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

Kigali (hybrid), 1 and 2 March 2022

**Programme**

**Room AD10, Kigali Conference Centre**

**Day One – Tuesday, 1 March 2022**

<b>Time*</b>	<b>Event</b>
12–1.30 p.m.	<b>Pre-workshop lunch</b>
1.30–2 p.m.	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Facilitator:</b> Jean-Paul Adam, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) <b>Opening remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA</li><li>• Collen Vixen Kelapile, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations and President of the Economic and Social Council</li><li>• Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs</li><li>• Cristina Duarte, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa</li><li>• Augustus J. Flomo, Deputy Minister of Economic Management of Liberia</li></ul>

\* All times given are Kigali time (GMT+2).



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meriem El Hilali, Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations</li> </ul>
2–2.15 p.m.	<p><b>Overview of the objectives of the workshop</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Nassim Oulmane, ECA</p>
2.15–3.30 p.m.	<p><b>How to link across multiple reviews – lessons from countries pursuing their second, third and fourth voluntary national reviews</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Juliet Wasswa Mugambwa, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa</p> <p><b>Statements from the following representatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Osei Bofah, Ghana</li> <li>• Nya Ngangue Christelle Stella, Cameroon</li> <li>• Emmanuel Ametepey, Youth Advocates Ghana</li> <li>• Alfusainey K. Jabbi, The Gambia</li> <li>• Amin Salih Yassin, Sudan</li> <li>• Malineo Seboholi, Lesotho</li> </ul>
3.30–3.45 p.m.	Break
3.45–5 p.m.	<p><b>Addressing the unique needs of countries pursuing their first voluntary national reviews</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> John Robert Sloan, ECA</p> <p><b>Statements from the following representatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mohamed Sougal, Djibouti</li> <li>• Issa Jandi, Guinea-Bissau</li> <li>• Kasapo Manda, SDG Youth Representative</li> <li>• Helmute Barreto, São Tomé and Príncipe</li> <li>• Joy Masache, Malawi</li> </ul>
5–6 p.m.	<p><b>Partnerships for voluntary national reviews – tools and support from the United Nations system and other entities</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Sara Tawfik Hamouda, African Peer Review Mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hodane Youssef, RDCO</li> <li>• Anna-Maria Heisig, German Agency for International Cooperation</li> <li>• Adrian Hassler, OHCHR</li> <li>• Luca Roffarello, RCO, São Tomé and Príncipe</li> </ul>

6–6.45 p.m.	<p><b>Guidance and best practices in the final stages of preparing the voluntary national reviews for presentation at the high-level political forum on sustainable development</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Tonya Vaturi, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat</p> <p><b>Question and answer session</b></p>
6.45–7 p.m.	<p><b>Day one wrap-up session</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> John Robert Sloan, ECA</p>

## Day Two – Wednesday, 2 March 2022

Time	Event
12–1.30 p.m.	<b>Pre-workshop lunch</b>
1.30–1.40 p.m.	<p><b>Welcoming remarks</b></p> <p>Edlam Abera Yemeru, ECA</p> <p>Shipra Narang Suri, UN-Habitat</p>
1.40–3 p.m.	<p><b>Africa’s voluntary local reviews: guidelines and peer engagement</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Eskedar Nega, Development Cooperation Office - Regional Office for Africa</p> <p><b>African regional guidelines</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Lusungu Kayani-Stearns</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pascal Byarugaba, Uganda National Sustainable Development Goals secretariat</li> <li>• Natasha Primo, Cape Town, South Africa</li> <li>• Lamin Kujabi, Gambia</li> <li>• Oumie Joof, RCO – Gambia</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p>
3–4.15 p.m.	<b>Integrating voluntary local reviews into voluntary national review processes</b>

	<p><b>Facilitator and presentation on integrating VLRs into VNRs:</b> Amson Sibanda, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <p><b>Presentation on ‘Towards the High-Level Meeting on sustainable urbanization: presentation of the African Position’:</b> Oumar Sylla, UN-Habitat</p> <p><b>Presentations on country experiences linking national and local sustainable development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magloire Augustin Aguessy, Benin</li> <li>• Tamiru Terefe Cherinet, Ethiopia</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
4.15–4.30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
4.30–5.45 p.m.	<p><b>Voluntary local reviews and COVID-19 recovery and rebuilding</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Edlam Abera Yemeru, ECA</p> <p><b>Discussion of the voluntary local review process by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marie Solange, Yaoundé</li> <li>• Moses Quarshie, Accra</li> <li>• Franck Mampouya, Republic of Congo</li> <li>• Mehdi Rais, Morocco</li> </ul>
5.45–6 p.m.	<p><b>Closing of the workshop on voluntary national and local reviews</b></p> <p><b>Remarks by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean-Paul Adam, ECA</li> <li>• Oumar Sylla, UN-Habitat</li> <li>• Amson Sibanda, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li> </ul>
6–7 p.m.	<p><b>Town hall meeting on voluntary national and local reviews</b></p> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b> Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Julie Kofoed, United Nations Foundation</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awa Maty Basse, Senegal</li> <li>• Kofi Kankam, Africa Regional Mechanism for Major Groups and other Stakeholders</li> <li>• Karlito Nunes, Timor-Leste</li> <li>• Reynald Maeda, Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform</li> </ul>