

# AFRICA WEEK 2017



## Programme

Theme:

**Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous,  
People-Centred and Peaceful Africa:  
Towards the Implementation of Agenda  
2063 and the 2030 Agenda for  
Sustainable Development**



**United Nations Headquarters, New York  
Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2017**



Monday, 16 October		
Time	Activity	Location
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	<p><b>High-Level Inaugural Event</b></p> <p>Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous, People-Centred and Peaceful Africa: Towards the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p>	ECOSOC Chamber
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<p><b>Briefing to the United Nations Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs (IDTFAA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Conducted by the African Union, NEPAD Agency and APRM</li> <li>■ NEPAD: SDGs and Africa's Regional Integration</li> <li>■ APRM's Expanding Mandate: Scope and Implications</li> </ul> <p>Please note: this is a <i>CLOSED MEETING</i></p>	Conference Room 6

Tuesday, 17 October		
Time	Activity	Location
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	<p><b>High-Level Event</b></p> <p>Financing Africa's Infrastructure and Agricultural Development: Inclusive Growth for Economic Transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Enhancing domestic resource mobilization: Stemming illicit financial flows and improving assets recovery</li> <li>■ Highlighting the roles of youth, women and entrepreneurship</li> <li>■ Role of the APRM as the monitoring tool for women and youth empowerment: case studies</li> </ul>	ECOSOC Chamber
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<p><b>NEPAD Agency Side Event</b></p> <p>Building public health delivery systems that support Africa's industrialization</p>	Conference Room 8

Wednesday, 18 October		
Time	Activity	Location
9:00 am - 11:30 am	<p><b>NEPAD Agency – High-Level Business Meeting on MoveAfrica</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme: The role of the development community and private sector investment for easy movements of humanitarian goods</li> </ul>	Millennium Hilton Hotel, One UN Plaza (East 44 <sup>th</sup> Street, between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenues)
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Africa Week Press Conference</b>	Press Briefing Room
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	<p><b>Side Event sponsored by ECA, AUC, UNDP, AfDB and OSAA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baselining and Laying Foundations for Sustainable Development in Africa: Moving Forward</li> </ul>	Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations, 305 East 47 <sup>th</sup> Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor (between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenues)
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<p><b>Briefing by Africa’s Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to UN Member States and UN system</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional economic integration in Africa: how to effectively involve Africa’s youth across national borders</li> </ul>	ECOSOC Chamber

Thursday, 19 October		
Time	Activity	Location
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	<p><b>High-Level Event</b></p> <p>Addressing the Climate Change - Migration Nexus and its Implications for Peace and Security in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Effects of migration and relocation on development, with a focus on young people and women</li> <li>■ Effective governance as a driver for peace and security</li> <li>■ APRM as the preventive mechanism for building peace and security; showcasing the latest APRM review reports</li> </ul>	ECOSOC Chamber
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p><b>Launch of NEPAD Agency publications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Africa We Want: showcasing NEPAD publications and presentation at the UN Library</li> </ul>	Library Reading Room, UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	<p><b>Cultural Reception</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ African cuisine and music</li> <li>■ Welcoming remarks by the President of the General Assembly and the UN Deputy Secretary-General</li> </ul>	UN General Assembly Hall lobby

Friday, 20 October		
Time	Activity	Location
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	<p><b>72nd Session of the UN General Assembly, Debate on the Development of Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Presentation of the Secretary-General's Reports</li> </ul>	UN General Assembly Hall

## A. OVERVIEW OF THE WEEK AND OBJECTIVES

The theme of Africa Week 2017, ***“Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous, People-Centred and Peaceful Africa: Towards the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”***, will allow for substantive discussions on a range of issues that are in line with the implementation of goals set out in the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These two Agendas are mutually reinforcing as they focus attention on inclusive and sustainable structural transformation across all dimensions, starting with good governance, peace and security and sustainable development.

A prosperous African continent is one where the different national economies are seamlessly integrated and the economic and social participation of all citizens is guaranteed and promoted. Governments and partners should work to foster a fertile environment for entrepreneurship to take root and flourish as means to stimulate economic growth and with a focus on peace and security. In so doing, they will strive to impede and reverse illicit financial flows.

International development partners, the private sector and civil society each add significant value in support of Africa’s aspirations. The events of this Week represent an opportunity for open discussions on topics central to the overall theme.

Overall, the Week is intended to:

- I. Highlight the four principal attributes contained in the Africa Week theme and their interconnection: an Africa that is **integrated; prosperous; people-centred; and peaceful**.
- II. Highlight the synergies between Agenda 2063, its first 10-Year Implementation Plan and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- III. Identify ways to expand domestic resources in Africa, as it is anticipated that approximately 75 to 90 per cent of the financing of Agenda 2063 will be mobilized domestically.
- IV. Enhance strategic partnerships between African regional and sub-regional organizations, the United Nations and the international community in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including within the context of the Partnership on Africa’s Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA).
- V. Identify entry points for enhancing collaboration with the private sector, civil society and the Diaspora in mobilizing and sharing knowledge, expertise, technologies and financial resources to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in Africa.

## B. EVENT CONFIGURATION

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1. **Monday, 16 October 2017, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: High-Level Inaugural Event: “Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous, People-Centred and Peaceful Africa: Towards the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**
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This high-level event, which serves as the formal opening of Africa Week 2017, will focus on the overall theme of the Week. In considering as its basis, i.e., the vision of African nations of “an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena”, the High-Level Inaugural Event will seek to reinforce the cross-cutting and interconnected nature of the theme’s pillars, for a continent striving to become integrated, prosperous, people-centred and peaceful.

How can international development partners, including governments, the private sector, civil society, academia and the Diaspora, support Africa and contribute to the successful implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

While showcasing best practices and experiences, the event will also aim to highlight gaps and lessons learned.

The event will be structured in two parts, consisting of both an inaugural and substantive session.

**Featured speakers will include:** the Secretary-General of the United Nations; the President of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly; the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council; the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa; the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency; and the Chairperson of the APR Panel of Eminent Persons, among others.

\*\* Representatives from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM delegations are invited to participate.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizers: OSAA, ECA, DPI, AU Permanent Observer Mission to the UN in New York, NEPAD Agency, and APRM.

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2. **Monday, 16 October 2017, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Briefing to the United Nations Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs by the African Union, NEPAD Agency and the APRM [closed meeting]**
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This briefing will provide an important opportunity for the African Union Commission, NEPAD Agency and the APRM to brief the entities of the United Nations system on ways to further strengthen the institutional partnerships between the United Nations and African regional and sub-regional organizations, such as the African Regional Economic Communities (RECs), towards ensuring the

effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063.

This briefing will be a closed meeting comprising of the members of the United Nations Interdepartmental Task Force on African Affairs (IDTFAA) and the principals of the AUC, NEPAD Agency and the APRM. The briefing will feature lead-off presentations, focusing on themes identified by the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency, and APRM.

The event will allow for interactive discussions and exchanges between members of the IDTFAA and the delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM.

Featured speakers will include: the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission; the Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission; the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency; the Chief Executive Officer of the APRM Secretariat; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa; and representatives of African Regional Economic Communities, among others.

\*\* All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: Conference Room 6

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AU Permanent Observer Mission, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

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### **3. Tuesday, 17 October 2017, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: High-Level Event: Financing Africa's Infrastructure and Agricultural Development: Inclusive Growth for Economic Transformation**

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This high-level event will focus on two critical areas for economic transformation in Africa – infrastructure and agriculture, which have both been accorded high priority in Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To achieve true inclusive growth in these sectors, this event will underline ways in which domestic resources can be better mobilized across the continent.

Speakers will look at the issue of stemming illicit financial flows and improving asset recovery as a means to reinforce African nations' ability to finance infrastructure and agricultural development. They will also analyse the role of youth, women and entrepreneurship as engines of growth to lead to economic transformation.

Featured speakers will include: the Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission; the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency; the Administrator of UNDP; and a senior representative of the World Bank, among others.

\*\* Representatives from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

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**4. Tuesday, 17 October 2017, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: NEPAD Agency Side Event: Building public health delivery systems that support Africa's industrialization**

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Industrialization is critical for Africa's economic growth and development, and plays a fundamental role in supporting the response to some of its public health challenges. The African Union's Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG9) call for the promotion of inclusive and sustainable industrialization and the need to significantly raise industry's share of employment and gross domestic product. Recognizing the important role of industrialization for the continent's development agenda, the African Union adopted the Action Plan for Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA) as a continental framework for addressing the root causes of Africa's low industrial development. Pharmaceutical production and mining are among the priority sectors of industrialization identified in AIDA.

This side event will address two specific items: 1) transforming Africa's blossoming pharmaceutical industry; and 2) fighting tuberculosis and other occupational lung diseases in the mining industry. The event's objectives are to mobilize political, technical and financial support from Governments, the private sector and partners, so as to enable the strengthening of medical products regulatory systems and to support the growth of the pharmaceutical industry in Africa.

\*\* Representatives from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: Conference Room 8

Lead Organizer: NEPAD Agency

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**5. Wednesday, 18 October 2017, 9:00 am - 11:30 am: NEPAD Agency – High-Level Business Meeting on MoveAfrica: The role of the development community and private sector investment for easy movement of humanitarian goods**

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In this breakfast event, the NEPAD Agency will lead the discussion on the MoveAfrica initiative, including the role of the development community and private sector investment for easy movement of humanitarian goods. To improve the attractiveness of Africa's investment and address the transport and logistics challenges, the NEPAD Agency launched the MoveAfrica initiative in 2016. This initiative aims to support the transformation of the trans-boundary transport and logistics sector in Africa. It seeks to drive down transport costs and increase logistics efficiency for Fast Moving Consumer Goods operators and manufacturers operating in Africa, and thus complement the work stream of the Continental Business Network.

\*\* Representatives from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: Millennium Hilton Hotel (One UN Plaza, East 44th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues)



Lead Organizer: NEPAD Agency

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**6. Wednesday, 18 October 2017, 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: Africa Week 2017 Press Conference**

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This press conference will feature several of the high-level officials participating in Africa Week 2017, and will be moderated by the UN Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications.

\*\* All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: Press Briefing Room, 2nd Floor, Secretariat Building, UNHQ

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AU Permanent Observer Mission, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

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**7. Wednesday, 18 October 2017, 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm: Side Event on Baseline and Laying Foundations for Sustainable Development in Africa: Moving Forward**

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Tracking progress towards achieving the goals contained in the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development against clear baselines is essential. In response to this, the African Union Commission, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Development Programme - Regional Bureau for Africa (UNDP-RBA), has prepared the 2017 Africa Sustainable Development Report: Tracking Progress on Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals. The report provides a baseline for both the global and continental agendas. It uses the latest data available and other supplementary data aligned to both the global and continental indicators.

This high-level side event is being held to ensure that important stakeholders, including the African Group in New York and other relevant entities, are updated on the implementation of the regional and global agendas in Africa. The event will also highlight key challenges and opportunities that need to be prioritized along the way, and offer an opportunity for partner institutions and development partners to identify specific areas of support for the implementation of the two Agendas.

\*\* Representatives from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor, between 1st and 2nd Avenues)

Lead Organizers: African Union Commission, ECA, UNDP, African Development Bank, OSAA

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**8. Wednesday, 18 October 2017, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Briefing by Africa's Regional Economic Communities to UN Member States and UN system entities**

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This briefing will focus on a theme that was selected by the African Regional Economic Communities at their most recent meeting with OSAA in July 2017 in Addis Ababa, namely "Regional and economic integration in Africa: How to effectively involve Africa's youth across national borders".

The briefing will specifically focus on the role of the RECs as implementing agencies to achieve the desired regional and economic integration. It will also highlight persistent challenges and the role of the international community in supporting the RECs in this regard.

The RECs and the delegations from the AUC, NEPAD and the APRM will also participate. As customary, the event will provide an opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders to directly engage the RECs.

Featured speakers will include: the Chief Executives or senior representatives of the RECs (CEN-SAD, COMESA, EAC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, Arab Maghreb Union, IGAD and SADC); the UN Deputy Secretary-General; and the Executive Director of UNFPA.

\*\* Representatives from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AU Permanent Observer Mission, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

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**9. Thursday, 19 October 2017, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: High-Level Event: Addressing the Climate Change –Migration Nexus and its Implications for Peace and Security in Africa**

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As acknowledged by Member States of the United Nations in the December 2015 Paris Agreement, climate change has a profound effect on the living environments of communities around the world. In some of the regions already most affected by poverty, new and emerging crises linked to climate change are causing mass displacements of populations. Water shortages, land rendered unusable for agriculture and depletion of lakes are just three of the many severe challenges that the heating up of the earth's climate has caused in many corners of the developing world, including in Africa.

Forced migration due to climate change has accelerated in recent years in a number of regions of Africa, triggering increased competition for limited resources and the potential for harsh conflicts. These issues also contribute to the increasing number of African migrants seeking to migrate illegally to places like Europe, at great risk to their personal safety.

Featured speakers will include: the former Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR); the Commissioner for Economic

Affairs of the African Union Commission; the Administrator of UNDP; the Chief Executive Officer of the APRM Secretariat; the Executive Director of UNEP; and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, among others.

\*\* Representatives from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AU Permanent Observer Mission, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

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#### **10. Thursday, 19 October 2017, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Launch of NEPAD Agency publications**

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The Africa We Want: showcasing NEPAD publications and presentation to the UN Library.

The NEPAD Agency will present copies of two publications to the UN Library:

- 2016 Global Hunger Index: Africa Report
- African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation policy brief series

\*\* All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: Library Reading Room, 2nd Floor, UN Library

Lead Organizers: NEPAD Agency and OSAA

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#### **11. Thursday, 19 October 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm: Cultural Reception**

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This will be an opportunity to further strengthen the partnership between Africa and its development partners towards effective implementation of both Agendas 2063 and 2030, with emphasis on “leaving no one behind”. The cultural reception is being held to enjoy African cuisine and music, with welcoming remarks by the President of the UN General Assembly and the UN Deputy Secretary-General.

\*\* All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: General Assembly Hall lobby

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AU Permanent Observer Mission, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

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## 12. Friday, 20 October 2017, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Debate on the Development of Africa

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The Debate on the Development of Africa is based on the two Secretary-General Reports on: (i) Progress in the Implementation of NEPAD; and (ii) the Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa.

Venue: General Assembly Hall

### C. ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

#### I. Expected Outputs from Africa Week 2017

- E- publication on the Africa Week 2017, and
- Press releases

#### II. Expected participants

UN Member States; UN system entities; African institutions and the international development community, including African stakeholders, the private sector, civil society organizations including youth groups, the African Diaspora, academia, think tanks and research institutions focusing on Africa-related issues.

#### III. Main Institutional Partners

The main partners for Africa Week 2017 are: OSAA, ECA, DPI, AU Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations in New York, NEPAD Agency, APRM Secretariat and the IDTFAA.

#### IV. Communications

In addition to scheduled press briefings, some of the Week's events will be webcast, and include one-on-one interviews media advisories, UNTV and coverage on social media platforms in close cooperation with DPI, the NEPAD Agency, APRM Secretariat and AUC Communications Directorate.

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