychelles		1				1
	Somalia		1				1
	South Sudan			1			1
	United Republic of Tanzania	1				1	2
	Uganda			1	2	2	5
Southern Africa	Angola		1				1
	Botswana			1			1
	Lesotho		1				1

	Malawi					2	2
	Mauritius					1	1
	Mozambique						0
	Namibia		1				1
	South Africa	1	1	1	1		4
	Eswatini						0
	Zambia	1			1		2
	Zimbabwe	1		1		1	3
Central Africa	Cameroon			1		1	2
	Chad		1	1			2
	Central African Republic						0
	Congo	3	1		2		6
	Democratic Republic of the Congo		2	1			3
	Equatorial Guinea						0
	Gabon			1			1
	Sao Tome and Principe						0
West Africa	Benin				1		1
	Burkina Faso			1			1
	Cabo Verde						0
	Côte d'Ivoire		1				1
	Gambia				1		1
	Ghana					1	1
	Guinea					1	1
	Guinea-Bissau						0
	Liberia		1	1	1		3
	Mali						0
	Niger			1			1
	Nigeria	1					1
	Senegal	2				1	3
	Sierra Leone						0
Togo	1					1	
	Total	15	15	15	14	15	74

Table 4

Country with zero representation/ that have not served in the Bureau up to 2021

Subregion	Country	Chair	First Vice-Chair	Second Vice-Chair	Third Vice-Chair*	Rapporteur	Total frequency of representation
North Africa	1. Libya	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Africa	2. Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3. Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4. Eritrea	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5. Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	0
	6. Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Africa	7. Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0
	8. Eswatini	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Africa	9. Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0
	10. Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0
	11. Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Africa	12. Cabo Verde	0	0	0	0	0	0
	13. Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	0
	14. Mali	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15. Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	0	0	0	0	0	0

A. Proposal for subregional composition of the Bureau of ARFSD-8:

The tradition agreed by the Forum is that the outgoing chairing region is designated as rapporteur and the other regions move up one step of the ladder; and in addition, the hosting subregion will be the Chair of the Bureau except when the meeting is hosted at the Headquarters of the Secretariat. Accordingly, the following composition of the Bureau for ARFSD-8 is proposed:

Chair:	East Africa
1st Vice-Chairperson:	West Africa
2nd Vice-Chairperson:	North Africa
3rd Vice-Chairperson:	Southern Africa
Rapporteur:	Central Africa

B. Proposal for specific Member States to represent the subregions in the Bureau of ARFSD-8:

Member States may be guided by the analysis in tables 3 and 4. Member States are therefore encouraged to elect for ARFSD-8 Bureau, those countries present in the Forum that have not served (have zero frequency in table 4) or have served less frequently (table 3) in the previous bureaus of the Forum.