SUPPORT FROM THE REGIONAL UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM TO SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 CRISIS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA AND AGENDA 2063

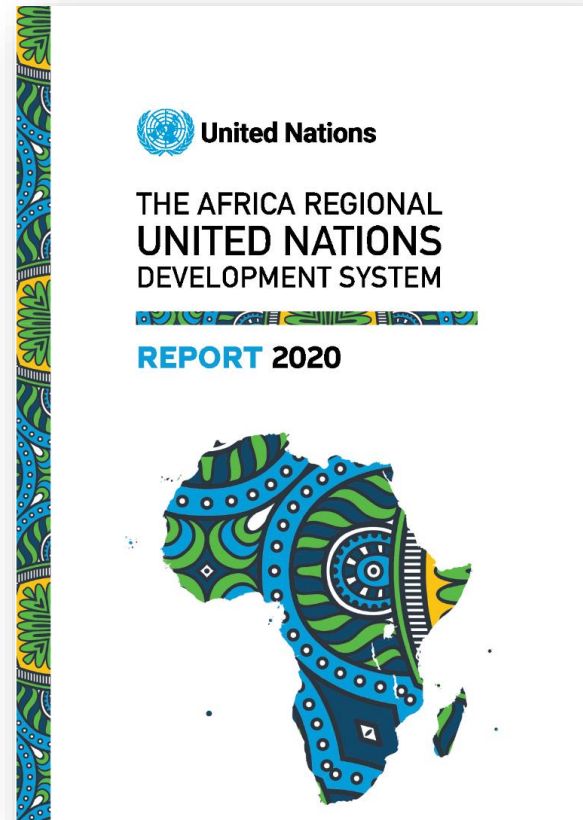## JOINT SECRETARIAT – AFRICA RCP

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Thursday, 4 March, 2021
2:30 – 3:45 5pm (Brazzaville time)

The Africa Regional
UN Development System

2020 Report

1. PROGRESS TRENDS SO FAR – OIBCs 1 to 7 & TFs

1.1 Opportunity/Issues Based Coalitions (OIBCs)

A. Strategic collaboration with AUC

RATIFICATION, DOMESTICATION & IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFCFTA

REGIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL POOLED PROCUREMENT / 'AFRICAN MEDICAL SUPPLIES PLATFORM

ADVOCACY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF UN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION & COMMON UN POSITION AGAINST CORRUPTIONS IN AFRICA

'THE FUTURES REPORT: MAKING THE AFCFTA WORK FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH'

1. PROGRESS TRENDS SO FAR ……………..…..*cont'd*

B. Strategic support/ interventions in response to COVID-19

THE AFRICA
KM HUB ON COVID-19

PLETHORA OF
STRATEGIC POLICY BRIEFS &
STUDIES ON COVID-19

DEBT MANAGEMENT,
RESTRUCTURING DUE TO COIVD

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES:
DISTANCE TEACHING & LEARNING &
CONTINUITY OF VITAL SERVICES

1. PROGRESS TRENDS SO FAR ……………..…..*cont'd*

C. Strategic interventions linked to SDGs and process mechanisms

**AFRICA
UN DATA GATEWAY**

**AFRICA UN DATA AND
STATISTICS STRATEGY**

**MAPPING OF KEY POLICY
INTERVENTIONS TO SPEED UP
PROGRESS TOWARDS SDG 8**

**FOUNDATIONAL DOCS
DEVELOPED & AGREED**
TOCS, TORs, RFs, WPs, GUIDES

CNs, TOs, Log frames, WPs,
Working Groups developed;
Mapping; guidelines & FP systems

OIBC 1: Strengthened integrated data & statistical systems for sustainable development (Recommendation #4: Strengthening the data ecosystem)

UNFPA, ECA, FAO, ILO, IOM, ITU, OCHA, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNDRR, UNESCO, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNWOMEN, WFP & WHO

2021 priorities

- Robust Online SDG Data Platform
  - Develop system requirements, content, incl. identifying data producers, users, hosting institution, resource requirements, etc.
  - Scanning the landscape of existing online data platforms at regional & continental levels
  - Stocktaking of statistical activities undertaken by all UN agencies in Africa
- Transforming national statistical systems
  - Modernization of NSSs through digital transformation
  - Design and deliver a ONE UN National Statistical Capacity Development Programme
  - Data and statistics advocacy strategy including identification of a **champion** and data ambassadors
- Promoting the culture of data use: strategy and guidelines
- Implementation of the Africa UN Data & Statistics Strategy

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OIBC 2: Ensuring effective and efficient macroeconomic management and accelerated inclusive, economic transformation and diversification

ECA, UNCTAD, UNDP, FAO, ILO, IOM, OCHA, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDRR, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNIDO, UNODC, UNV, UNWOMEN, WFP & WHO

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2021 priorities

Effective implementation of the AfCFTA by member States

- Finalization of the outstanding issues for Phase I negotiations on rules of origin and tariff liberalization &regulatory frameworks in TIS.
- Support **Phase II negotiations** on investment, Intellectual property rights, competition policy
- Leveraging AfCFTA for industrial development in Africa & supporting value chain development

Supporting African countries on sustainable financing and debt management

- Supporting African countries in designing **Illicit Financial Flow** policy and regulatory framework
- Joint capacity support on developing **equitable resource allocation formulae**, expenditure tracking and efficiency resource allocation and use
- Policy guide and capacity support to countries to improve **long-term debt management** capacity, governance, and transparency

OIBC 3: Harnessing Demographic Dividends through investments in Youth and Women's Empowerment for Sustainable Development

UNFPA, UNESCO, ECA, FAO, ILO, IOM, ITU, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNV, UNESCO, UNWOMEN, WFP & WHO

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2021 priorities

Demographic Dividends and Health

- Strategic joint assessments, advocacy and capacity development exercises undertaken for ensuring continuity of life-saving **SRMNCAH** services
- Smartphone application to equip adolescents and young people most at risk of unintended pregnancies and GBV with skills and access to health, protection and legal services

Education

- **Inclusive Education Strategy** based on GEM Report 2020
- **Life skills teaching and learning packages** for integration in skills development for in and out of school adolescents
- Country level capacities and public-private partnership developed and built to roll out foundational literacy and numeracy and **Digital Learning Strategies** to build back better education systems

OIBC 4: Leveraging new technologies and enabling digital transitions for inclusive growth & development

ITU, UN-HABITAT, WHO, ECA, FAO, ILO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, and WFP

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2021 priorities

Home-grown sustainable & scalable technologies and digital solutions

- Guidelines on establishing an enabling environment for innovation

- Joint awareness raising / advocacy on entrepreneurship in the digital economy and the role of open science and **scientific research to build the requisite capacity to respond to emergencies**

Infrastructure to facilitate implementation of emerging technologies & digital solutions

- **Guidance/tools** for assessing infrastructure needs shared with all countries

- **Guidelines for promoting smart sustainable cities,** including template roadmap to support countries in crafting their national roadmaps

OIBC 5: Fostering Climate Action and Resilience

UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, UNDP, ECA, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNDRR, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNIADS, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNV, WFP and WHO

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2021 priorities

Water- Energy-Food Nexus

- The Pan-Africa Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for increased Resilience
- The UN Integrated Strategy for Sahel
- Programme of Action for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework

Sustainable Management and Restoration of Natural Capital, and Building Climate & Disaster Resilience

- Africa Blue Economy strategy
- The Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI)

OIBC 6: Towards Peace, Security, and the Respect of Human Rights

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OHCHR, UNODC, UNDP, ECA, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, OCHA, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNV, UNOAU, UN-WOMEN and WHO

2021 priorities

Support to AU, RECs/ Regional Mechanisms and member States on conflict prevention, including Preventing Violent Extremism

- **Assessment of capacities** and capabilities at AU, REC/RM and MS level with relevance to both regional issues and country level support
- Tailored and coordinated **capacity support**
- **Monitoring & reporting** to support strategic advocacy on the role of human rights violations in driving violent extremism and terrorism

Improved compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law

- **Joint research on** the role of human rights protection in prevention of conflicts
- Support to **AU** on development of **Conduct and Discipline Policies for peace support operations personnel and development of a Training Curriculum and Facilitators Guide on the AU Compliance and Accountability Framework**

OIBC 7: Forced displacement and migration

IOM, UNHCR, ECA, FAO, ILO, OCHA, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN HABITAT, UNICEF, UN Women and UNV

2021 priorities

Promotion of human rights-based approaches meeting the rights and needs of Forcibly Displaced & Migrant Population in Africa
- Mainstreaming and domestication of international standards on labour migration into national and regional laws
- Supporting establishment of sound and workable screening measures at borders
- Enhanced access to justice for migrant and forcibly displaced populations

Joint UN responses advancing labour mobility & socio-economic integration of Forcibly Displaced and Migrant Populations
- Technical advisory services to support ratification, adoption/ implementation of free circulation/movement regimes & regional analysis of GRF pledges of the Global Compact on Refugees prepared and widely disseminated

Increased access of forcibly displaced and migrant populations in Africa to Education, Health, Social Safety, Small Scale Enterprise and Skills Training
- Joint UN support to initiatives aimed at establishing a "Regional Qualifications" Framework"

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