Sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
“2020-2030: A Decade to Deliver a Transformed and Prosperous Africa through the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063”

24 – 27 FEBRUARY 2020
Elephant Hills Resort, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

“People” Pillar of the SDGs

Dr Julitta Onabanjo
Regional Director, UNFPA East and Southern Africa Regional Office

[26th February 2020]
Sustainable Development for People, Planet & Prosperity

- **People**: social dimension.
- **Planet**: environmental dimension.
- **Prosperity**: economic dimension.
- **Partnership**: collective and collaborative approach to implement and achieve universal engagement
- **Peace**: ethical dimension, ideals and values such as equality, freedom, human dignity and justice.
Progress has been recorded in tracer indicators, however the pace remains slow……

Poverty reduced from 55.6% in 2002 to 41.4% in 2019 (ECA/WB)

Prevalence of Undernourishment (PoU) is 20% of the continent’s population with regional disparities

Healthy Life Expectancy improved by 9.6 years (2017 WHO) varying across regions, HICs, UMICs, LMICs and LICs

Access to quality education - early childhood education, technical and vocational, and higher education – is improving, completion rates vary.

Gender equality remained unachieved across all dimensions
Underlying drivers

- Weak systems & structures
- Limiting culture & social norms
- Unfulfilled rights
- Constrained financing
- Increasing shocks
- Weak governance
Stepping up the pace in the decade of action

DATA TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

HUMAN CAPITAL

- People centered-financing
- Inclusive & diversified economy
- Inclusive Social Protection
- Partnerships / South to south cooperation
- Resilient social systems
- Effective Governance
Harnessing the Power of data to Leave No One Behind – An Accelerator in the Decade of Action

Harmonized data layers
THANK YOU!

Follow the conversation: #ARFSD2020

More: www.uneca.org/arfsd2020