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PROGRAMME

Harnessing Water and Energy for Africa's Sustainable Industrialization and Inclusive Economic Transformation

Wednesday, 19 July 2023, 8:30 am to 11:30 am (EST)
Virtual Meeting

Africa Day at the 2023 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

MODERATOR: **Ms. Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane**, Director, United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

SESSION I: **OPENING SESSION**

Welcoming Remarks

- 8:30 - 8:35 Remarks by **Ms. Cristina Duarte**, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General on Africa
- 8:35 - 8:40 Remarks by **Mr. Antonio Pedro**, Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- 8:40 - 8:45 Remarks by **Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa**, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Africa

Keynote Address

8:45 - 8:55 Keynote Address by **H.E. Mr. Albert Muchanga**, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining, African Union Commission

Setting the Stage

8:55 - 9:00 Ministerial statement by **H.E. Ms. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa**, Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Desertification, Government of Niger, and Chair of the Bureau of the 9th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)

9:00 - 9:05 Video showcasing the **Great Green Wall Initiative** (courtesy of the Government of Niger)

9:05 - 9:10 Remarks by **H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations and President of the 77th Session of the Economic and Social Council

9:10 - 9:15 Remarks by **Mr. Wiisichong Bening Ahmed**, Secretary-General, Pan-African Youth Union

SESSION II: BEST PRACTICES AND EXPERIENCE SHARING IN BUILDING FORWARD BETTER TOWARDS THE AFRICA WE WANT

Interactive exchange and sharing of experiences and strategies by African Member State representatives

9:15 - 10:00 Statements by Ministers and/or Heads of Delegations from African Member States

- **H.E. Ms. Madeleine Alingue**, State Secretary for the Economy, Ministry of Economic Prospects and International Partnerships, Chad
- **H.E. Mr. Claver Gatete**, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Rwanda

- **Dr. Larba Issa Kobyagda**, Director General of Economy and Planning, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Prospective, Burkina Faso
- **Ms. Lois Mulube**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia

Statements from the floor from other African Member States, development partners and other stakeholders

10:00 - 10:10 **Interactive Q&A**

INTERMISSION

10:10 - 10:15 Video showcasing **Regional Battery Mineral Value Chain in Africa** (courtesy of ECA)

SESSION III: EXPERT PANEL AND INTERACTIVE SEGMENT

MODERATOR: **Mr. Utku Teksoz**, Programme Management Officer, Intergovernmental Support Team, United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA)

10:15 - 11:15 **Expert Panel on Harnessing Water and Energy for Africa's Sustainable Industrialization and Inclusive Economic Transformation**

The expert panel will be constituted by:

- **Mr. Modeste Nyembo Kakanda**, National Coordinator, Congolese Observatory for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Planning, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Mr. Jean Yves Adou**, Acting Director, Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate, African Peer Review Mechanism
- **Dr. Hafez Ghanem**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South
- **Ms. Dewi Rimayani Hanoum**, Programme Management Officer, Urban Basic Services Section, UN-Habitat
- **Mr. Ray Kiliho**, Programmes Lead, Office of the Secretary-General, Pan-African Youth Union
- **Ms. Barbra Nakato**, Co-founder, Nature's Love Packaging Limited, Uganda

11:15 - 11:25 **Interactive Q&A**

SESSION IV: CLOSING REMARKS AND WAY FORWARD

11:25 - 11:30 Remarks by **H.E. Ms. Fatima Kyari Mohammed**, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations