PROGRAMME
(as of 11 July 2022)
Scaling up innovative financing and leveraging partnerships for the Africa We Want

Tuesday, 12 July 2022, 8:30 am to 11:30 am (EST)
Virtual Meeting

Africa Day at the 2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

SESSION I: OPENING SESSION

MODERATOR: Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

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 Ms. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
8:40 - 8:45 Remarks by Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Director of the United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Africa

Setting the Stage
8:45 - 8:50 Ministerial statement by H.E. Ms. Ester Anna Liisa Nghipondoka, Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, Government of Namibia, and Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the 8th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)
8:50 - 8:55 Remarks by H.E. Mr. Collen V. Kelapile, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations and President of the Economic and Social Council at its 2022 Session
8:55 - 9:00 Remarks by a youth representative, Ms. Olumide Gbadebo, Chief Executive Officer, Adunni Organics
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:00 - 9:10 Keynote Address by **H.E. Mr. Albert Muchanga**, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining, African Union Commission

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*

9:10 - 10:10 Statements by Member States, heads of delegations and other interventions from the floor

- **H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Diop**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mali
- **H.E. Ms. Semereta Sewasew**, State Minister of Finance for Economic Cooperation, Ethiopia
- **H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Morocco, on behalf of the African Group
- **H.E. Ms. Sofia Tesfamariam**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Eritrea
- **Mr. Abdou-Razak Ahmed Idriss**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Djibouti
- **Mr. Sello Justice Tšukulu**, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Development Planning, Lesotho
- **Dr. Kodjo Mensah-Abrampa**, Director General, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana
- **Dr. Thomas Munthali**, Director General, National Planning Commission, Malawi

10:10 - 10:25 Interactive Q&A
INTERMISSION

10:25 - 10:30

Video showcasing youth and SDGs in Africa by ECA Young Economists Network

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)

10:30 - 11:15

Expert Panel on Scaling up Innovative Finance and Domestic Resource Mobilization

The expert panel will be constituted by

- **Ms. Awa Maty Basse**, Chief, Political Economy, Coordination and Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Cooperation, Republic of Senegal
- **Dr. Denis Foretia**, Executive Chairman, Nkafu Policy Institute; OSAA Think Tank Network – Cluster 5 (Industrialization, Demographic Dividend and the AfCFTA)
- **Dr. Frannie Léautier**, Chief Executive Officer, Southbridge Group
- **Dr. Abebe Shimeles**, Director of Research, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC); OSAA Think Tank Network – Cluster 1 (Financing for Development)
- **Ms. Joan Manda**, Climate Change and Innovative Finance Specialist, SDG Finance Hub

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**, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations