



Economic Commission for Africa
Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Fourth session
Dakar, 2–4 May 2018

Provisional programme of work

Wednesday, 2 May 2018

8.30 a.m.–17.30 p.m. Registration

Pre-events

- Major groups and other stakeholders capacity-building and preparatory meeting for the fourth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.
- Pre-event on Voluntary National Reviews of Sustainable Development Goals and implementation of Agenda 2063
- Other pre-events (www.uneca.org/arfsd2018)

Thursday, 3 May 2018

8.30–9 a.m. Registration

9–10.00 a.m. **Opening of the session** (agenda item 1)

Venue: Salle Flamboyant

Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (Representative of Togo)

Moderator: Director, Special Initiatives Division, ECA
Fatima Denton

Statements:

- Representative of the Government of Togo and Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- UN Under Secretary General and Executive Secretary of ECA, Vera Songwe
- UN Under Secretary General and Special Advisor on Africa, OSAA, Bience Gawanas
- UN Resident Coordinator in Senegal, Priya Gajraj
- Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission, Victor Harison

- Representative of the African Development Bank

Opening and keynote address by H.E. President
Macky Sall, Republic of Senegal

10–11.30 a.m.

High-level panel on Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: action, solution, and the role of technology (agenda item 2)

Chair: Representative of the Government of Senegal

Moderator: TBD

Panellists:

- Sector Minister/guest speaker on water (TBD)
- Sector Minister/guest speaker on energy (TBD)
- Sector Minister/guest speaker on urbanization (TBD)
- Sector Minister/guest speaker on the environment and sustainable consumption and production (TBD)
- Sector Minister/guest speaker on forests/land/biodiversity resources (TBD)
- Minister/guest speaker on financing development (TBD)
- Minister/guest speaker on statistics (TBD)

General discussion

11.30–11.45 a.m.

Coffee break

11.45 a.m.–12.15 p.m. **Organizational matters** (agenda item 3)

(a) Brief overview and Election of the Bureau

Chair: Representative of the Government of Senegal

(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
(Representative of the Government of Senegal)

12.15–1 p.m.

Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: support and progress made at regional and subregional levels (agenda item 4)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session

Presentations:

- Africa regional report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and goals of Agenda 2063
Economics Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic Policy Division, ECA

Bartholomew Armah

- Overview on the support to the implementation of Agenda 2063 and The Sustainable Development goals, by Economic Commission for Africa/African Union Commission

Perspectives from the Subregions general discussions on support, implementation and follow-up and review of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda

1–2 p.m.

Lunch break

2:30–4.00 p.m.

Round table on peer learning, focusing on solutions, good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 5)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session

Moderator:

Panellists:

- Representative of the Government of Togo (VNR 2017)
- Representative of the Government of Cabo Verde (SID/VNR 2018)
- Representative of the Government of selected country 1 (Agenda 2063)
- Representative of the Government of selected country 2 (Agenda 2063)
- Representative of major groups and other stakeholders
- Representative of development partners

4.00–4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

4.15–6 p.m.

Parallel panel meetings on the subthemes of the session (agenda item 6)

- (a) Clean water and sanitation;
- (b) Affordable and clean energy;
- (c) Sustainable cities and communities;
- (d) Responsible consumption and production;
- (e) Life on land;
- (f) Strengthening the means of implementation and the partnership for sustainable development

6.45–8.30 p.m.

Reception

Friday, 4 May 2018

9–11 a.m. **Presentations and discussions of outcomes and proposed key messages, including policy recommendations emanating from the parallel panel meetings** (agenda item 7)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session

- (a) Clean water and sanitation;
- (b) Affordable and clean energy;
- (c) Sustainable cities and communities;

11–11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.20 a.m.–1 p.m. **Presentations and discussions of outcomes and proposed key messages, including policy recommendations emanating from the parallel panel meetings (continued)**

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session

- (d) Responsible consumption and production;
- (e) Life on land;
- (f) Strengthen the means of implementation and the partnership for sustainable development

1–4 p.m. Lunch break

2–4 p.m. Refining the key messages by the secretariat under the guidance of the chairs of the parallel panel meetings

2–3.45 p.m. Side events (TBD)

4–5 p.m. **Consideration and adoption of key messages** (agenda item 8)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session

4.30–4.45 p.m. **Theme, dates and venue of the 2019 session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session

4.45–5 p.m. Coffee break

5–5.15 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 10)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session

5.15–5.45 p.m. **Closing of the session** (agenda item 11)

Statements:

- Executive Secretary, ECA
Vera Songwe
- Chair of the Bureau of the fourth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development