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Twentieth Session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism  
for Africa

Third Meeting organized jointly with the Africa Regional  
United Nations Sustainable Development Group secretariat  
Marrakech, Morocco, 23 and 24 March, 2019

## **Provisional programme of work**

**Saturday, 23 March 2019**

09:00-09:45 a.m.

### **Opening of the session**

**Facilitator:** Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary General and Director of UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa and Chair of the Africa Regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group

### **Remarks and statements:**

- Vera Songwe, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- H.E. Ambassador Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission
- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

9:45-10:00 a.m.

### **Presentation and adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

#### **Co-chairs:**

- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Ambassador Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission

10-11:30 a.m.

**High-level panel discussion: Strengthening the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and its subregional coordination mechanisms in the context of the African Union and United Nations reforms**

#### **Co-chairs:**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations</li> <li>• H.E. Ambassador Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission</li> </ul>
11.30-11.45 a.m.	Group photograph
11:45 a.m.-noon	Coffee break
Noon-1.30 p.m.	<b>First high-level panel discussion on the theme: Addressing the root causes of refugees and Internally Displaced Persons</b> <b>Co-chairs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations</li> <li>• H.E. Ambassador Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission</li> </ul>
1.30-2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30-4 p.m.	<b>Second high-level panel discussion on the theme: Upscaling durable solutions, including addressing the forced displacement-development nexus</b>
4-4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15-5.45 p.m.	<b>Third high-level panel discussion on the theme: Coordinating the work under the Compacts related to Migration, and to Refugees</b>

## Sunday, 24 March 2019

9:30–11 a.m.	<b>Fourth high-level panel discussion on the theme: The Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa’s support to the African Union agenda on refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons</b>
11-11:15 a.m.	Coffee break
11:15 a.m.–1 p.m.	<b>Presentations and discussion on progress in the work of RCM-Africa, alignment with the peace and security and development frameworks, and consideration of its workplan</b> <b>Co-chairs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambassador Rosette Katungye, Adviser to the Chairperson, African Union Commission</li> <li>• Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, Economic Commission for Africa</li> </ul> <b>Presentations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Union-United Nations progress report of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa and its subregional coordination mechanisms</li> <li>• Aligning the work of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa with the Joint United Nations-African Union Framework for an Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security and the African Union-United Nations Framework for the Integrated Implementation</li> </ul>

of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Consideration and adoption of the African Union-United Nations workplan for 2019-2020 of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa

#### **Discussion**

1-1.15 p.m.

**Update on the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in preparation for the 2019 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development**

1.15-1.30 p.m.

**Other matters**

1.30-2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

2.30-4 p.m.

**Drafting of the report**

4-4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

5-5.45 p.m.

**Consideration and adoption of the report of the twentieth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa**

5.45-6.15 p.m.

**Closing of the session**

- Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary General and Director of UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa and Chair of the Africa Regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group
- Vera Songwe, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- H.E. Ambassador Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission