Provisional programme of work

Monday, 24 February 2020

Pre-events

8.30–9 a.m. 
**Registration**

9 a.m.–5.30 p.m. 
Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum

Regional workshop on voluntary national review: strengthening voluntary integrated national review and reporting of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want

Preparatory and capacity development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the African region for the sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Other pre-events (see list at: [www.uneca.org/arfsd2020](http://www.uneca.org/arfsd2020))

Tuesday, 25 February 2020

8.30–9 a.m. 
**Registration**

9–10 a.m. 
**Opening of the session** (agenda item 1)

**Venue:** Plenary Hall

**Moderator:** Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya

**Chair:** Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Representative of Morocco

**Special message by a representative of young people**
Statements:
Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Representative of Morocco
Representative of the African Development Bank
Representative of the African Union Commission
Representative of the President of the Economic and Social Council
Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Zimbabwe
United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Mohamed
His Royal Highness Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, Emir of Kano
Opening remarks and keynote address by the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, H.E. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa

10–11.30 a.m. High-level panel on accelerators to deliver a transformed and prosperous Africa through the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 within the decade of 2020-2030 (agenda item 2)
Venue: Plenary Hall
Chair: Representative of the Government of Zimbabwe
Moderator: (tbc)
Panellists:
United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, Vera Songwe
Invited special guests
Minister
Minister
Minister
Youth representative

General discussion

11.30–11.45 a.m. Coffee break
11.45 a.m.–12.15 p.m. Organizational matters (agenda item 3)
Venue: Plenary Hall
(a) Election of the Bureau
Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fifth session of the Regional Forum
(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
12.15–1 p.m. Progress report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 at the regional and subregional levels (agenda item 4)

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Presentations:

- Highlights of the Africa sustainable development report 2020: Progress, achievements and measures to scale up implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the goals identified in Agenda 2063, by a representative of ECA
- Overview of the support provided by United Nations entities and the African Union Commission to implement the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, by a representative of the African Union Commission
- Perspectives from the subregions by representatives of the regional economic communities

General discussion

1–2 p.m. Lunch break

Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020)

2.30–4 p.m. Plenary round-table panels (agenda item 5):

(a) Voluntary national reviews and peer learning on implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Moderator: (tbc)

Panellists:

- Representative of one country for 2018 voluntary national review
- Representative of one country for 2019 voluntary national review
- Representative of one country for 2020 voluntary national review
- United Nations Resident Coordinator (one selected country)
- Representative of Parliamentarians

General discussion

4–4.15 p.m. Coffee break

4.15–6 p.m. Plenary round-table panels (agenda item 5) (con’t.):

(b) Voluntary national review, voluntary local review and peer learning on implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
**Moderator:** (tbd)

**Panellists:**
- Representative of subnational government (voluntary local review) (I)
- Representative of subnational government (voluntary local review) (II)
- Representative of one country for 2020 voluntary United Nations Resident Coordinator (one selected country with voluntary local review)
- Representative of major groups and other stakeholders
- Representative of the development partners

**General discussion**

6.45–8.30 p.m.  **Reception**

**Wednesday, 26 February 2020**

9–11 a.m.  **Plenary round-table panels and parallel meetings on in-depth review, peer learning and dialogue on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum** (agenda item 6):

(a)  **Plenary round-table on the sub-theme of people**

**Venue:** Plenary Hall

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

**Moderator:** tbd

**Panellists:**
- Minister responsible for agriculture
- Minister responsible for gender and women’s empowerment
- Minister responsible for education
- Special guest
- Representative from the private sector
- Representative from the youth

**General discussion**

11.00–11.15 a.m.  **Coffee break**

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m.  **(b) Plenary round-table on the sub-theme of partnerships and realizing the means of implementation to deliver the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in the decade of 2020-2030**

**Venue:** Plenary Hall

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

**Moderator:** tbd

**Panellists:**
- Minister responsible for finance and planning
• Minister responsible for science, technology and innovation
• Minister responsible for trade
• Representative from the private sector
• Special guest

General discussion

1–2 p.m. Lunch break

Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2019)

2.30–6 p.m. Plenary round-table panels and parallel meetings on in-depth review, peer learning and dialogue on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum (agenda item 6) (cont.):

(c) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of prosperity;
(d) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of the planet;
(e) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of Peace.

Venue: Breakout rooms

Co-Chairs: Designated member of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum and representatives of African Union Commission, United Nations, and the African Development Bank

Thursday, 27 February 2020

9–10.45 a.m. Outcomes and proposed key messages, including policy recommendations from the parallel meetings (agenda item 7)

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

(a) Prosperity;
(b) Planet;
(c) Peace;

10.45–11 a.m. Coffee break

11 a.m.–11.45 a.m. Presentations and discussions (agenda item 8):

(a) 2020 Africa Science, Technology and Innovation Forum

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

(b) Presentation by the Major Groups and other stakeholders

11.45 a.m.–12 noon

(c) Support by the UN Development System to implement the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum
• Presentation by the UN Development System

• Discussion and perspectives:
  Representatives of member States
  Representative of the regional economic communities
  Representative of the African Union Commission

General discussions

1–2 p.m. Lunch break
  Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020)

2–4.45 p.m. Refining the key messages by the secretariat under the guidance of the Bureau
  Side events (see list at: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020)

2–4 p.m. Coffee break

4.45 p.m. Circulation of the summary and key messages of the sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

5–5.30 p.m. Consideration and adoption of key messages
  (agenda item 9)

  Venue: Plenary Hall
  Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

5.30–5.45 p.m. Theme, dates and venue of the seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
  (agenda item 10)

  Venue: Plenary Hall
  Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

5.45 p.m. Other matters (agenda item 11)

  Venue: Plenary Hall
  Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

6 p.m. Closing of the session (agenda item 12)

  Venue: Plenary Hall

  Statements:
  • Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe
  • Chair of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Regional Forum