

Side event title: Review of the implementation of commitments made towards Africa's development: a decade to deliver on commitments

Organizer: Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA)

Date and time: 26 February 2020, from 1:00 pm to 2:45 pm

Venue: Elephant Hills Hotel, Conference Room: Chipala Island 3
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Objective: Raise awareness about the United Nations Monitoring Mechanism (UNMM) and the biennial report of the Secretary-General on the review of the implementation of the commitments made towards Africa's development. Consult with the representatives of African governments and other stakeholders on the progress and challenges in the implementation of development commitments made by both African countries and development partners. Solicit participants' initial feedback on the commitments analyzed in the report and build network for future collaboration.

Background: The side event will contribute to the ongoing preparation of the 4th biennial report of the UN Secretary-General on the review of the implementation of the commitments made towards Africa's development. This report will be submitted to the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly in accordance with General Assembly resolution 66/293 that established the UNMM to review implementation of multilateral commitments made by both African countries and development partners towards Africa's development. The report analyzes progress, challenges and ways and means of accelerating the implementation of commitments pertaining to a select number of themes that are aligned with both the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 4th biennial report will address the following themes: (i) strengthening the means of implementation and revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development (SDG 17 and A2063 Goals 1, 4, 10, 12, 19 and 20); (ii) silencing the guns in Africa by 2020 (SDG 16 and A2063 Goals 11, 12, 13, 17, and 18); (iii) promoting regional integration through trade (SDGs 9 and 17 and A2063 Goals 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 19, and 20), and (iv) tackling inequality through quality education, with focus on STEM (SDG 4 and A2063 Goals 1, 2, 16, 17, and 8), and decent work (SDG 8 and A2063 Goals 1, 2, 12, 16, 17 and 18) Climate change (SDG 13 and A2063 Goals 5, 7, and 12), gender (SDG 5 and A2063 Goals 3, 5, 10, and 17), and youth 's empowerment will be analyzed as cross-cutting issues.

Attachments: Concept note
Agenda for side event
Flier for side event
Africa's Development Agendas Side by Side (SDG + Agenda 2063 Goals produced by ECA)