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Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. High-level panel on unlocking financing to build forward better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa.
3. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Election of the Bureau;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
4. Highlights of progress at the regional and subregional levels in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in the context of the COVID-19 crisis.
5. Plenary round-table panel on boosting the generation and use of data and statistics to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa.
6. Plenary round-table panels on national and subnational actions and reviews to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa:
 - (a) Voluntary national reviews and peer learning to strengthen country-level interventions;
 - (b) Voluntary subnational reviews and peer learning to bolster local action.
7. Parallel meetings for an in-depth review of progress made and peer learning on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum:
 - (a) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of quality education;
 - (b) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of gender equality;
 - (c) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of life below water;
 - (d) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of life on land;
 - (e) Parallel meeting on the sub-theme of partnerships.
8. Plenary round-table panel on leveraging science, technology, innovation and digital transformation to build forward better from the COVID-19 crisis and accelerate delivery of sustainable development in Africa.
9. Presentations and discussions on sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063:



- (a) United Nations development system support to build forward better and accelerate delivery of sustainable development;
 - (b) Presentation by major groups and other stakeholders.
10. Presentation of commitments and actions to accelerate delivery of sustainable development.
 11. Consideration and adoption of key messages and the Kigali declaration on building forward better from the COVID-19 crisis and accelerating delivery of sustainable development in Africa.
 12. Theme, dates and venue of the ninth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.
 13. Other matters.
 14. Closing of the session.
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