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# Presentation on Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of prosperity

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# KEY MESSAGES

(a) Member States should redefine the concept of prosperity in the African context to resonate with ordinary citizens and adopt a people and human rights-based approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In that regard, countries should institutionalize stakeholder processes to jointly design solutions for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

(b) Member States should establish social protection systems to address extreme poverty, which remains widespread in Africa, and place a renewed focus on pro-employment policy development together with facilitating a transition to affordable renewable energy;

(c) Member States should accelerate structural transformation leveraging agricultural and mineral endowments to support sustainable and innovation-based industrialization while also drawing on the opportunities arising from the African Continental Free Trade Area and the strengthening of institutions and governance frameworks;

(d) Member States should integrate a spatial perspective and urban approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and address related binding constraints, with particular reference to infrastructure, energy and institutional capacities barriers;

(e) Member States should scale up policies for inclusive and good quality education, skills enhancement and health services as necessary ingredients to achieve prosperity in all its facets and to develop incentives for skilled Africans to remain on the continent and to stem the brain drain while attracting the diaspora to return;

(f) Member States should create and reinforce regional innovation systems as incubators for innovation and technology development, drawing on African expertise and local innovations and leverage the private sector, untapped revenues and diaspora remittances for financing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

(g) Member States should consider migration governance as an integral part of all development efforts in the pursuit of prosperity;

(h) Member States should engage young people and consider the needs of persons living with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 and advance gender equality and women's empowerment;

(i) Member States should generate reliable and timely data and develop statistical systems to address current gaps. In addition, they should ensure coherence and coordination across government ministries and among development partners for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, with regional economic communities being critical at the sub regional scale.



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