On the margins of the Sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) - organized under the theme - “2020-2030: A Decade to Deliver a Transformed and Prosperous Africa through the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063” ; Policy makers, experts, the African Union Commission (AUC), UN agencies; and major groups will discuss mechanisms and tools to effectively address the food security-nutrition-poverty nexus for a transformed and prosperous Africa. The side-event aims at raising awareness and commitment of policy makers with a view to accelerating progress towards the achievement of SDGs 1 and 2. Key messages from the side event will be considered in the ARFSD6 session.

OBJECTIVES:

The Side-event aims at fostering dialogue, interaction, trust and networking among the Member States, UN Agencies, private sector and non-state actors to elaborate on the truly transformative potential of the food security-nutrition-poverty nexus for implementing UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the African Agenda 2063 towards achieving sustainable and resilient societies.

The panelists and audience will epitomize the interlinkages;
(a) by sharing experiences and best practices;
EXPECTED RESULTS:

The Side-event is expected to produce to the following results:
1. Advocated for raised awareness; better understanding, and strengthened commitment of policymakers, partners; and stakeholders, concerted action for addressing food security-poverty as a nexus;
2. Identified food security nutrition and poverty as a nexus, with elaboration on constraints and challenges;
3. Identified potential opportunities for better alignment to SDGs 1 and 2, as well as follow action on holistically addressing this nexus by generating synergies between regional and national level initiatives and programs on food security, nutrition and poverty reduction;
4. Recommendations of the Side-event to be shared with the ARFS&D6 for consideration and inclusion in the main report.
5. Way forward for UN Agencies and partners to collaborate further to develop innovative policy options for scaling up at the continent level aiming at effectively addressing food insecurity, nutrition and poverty.

VENUE & DATE:

On Tuesday, 25 February 2020 from 13:00 to 14:30.
The Grass Island 1, Elephant Hills Resort, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe