

African Regional Mechanism for Major Groups and other Stakeholders (ARMMGoS) participation at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

1. ARMMGoS organised a side event on promoting an inclusive for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the operationalisation and inclusion of distributive justice in the Nile Basin. The event aimed to bring to bear the contributions of civil society stakeholders in efforts to peacefully address the disputes around Nile Basin water resources that exist among some of its riparian countries.
2. ARMMGoS intervened at the Africa Day side event through its focal point for academia, Dr Edith Madela-Mntla. She made the case for green investments at an expert session and demonstrated how green investments in key sectors such as renewable energies, digitisation and nature-based solutions could help countries respond to the adverse effects of COVID-19 and accelerate the achievement of sustainable development goals even beyond what was expected before the pandemic.
3. ARMMGoS drafted a position paper on the perspectives of major groups and other stakeholders on the SDGs than were under review during this high-level political forum (SDGs 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 16, and 17). ARMMGoS called the international community to solve system failures, pre-existing inequalities, and disparities that the global COVID-19 pandemic had exposed. The mechanisms also stressed the need for international cooperation and partnerships in achieving the 2030 Agenda and recovering from the COVID-19 crisis, while reiterating its commitment to working with States and other stakeholders to address the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and to achieve SDGs.
4. ARMMGoS Co-chair, Mr Kofi Kankam, participated at the messages from regions event and presented the perspectives of major groups and other stakeholders on tackling COVID-19, achieving SDGs and effective stakeholder engagement. In particular, he called for equity in access to COVID-19 vaccines, intensification of green investments, and recognition of civil society actors as legitimate stakeholders in sustainable development processes.
5. In collaboration with Action for Sustainable Development, ARMMGoS supported the drafting and presentation of Voluntary National Review (VNR) shadow reports from the following countries: Angola, Cabo Verde, Chad, Egypt, Madagascar, Namibia, Niger, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, and Zimbabwe.