Programme of work

Monday, 24 February 2020

Venue: Grass Island 1

8.30–9 a.m. Registration
9–9.20 a.m. Opening of the session

Facilitator:
Laetitia Montero, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Statements:

- Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, Social Development Policy Division, ECA
- Stephen Chacha, Chair, Interim Committee for the Regional Engagement Mechanism of Major Groups and other Stakeholders
- Anésie Mfatiyimana, Senator of Burundi, Member of the Pan African Parliament

9.20–10.20 a.m. Setting the scene: progress on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and goals of Agenda 2063 - Presentation of the background report

Chair: Edith Madela-Mntla, University of Pretoria, South Africa

- Presentation of the background report, Paul Mpuga, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Africa

Round table:
- Yetnebersh Nigussie, Disability Inclusion Advisor; Light for the world, Ethiopia
• Mmachakga Monakgomo, Vice-President for the Southern Africa Region of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG) and President of the Association of Local Governments of Botswana (BALA)

• Thuli Makama, Yongu FOE, Eswatini

**General discussion**

10.20–10.40 a.m. Coffee break

10.40–11.45 a.m. **Voluntary national review and peer learning on implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

Chair: George Osei-Bimpeh, Co-chair Ghana Civil Society Organisations Platform on Sustainable Development Goals

Panellists:

• The case of Kenya, VNR 2017, 2020, Florence Syevuo, Country Coordinator, SDGs Kenya Forum

• The case of the Niger, VNR 2018, 2020, Fatchima Noura Djibrilla, Honorary President ANSEN

• The case of Sudan, VNR 2018, Sawsan Elshowaya, Member of the executive committee the Sudanese SDGs Platform

**General discussion**

11.45–1 p.m. **Role and space of civil society in implementing and reviewing the Sustainable Development Goals implementation from the Global to the Local level**

Chair: Fiona Amony, Youth advocate member of the National Gender Advocacy Alliance Group

Panellists:

• MGoS at the global level, Stefano Prato, Co-Chair of the Steering Group of High-level Political Forum Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism

• Global platform for Civil society; Action 4 Sustainable Development (A4SD), Oliver Henman, Global Coordinator

• A regional platform; the Africa Civil Society Working group, John Patrick Ngoyi

• Accra Voluntary Local Report and the role of MGoS; Moses Quarshie, Business Development Director, City of Accra

**General discussion**

1–2 p.m. Lunch break

2–3.30 p.m. **Africa Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism update, presentation and adoption of Victoria Falls Declaration, and handing over to the elected ARCSEM leadership**

Chair: Interim Technical Committee

3.30–3.45 p.m. Coffee break
Discussions in breakout groups on the views and key messages of the major groups and other stakeholders on the sub-themes of the sixth session of the Regional Forum

Sub-themes:

(a) People: Goals 1 (No poverty), 2 (Zero hunger), 3 (Good health and well-being), 4 (Quality education) and 5 (Gender equality)

Chair: Lilei Chow, Senior Policy and Advocacy Adviser, Save the Children and Juliet Barasa, Project Manager, Girls Advocacy Alliance, Plan International

(b) Prosperity: Goals 7 (Affordable and clean energy), 8 (Decent work and economic growth), 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced inequalities) and 11 (Sustainable cities and communities)

Chair: Naome Chakanya, Senior Researcher, Labour and Economic Development Research Institute of Zimbabwe and Marilyn Mbooga, Regional Development Coordinator (East Africa) Global Network of CSO for Disaster Reduction

(c) Planet: Goals 6 (Clean water and sanitation), 12 (Responsible consumption and production), 13 (Climate action), 14 (Life below water) and 15 (Life on land)

Chair: Salina Sanou, Head of Programmes; Pan African Climate Justice Alliance and Ayouba Sani, National Director, Jeune Volontaires pour l'Environnement

(d) Peace: Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions)

Chair: Hagar Monsif, African Affairs and SDGs Unit Manager, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights

(e) Partnership: Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)

Chair: Daniel Nyanganyura, Regional Director for Africa International Science Council and Alex Nkosi, Policy Analyst, International Trade Union Confederation

5–7 p.m.

Way forward and wrap-up of the workshop: joint town hall session with the voluntary national review workshop

Venue: Grass Island 2