

High-Level Event - Role of African Regional and Sub-regional Organizations in Achieving Regional Integration: The Continental Free Trade Area within the Context of the First 10-year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063

9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. | ECOSOC CHAMBER

This high-level event, which will serve as the formal opening of the Africa Week activities, will focus on the importance of African regional and sub-regional organizations in achieving integration for Africa’s development. The event will focus on highlighting progress made towards regional integration, next steps, and the role of the international community in supporting Africa’s integration efforts.

The event will particularly highlight the 10 June 2015 launch of the Tripartite Free Trade Area as the first step towards the achievement of the Continental Free Trade Area envisaged by Agenda 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan.

Annual High-Level Briefing by African RECs on “Silencing the Guns in Africa: the Nexus between Peace, Security, Governance and Development”

3:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. | ECOSOC CHAMBER

This annual briefing, which marks a new approach of engaging the RECs in Africa Week, will focus on the African Union’s Silencing the Guns agenda – a theme that was agreed with the RECs in January 2015. The overall thrust of the briefing will be anchored on Agenda 2063’s First 10-Year Implementation Plan, as Silencing the Guns constitutes one of its flagship projects.

The briefing will specifically focus on the role of the RECs as implementing agencies in addressing the four interrelated dimensions of the agenda, highlighting persistent challenges and the role of the international community in supporting the RECs in this regard. The meeting’s structure as a “briefing by the RECs” will be maintained, although the Chairs of the RECs as well as the delegations from the AUC, NEPAD and the APRM will also participate. As is the practice, the event will provide an opportunity for Member States and other relevant stakeholders to directly engage the RECs.



UN Interdepartmental Taskforce on African Affairs: Briefing on Agenda 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan and PAIDA

3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. | CONFERENCE ROOM 8

This briefing will aim to raise awareness of UN/AU Partnership on Africa’s Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA) and highlight the next steps in developing the PAIDA action plans as well as the role of UN system entities in this process. The briefing will also provide insights on the process of reconfiguring the RCM-Africa cluster system to enhance its effectiveness in delivering UN system support to Africa in the implementation of Agenda 2063. In addition to featured speakers, the event will allow for interactive discussions and exchanges between members of the IDTFA and the delegations from AUC, APRM, NEPAD and the RECs.

The briefing will focus on the perspectives of the AU, the RECs, the NEPAD Agency and the APRM in implementing Agenda 2063 and PAIDA, as well as, on how to strengthen collaboration between UN System entities and African regional and sub-regional organizations in this regard.

****This briefing will be a CLOSED meeting of UN System Principals and Representatives of the AUC, NEPAD, the APRM and the RECs****

High-Level Event - 15 Years of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Africa: Stocktaking & Perspectives

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. | CONFERENCE ROOM 12

This high-level event is being organized in the context of the African Union 2015 “Year of Women’s Empowerment and Development towards Africa’s Agenda 2063” and the 15-year review of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. As the world gathers at the United Nations Headquarters to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325, the event provides an opportune moment for Africa to share her experiences in the implementation of this landmark resolution, including with respect to resulting AU instruments. It also creates an opportunity for reflection on ways to accelerate the implementation of resolution 1325 and its subsequent resolutions in the face of new and emerging threats to women, peace and security in Africa, such as terrorism and violent extremism, and climate change. In addition, it provides an opportunity to strategize on transformative actions to address women’s peace and security in a comprehensive and integrated manner in the context of implementation of the remaining years of the African Women’s Decade, Africa’s Agenda 2063 and the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

High-Level Event - African Continental Framework on Youth Development: Mainstream into Agenda 2063

3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. | CONFERENCE ROOM 6

This high-level event will focus on the forthcoming African Continental Framework on Youth Development, which aims to assist African Member States to define national employment policy schemes with operational action plans in line with the objectives of inclusive growth and the creation of decent and sustainable jobs. In this context, the event will also highlight progress and challenges in the implementation of the African Youth Charter (2006) as well as the important role of youth employment in accelerating achievement of the aspirations of Agenda 2063. The event will also address the role of global, regional, sub-regional and national actors in youth development on the continent, including the role of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency in forging partnerships between stakeholders and in mobilizing public and private sector support for youth development.



Thursday, October **15**

Annual Briefing to UN Member States on Two Reports of the Secretary-General and Presentations by NEPAD and the APRM

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. | CONFERENCE ROOM 6

This annual briefing will be structured in two parts. The first will be a presentation of the UN Secretary-General's reports: "New Partnership for Africa's Development: thirteenth consolidated progress report on implementation and international support" and "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa." This segment will also feature remarks by partners on the two reports. The second segment will feature thematic presentations on "The Key Role of the New Partnership for Africa's Development in Implementing Agenda 2063" and "The Role of the African Peer Review Mechanism in Monitoring of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," by NEPAD and the APRM, respectively.

This annual briefing, based on OSAA's mandated reports, is aimed at raising awareness of Member States and UN system entities on Africa's emerging issues on peace, security and development and providing in-depth analysis and policy recommendations. Interactive Q&A discussions will follow each segment.

Friday, October **16**

70th UN General Assembly Debate on the Development of Africa

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HALL

Featured Speakers

H.E. Mr. Mogens LYKKETOFT, President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly

H.E. Mr. BAN Ki-Moon, United Nations Secretary-General

Mr. Maged ABDELAZIZ, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa

Mr. Carlos LOPES, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa

Ms. Christina GALLACH, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Assane MAYAKI, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and Interim Chief Executive Officer, African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat

H.E. Dr. Mustapha MEKIDECHE, Chairperson of the African Peer Review Panel of Eminent Persons

H.E. Dr. Anthony Mothae MARUPING, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission

H.E. Mrs. Fatima ACYL, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission

H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Sani ABANI, Executive Secretary, CEN-SAD and Convener of the Consultative Roundtables for Chief Executives of the RECs for the year 2014

H.E. Mr. Sindiso Ndema NGWENYA, Secretary-General of COMESA

Mr. Charles NJORGE, Deputy Secretary-General, EAC

Dr. Thembinkosi MHLONGO, Deputy Executive Secretary for Regional Integration, SADC

Dr. Ibrahim Bocar BA, Commissioner for Macroeconomic Policy and Economic Research, ECOWAS Commission

Mr. Daniel Yifru SENTAYEHU, Senior Peace and Security Adviser, IGAD

Dr. Mona MOURSHED, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company's Global Education Practice

...as well as Permanent Representatives of UN Member States, and high-level representatives of African regional and sub-regional organizations, UN system entities and other partners.



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