



ECA support to Member States to Respond to the Key Messages of the Tenth Session and Preparations for the Eleventh Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

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ARFSD is mandated by the UN General Assembly and ECA Conference of Ministers

ECA-AUC-AfDB and UN annual Intergovernmental Multistakeholder Platform for advancing implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063:

- Sustaining commitment
- Assessing progress against set milestones and
- Bolstering multi-stakeholder engagement and synergies, and promoting concerted efforts
- Identifying, promoting and building consensus on transformative actions, levers and partnerships to drive progress

With only 6 years left to 2030



- Globally, only 16% of the SDG targets are on track to be met by 2030.
- The remaining 84 per cent show limited progress or a regression of progress



- Africa is on track to achieve only 10 of the 144 measurable SDG targets by 2030
- Also in Africa, 106 targets require accelerated action while 28 are showing regression of progress



It is time to scale and speed up implementation of SDGs alongside Agenda 2063 Second Ten-year Implementation plan (2024–2033): Acceleration decade for A2063



10th ARFSD
Tenth Session of the Africa Regional
Forum on Sustainable Development
23 to 25 April 2024
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Theme ARFSD-10: “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”.

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Reviewed progress, challenges, and opportunities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

With a Focus on of SDG 1 (no poverty), 2 (zero hunger), 13 (climate action), 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions) and 17 (partnerships for the Goals) and the corresponding goals of Agenda 2063, with a special focus on its second 10-year implementation plan.

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Enhanced knowledge and capacity of member States and other stakeholders and advocated effective and transformative interventions including policy measures and actions at the national, regional and global levels, to advance and accelerate implementation of SDGs and the goals of Agenda 2063;

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Served as Africa regional preparatory meeting for the 2024 HLPF to and Summit of the Future

Main outcomes and impact of the ARFSD-10

Main outcomes

Africa's Common position to:

1. Peer Knowledge exchange & learning, and Capacity Building on implementation of the two Agendas
2. Strengthened capacity for VNRs and VLRs
 - 14 countries supported – [Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guinea, Kenya, Libya, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Uganda, and Zimbabwe]
 - All countries now covered with VNRs
3. 6 Knowledge products presenting progress and actions forward

4. Addis Ababa Declaration on accelerating the inclusive and green recovery from the crises and accelerating progress
5. Key messages to advance the implementation of two Agendas

1. 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (**Ministerial Declaration**)
<https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/ltd/n24/200/15/pdf/n2420015.pdf>
2. Summit of the Future and Outcomes:
https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sotf-pact_for_the_future_adopded.pdf
The Pact for the Future (56 actions); Global Digital Compact (5 Objectives) and Declaration on Future Generations (13 Commitments & 9 Actions)

Salient

**Key
Messages**

**From
ARFSD-10**

- Africa called for the Summit of the Future to be inclusive and ensure that Africa and the global South participate effectively and with a stronger voice in international governance and decision-making.
- The global financial architecture should be urgently reformed to make it fit for purpose and serve the interests of Africa and developing countries in the world.
- Redouble efforts to revitalize national frameworks and channel finance to accelerate integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Second 10-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063
- Policy environment for sustainable finance should be enhanced and innovations in climate finance should be fostered including through carbon markets, debt swaps and green and blue bonds.
- Take concrete actions to reap a demographic dividend from the youth bulge in Africa and Dramatically increase investments and expanding programmes and services in education, nutrition and health to empower all children and young people.
- The vast market provided by the African Continental Free Trade Area and the global climate agenda should be leveraged to sustainably harness the continent's natural resources, transform agriculture, boost food security, and drive sustainable industrialisation
- Statistical systems should be transformed and modernized to enhance access to quality disaggregated data by leveraging the digital revolution, artificial intelligence, and the high-impact initiative on the power of data.

**ECA
Support
Member
States to
Respond
to the Key
Messages**

**ECA Has
refined its
activities
and
intensified and
expanded
Support in
several
areas**

- **Note: Actions in Key messages and Declaration are addressed to member states, UN, Development partners and Stakeholders - Some Relevant Support the part of ECA:**
- Advocacy on the Key messages to enhance uptake
- Presentation of Africa's priorities at HLPF and summit of the future whose outcomes adequately reflect those priorities
- Support to integrated planning and reporting on the two agendas through the Integrated Planning and Reporting Toolkit (IPRT)
- Support to evidence-based VNR and VLRS and ECA-wide Working Group on SDGs and Agenda 2063
- Advancing the sustainable debt coalition – deal with debt and enhance sustainable finance flows
- Capacity building in innovative financing mechanisms –Carbon Markets, Blue and Green Bonds
- Support to implementation and greening of the AfCFTA – Ref to EGM preceding the ICSSOE
- Battery minerals initiative - value addition and job creation
- Support to Africa's digital transformation including implementation of the Digital Compact – refer to presentation by Mactar
- Requests for support by ECA are welcome: Subject to availability of Funding support will be provided
- **What major initiatives are underway by Member States?**



A further Call to Action: To Devise, scale and speed up innovative solutions and action

A call to Participate in the Eleventh Session of ARFSD-11 (2025)

☀️ **Theme of the Forum:** *Driving job creation and economic growth through sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063*

Inspired by theme of the 2025 HLPF and centrality of economic growth and job creation in Africa's effort to achieve the goals of the two agenda

☀️ **Venue and Date:** Kampala, Republic of Uganda **9 to 11 April 2025:**

Hybrid format with emphasis on in-person participation.

☀️ **Partnerships:** Organized through continued strong collaboration with/contribution from AUC, AfDB, UN entities, CSOs, youth and private sector

☀️ **Participation:** Representatives of **All member States**, African Union Commission; African Development Bank; AUDA-NEPAD; Regional economic communities; United Nations; Development partners and other international organizations; major groups and other stakeholders




Objectives




- ☀ To review progress, challenges, and opportunities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063
Focus on of SDG 3 (good health and well-being); 5 (gender equality); 8 (decent work and economic growth); 14 (life below water) and 17 (partnerships for the goals) and the corresponding goals of Agenda 2063
- ☀ To strengthen learning and advocate effective policy measures and sustainable, inclusive, science-and evidence-based solutions to scale up financing and implementation.
- ☀ Strengthen the capacity for VNR for 10 participating African countries in 2025 (1. Angola 2.Eswatini, 3.Ethiopia, 4.Gambia, 5.Ghana, 6.Lesotho, 7.Nigeria, 8.Seychelles, 9.South Africa and 10.Sudan)
- ☀ To follow-up and take forward the outcomes of the Summit of the Future.
- ☀ To serve as Africa regional preparatory meeting for the 2025 HLPF to and the Second World Summit for Social Development, Qatar (4 to 6 November 2025).



 What are the good practices and lessons on SDG and A2063 implementation from the NA and WA Countries? How can we scale action? What are the success factors going forward?

 How can countries prepare better in the future for ARFSD and HLPF?
Potential for Subregional Forums on Sustainable Development

 You are all invited to be part of the Forum in Uganda – invitation letters being sent out:

-  Hold a side event
-  Participate in the VNRs-VLR workshops
-  Ensure that the priorities of the NA and WA Regions are well reflected in the outcome documents

Asks
to
ICSOE



THANK YOU!

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Ideas
to
Action