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Fifth session
Marrakech, Morocco, 16–18 April 2019

Item 3 of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: (b) adoption of the agenda and programme of work**Provisional programme of work****Tuesday, 16 April 2019****Pre-events**

8.30 a.m.– 9 a.m.

Registration

9 a.m.– 5.30 p.m.

- (i) Regional workshop on strengthening voluntary integrated national review and reporting of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want
- (ii) Africa Regional Science Technology and Innovation Forum
- (iii) Major groups and other stakeholders capacity-building and preparatory meeting for the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- (iv) Other pre-events (www.uneca.org/arfsd2019)

Wednesday, 17 April 2019

8.30–9 a.m.

Registration

9–10 a.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)**Venue:** Plenary Hall**Chair:** Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fourth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Representative of Senegal**Moderator:** Director of the Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Division, ECA, Oliver Chinganya**Statements:**

- Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fourth session of the Regional Forum, Representative of Senegal

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- United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, Vera Songwe
- United Nations Resident Coordinator in Morocco, Philippe Poinot (TBC)
- Anthony Nyong, Director of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, African Development Bank
- Representative of the African Union Commission
- Secretary of State in charge of sustainable development, Morocco, Nezha El Ouafi

Opening and keynote address by the Head of the Government, Morocco, Saad Dine El Otmani.

10–11.30 a.m.

High-level panel on empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality: stepping up action to deliver the commitments contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Africa (agenda item 2)

Chair: Representative of Morocco

Moderator: (TBD)

Panellists:

- United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA, Vera Songwe – “Empowerment, strong institutions and transformative action towards inclusive and job-creating growth to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa”
- Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bahamas to the United Nations and Co-facilitator of the Political Declaration of the Leader’s Summit of the high-level political forum, Sheila Gweneth Carey – “Reinvigorating high-level political commitment and momentum to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”
- Minister of Water, Energy and Irrigation, Ethiopia, Sileshi Bekele, - stepping up of climate change action: why it matters and action to be taken for the Sustainable Development Goals and humanity (TBC)
- Minister of Labour and Social Development, Uganda, Janet Mukwaya
- Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission, Sarah Anyang Agbor: Harnessing science, technology and innovation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the aspirations of Agenda 2063
- Minister of Development Planning, Togo, Demba A. Tignokpa - Evidence-based progress and policymaking, financing and implementation (TBC)

General discussion

11.30–11.45 a.m.

Coffee break

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

(a) Election of the Bureau

Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the fourth session of the Regional Forum

(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

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

12.15–1 p.m.

Support and progress made at the regional and subregional levels on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want (agenda item 4)

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

Presentations:

- Africa regional report on the implementation of activities aimed at the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals identified in Agenda 2063, by representative of ECA and the African Union Commission (TBD)
- Overview on the support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, by ECA and the African Union Commission (TBD)

Perspectives from the subregions

General discussion

1–2 p.m.

Lunch break/Side events (www.uneca.org/arfsd2019)

2.30–4 p.m.

Round-table panel on voluntary national reviews and peer learning on implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 5)

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

Moderator: Regional team leader for inclusive growth and sustainable development, United Nations Development Programme Regional Service Centre for Africa, Mansour Ndiaye

Panellists:

- Representative of Senegal (2018 voluntary national review)
- Representative of South Africa (2019 voluntary national review)
- Representative of Mauritius (small island developing States and 2019 voluntary national review)
- Representative of Egypt (Agenda 2063, and 2016 and 2018 voluntary national reviews)
- Member Pan-African Parliament, Jaqueline Amongin

- Representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Tonya Vanturi (experiences and lessons from the high-level political forum)
 - Representative of major groups and other stakeholders (TBD)
- 4–4.15 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.15–6 p.m. **Parallel panel meetings for indepth review, peer-learning and dialogue on the sub-themes of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development** (agenda item 6)
- Co-Chairs:** Designated member of the Bureau of the fifth session of the Regional Forum and a regional director from the United Nations, the African Union Commission or the African Development Bank
- (a) Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education;
 - (b) Promoting decent work and inclusive economic growth;
 - (c) Ensuring reduced inequalities;
 - (d) Scaling-up climate action;
 - (e) Ensuring peace, justice and strong institutions;
 - (f) Strengthening the means of implementation and the partnership for sustainable development.
- 6.45–8.30 p.m. **Reception**
- Thursday, 18 April 2019**
- 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 fifth session of the Regional Forum
- (a) Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education;
 - (b) Promoting decent work and inclusive economic growth;
 - (c) Ensuring reduced inequalities.
- 11–11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.15 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 fifth session of the Regional Forum
- (d) Scaling-up climate action;
 - (e) Ensuring peace, justice and strong institutions;
 - (f) Strengthening the means of implementation and the partnership for sustainable development.
- 1–2 p.m. Lunch break and side events (www.uneca.org/arfsd2019)
- 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 (www.uneca.org/arfsd2019)
- 4–5 p.m. **Consideration and adoption of key messages**
(agenda item 8)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fifth session of the Regional Forum
- 5–5.15 p.m. **Theme, dates and venue of the sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**
(agenda item 9)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fifth session of the Regional Forum
- 5.15–5.30 p.m. Coffee break
- 5.30–5.45 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 10)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the fifth session of the Regional Forum
- 5.45–6.00 p.m. **Closing of the session** (agenda item 11)
Statements:
- Executive Secretary, ECA, Vera Songwe
 - Chair of the Bureau of the fifth session of the Regional Forum
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