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



Meetings or sessions	Dates and venue	Bureau members	Subregion
Seventh session of	20–23 October 2011,	Chair: Republic of Congo	Chair: Central Africa
the Committee on	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	First Vice-Chair: Somalia	First Vice-Chair: East Africa
Food Security and		Second Vice-Chair:	Second Vice-Chair: Southern
Sustainable		Botswana	Africa
Development		Third Vice-Chair: Benin	Third Vice-Chair: West Africa
Beveropment		Rapporteur: Sudan	Rapporteur: North Africa
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Eighth session of the	19–21 November 2012,	Chair: The Congo	Chair: Central Africa
Committee on Food	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	First Vice-Chair: Egypt	First Vice-Chair: North Africa
Security and		Second Vice-Chair: Liberia	Second Vice-Chair: West Africa
Sustainable		Third Vice-Chair: Uganda	Third Vice-Chair: East Africa
Development		Rapporteur: Malawi	Rapporteur: Southern Africa
Ninth session of the	16–18 June 2015,	Chair: Senegal	Chair: West Africa
Committee on	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	First Vice-Chair: Sudan	First Vice-Chair: North Africa
Sustainable		Second Vice-Chair: Gabon	Second Vice-Chair: Central Africa
Development and the		Third Vice-Chair: Kenya	Third Vice-Chair: East Africa
first session of the		Rapporteur: Malawi	Rapporteur: Southern Africa
Africa Regional			
Forum on Sustainable			
Development			
Second session of the	17–19 May 2016,	Chair: Egypt	Chair: North Africa
Africa Regional	Cairo, Egypt	First Vice-Chair: Liberia	First Vice-Chair: West Africa
Forum on Sustainable	Cuno, Egypt	Second Vice-Chair: South	Second Vice-Chair: East Africa
Development		Sudan	Third Vice-Chair: Southern Africa
Bevelopment		Third Vice-Chair: Zambia	Rapporteur: Central Africa
		Rapporteur: Burundi	Rapporteur. Central / tirica
Third session of the	17–19 May 2017,	Chair: Togo	Chair: West Africa
Africa Regional	Addis Ababa,	First Vice-Chair:	First Vice-Chair: East Africa
Forum on Sustainable	Ethiopia	Seychelles	Second Vice-Chair: Southern
Development	Zimepiw	Second Vice-Chair:	Africa
2 C veropinent		Zimbabwe	Third Vice-Chair: Central Africa
		Third Vice-Chair: Congo	Rapporteur: North Africa
		Rapporteur: Algeria	Tupp of to all 1 to a
Fourth session of	2–4 May 2018, Dakar,	Chair: Senegal	Chair: West Africa
Africa Regional	Senegal	First Vice-Chair: Lesotho	First Vice-Chair: Southern Africa
Forum on Sustainable		Second Vice-Chair:	Second Vice-Chair: Central Africa
Development		Cameroon	Third Vice-Chair: North Africa
1		Third Vice-Chair:	Rapporteur: East Africa
		Mauritania	
		Rapporteur: Uganda	
Fifth Session of the	16-18 April 201,	Chair - Morocco	Chair: North Africa
Africa Regional	Marrakech, Morocco	First Vice-Chair - Angola	First Vice-Chair: Southern Africa
Forum on Sustainable		Second Vice-Chair - Chad	Second Vice-Chair: Central Africa
Development		Third Vice-Chair - Uganda	Third Vice-Chair: East Africa
		Rapporteur - Guinea	Rapporteur: West Africa
Sixth Session of the	24–27 February 2020,	Chair: Zimbabwe	Chair: Southern Africa
Africa Regional	Victoria Falls	First Vice-Chair:	First Vice-Chair: Central Africa
Forum on Sustainable	Zimbabwe	Democratic Republic of	Second Vice-Chair: East Africa
Development		the Congo	Third Vice-Chair: West Africa
		Second Vice-Chair:	Rapporteur: North Africa
		Uganda	
		Third Vice-Chair: Liberia	
	1.436.1.0004	Rapporteur: Morocco	
Seventh Session of	1-4 March 2021,	Chair: Congo Republic	Chair: Central Africa
the Africa Regional	Brazzaville, Congo	First Vice-Chair: Kenya	First Vice-Chair: East Africa
Forum on Sustainable		Second Vice-Chair: Niger	Second Vice-Chair: West Africa
Development		Third Vice-Chair: Algeria	Third Vice-Chair: North Africa
		Rapporteur: Zimbabwe	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

Position in the Bureau	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:

Table 3 **Frequency of representation of Member States in the bureau up to 2021**

Subregion	Country	Chair	First Vice-Chair	Second Vice-Chair	Third Vice-Chair*	Rapporteur	Total
	Algeria			1	1	1	3
	Egypt	2	1				3
North	Libya						0
Norun Africa	Mauritania				1		1
Affica	Morocco	1		1		1	3
	Sudan		1		1	1	3
	Tunisia				1		1
	Burundi					1	1
	Comoros						0
	Djibouti						0
	Ethiopia			1			1
	Eritrea						0
	Kenya	1	1		1		3
East	Madagascar						0
Africa	Rwanda						0
Affica	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

^{*}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.

	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
	Cameroon			1		1	2
	Chad		1	1			2
	Central African Republic						0
	Congo	3	1		2		6
Central Africa	Democratic Republic of the Congo		2	1			3
	Equatorial Guinea						0
	Gabon			1			1
	Sao Tome and Principe						0
	Benin				1		1
	Burkina Faso			1			1
	Cabo Verde						0
	Côte d'Ivoire		1				1
	Gambia				1		1
	Ghana					1	1
Wort	Guinea					1	1
West Africa	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	2. Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0
Africa	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	7. Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0
Africa	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	12. Cabo Verde	0	0	0	0	0	0
Africa	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.
