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KEY SPEAKERS



H.E YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI PRESIDENT REPUPBLIC OF UGANDA



H.E EMMERSON MNANGAGWA PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE



RT. HON ROBINAH NABBANJA PRIME MINISTER OF UGANDA



PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ROBERT RAE



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H.E. ERNEST BAI KOROMA FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE



H.E. JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



H.E. MONCEF MARZOUKI FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA



H.E. HAILEMARIAM DESALEGN BOSHE - FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA



FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GAUDENCIO MOHABA MESU



MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY AND FINANCE, MAURITANIA, AND CHAIR OF THE OUTGOING BUREAU, SID'AHMED OULD BOUH



CABINET SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, KENYA, JOHN MBADI NG'ONGO



ABOUT THE FORUM

The Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) is an annual intergovernmental and multistakeholder platform mandated by the General Assembly through its resolutions 67/290, 70/1, and 70/299. The Forum was put into operation following the adoption of resolutions 930 (XLVIII) and 939 (XLIX) at the eighth and ninth joint annual meetings of the Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration of the African Union and the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development of the Economic Commission for Africa, held in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

The Africa Regional Forum undertakes integrated followup and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Agenda 2063, "The Africa We Want" of the African Union since, the two agendas provide a synergistic framework for achieving inclusive and people-centred sustainable development in the region. As in previous years, the eleventh session of the Africa Regional Forum (ARFSD -11) will be organized by ECA, in collaboration with the host Government for the session (Government of Uganda), the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank and various organizations within the United Nations system. It will bring together ministers, senior officials, experts and practitioners from

members of ECA, the private sector, civil society, academic institutions and United Nations entities.

I. Theme and context

The theme of the ARFSD -11 is "Driving job creation and economic growth through sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063."

II. Objectives

The overall objective of the eleventh session of the Africa Regional Forum is to conduct a regional follow-up and review of progress made, facilitate peer learning and advance sustainable, inclusive, science, evidence-based and data-driven solutions, and actions to dramatically increase economic growth, job creation and the pace and scale of implementation of the SDGs and Goals of Agenda 2063.

The specific objectives of the eleventh session of the Africa **Regional Forum are as follows:**

(a) To review progress, challenges, and opportunities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. In line with the 2025 HLPF, ARFSD-11 will conduct an in-depth review of implementation in Africa of SDG 3 (good health and well-being); 5 (gender equality); 8 (decent work and economic growth); 14 (life below water) and 17 (partnerships for the goals) and the corresponding



goals of Agenda 2063 with a special focus on its second ten-year implementation plan (STYIP).

- (b) To strengthen learning and advocate effective policy measures and actions including sustainable, inclusive, science-and evidence-based solutions to scale up financing for, and advance implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Goals of Agenda 2063 at national, regional and global level.
- (c) To follow-up and take forward the outcomes of the Summit of the Future.
- (d) To serve as Africa regional preparatory meeting for the HLPF to be held in New York in July 2025 and the Second World Summit for Social Development to be held in Qatar from 4 to 6 November 2025.
- (e) Reach consensus and adopt Forum outcome documents, namely:
 - (i) Summary and key messages of the Forum comprised of Africa's priorities and key policy options and recommendations to inform and spur actions at subnational, national, regional, and

- global levels to dramatically increase economic growth, job creation and the pace and scale of implementation of the SDGs and Goals of Agenda 2063.
- (ii) The Kampala Declaration on sustainable, inclusive, science-and evidence-based solutions to increase economic growth and job creation, and advance implementation of SDGs and Goals of Agenda 2063.

III. Sub-themes

The forum will undertake a comprehensive review of;

- (a) Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being)
- (b) Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality)
- (c) Sustainable Development Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth),
- (d) Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water)
- (e) Sustainable Development Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



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PROGRAMME

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Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Draft programme of work

Preliminary events, side events and other major meetings on the margins of the Forum

Sunday, 6 April

8:30 - 9 a.m Registration

9 a.m – 5:30 p.m Dialogue on Advancing Environmental Sustainability and Outcomes of COP 29, Carbon Markets

and Energy Access (Albert)

Monday, 7 April

8:30 - 9 a.m Registration

9 a.m - 5:30 p.m Sixth Africa Climate Talks and SDGs Forum (Commonwealth Banquet Hall)

Seventh African Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Forum (Victoria Ballroom)

Regional preparatory workshop for African voluntary national reviews and voluntary local

reviews (Sheena)

Africa Leadership Forum (Former Heads of State) (Kidepo and Kabalega)

Accelerating Transformation through the Implementation of the Second Ten-Year Implementation

Plan of Agenda 2063 (Albert)

Private sector round table on the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 (Sustainable

Development Goals Activation Day) (Meera)

Gender Symposium (Bujagali)



















Optimal blended finance solutions to mobilize private investment at scale to Africa's priorities (Bwindi)

Tuesday, 8 April

8:30 – 9 a.m	Registration
9 a.m – 5:30 p.m	Meeting on Financing Sustainable Development (ministers of finance, central bank governors and pension fund managers) (Mburo)
	Sixth Africa Climate Talks and SDGs Forum (continued) (Commonwealth Banquet Hall)
	Seventh African Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Forum (Continued), (Victoria Ballroom)
	Regional preparatory workshop for African voluntary national reviews and voluntary local reviews (Continued) (Sheena)
	Africa Leadership Forum (Former Heads of State and Government) (continued) (Kidepo and Kabalega)
	Children and Youth Forum (Sheena and Meera)
	Meeting of Civil Society, major Groups and other Stakeholders (Meera)
	Meeting of representatives of faith-based organizations (Albert)

Saturday, 12 April

8:30 – 9 a.m	Registration
9 a.m – 5:30 p.m	Retreat of the United Nations Regional Opportunities and Issue- Based Coalition 4 (Acacia)

Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Wednesday, 9 April

8:30 – 9 a.m

Registration

9 a.m - 10:30 a.m

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Chair: Minister of the Economy and Finance, Mauritania, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Sid'Ahmed Ould Bouh

Master of ceremonies: Minister of Information, Communication, Technology and National Guidance, Uganda, Chris Baryomunsi

Statements:

- Minister of the Economy and Finance, Mauritania , and Chair of the outgoing Burea u , Sid'Ahmed Ould Bouh
- President of the Economic and Social Council, and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, Robert Rae
- Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission, Moses Vilakati
- Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Claver Gatete
- Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed
- Prime Minister, Uganda, Robinah Nabbanja

Opening keynote address: President of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

10:30 – 11 a.m

Presidential dialogue (agenda item 2)

11 a.m - 1 p.m

Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Chair: President of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

Moderator: Journalist and broadcaster, Lerato Mbele

Presidential panel:

- President of Zimbabwe and Chairperson, Southern African Development Commun i t y , **Emmerson Mnangagwa**
- First Deputy Prime Minister of Equatoria I Guinea, Gaudencio Mohaba Mesu, representing the President of Republic of Equatorial Guinea and Chair, Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States





















- Cabinet Secretary of the National Treasury and Economic Planning, Kenya, John Mbad i Ng'ongo, representing the President of Kenya and Chairperson, East African Community
- Former President, United Republic of Tanzania, Jakaya Kikwete
- President of the Economic and Social Council, and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, Robert Rae

Reflection on key messages: Journalist and broadcaster, Lerato Mbele

1 p.m - 1:30 p.m.

Organizational matters (agenda item 3)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Election of the Bureau

Chair: Minister of the Economy and Finance, Mauritania, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Sid'Ahmed Ould Bouh

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

1:30 - 2:30 p.m

Lunch break

2:30 – 4 p.m

High-level panel 1: Increasing ambition and finding innovative solutions for mobilizing sustainable finance, and channelling and using finance more efficiently and effectively to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union, with emphasis on the second 10-year implementation plan (2024–2033) (agenda item 4)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete

Guest speaker: Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Zambia, cofacilitator of the outcome document of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, Chola Milambo (v)

Presentation: Key messages from the preliminary event entitled "Meeting of regional ministers of finance, central bank governors and pension fund managers on financing for development" by Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda, Ramathan Ggoobi

Panellists:

Dialogue group 1

- Former President, United Republic of Tanzania, Jakaya Kikwete
- President of the Economic and Social Council, and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, Robert Rae
- Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda, Matia Kasaija

- Minister of State responsible for the Budget, Ministry of the Economy, Budget and Finance, Mauritania, Codioro Moussa N'Guenor
- Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, Cristina Duarte
- Director General, East Africa Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery Office, African Development Bank, Kenned y Mbekeani
- Governor, Bank of Uganda, Michael Atingi-Eg o (to be confirmed)
- Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission, Moses Vilakati

Dialogue group 2

- Resident Coordinator, United Republic of Tanzania, Susan Ngongi Namondo
- Managing Director, National Social Security Fund, Uganda, Patrick Ayota (to be confirmed)
- First Deputy Governor, Central Bank of the Gambia, Abdoulie Sireh Jallow
- Managing Director, Convergence Blended Global Finance, Christopher Clubb
- Government Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service and Co-Chair, High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Build in g for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Samuel Kobina Annim

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Xxxxx [to be determined]

4 - 4:30 p.m

Coffee break

4:30 - 6 p.m

High-level panel 2: Scaling sustainable, inclusive, science-based, evidence-based and datadriven solutions to dramatically increase economic growth, boost job creation and accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 5)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Director, Regional Service Centre for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Matthias Naab

Introductory statement: Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, UNDP, Ahunna Eziakonwa

Opening statement (pre-recorded video): Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, UNDP, Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie

Presentation: Highlights of the Africa Sustainable Development Report, 2025,2 with a focus on inclusive, science-based, evidence-based and data-driven solutions to dramatically increase economic growth, job creation and the pace and scale of implementation of the two agendas, by Director, Macroeconomics, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Zuzana Schwidrowski

Panellists:

Dialogue group 1

- Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Hailemariam Desalegn (tbc)
- Minister of Local Government, Uganda, Raphael Magyezi (tbc)























- Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme Support), ECA, Antonio Pedro
- Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, Abebe Haile- Gabriel

Dialogue group 2

- Director General, African Union Commission, Fathallah Sijilmassi
- Chairperson of the Board, Zambia Statistics Agency, Oliver Chinganya
- Resident Coordinator, Mauritius and Seychelles, Lisa Singh
- Director, Africa Hub Leadership Centre, Future Earth, Daniel Nyanganyura

Discussants:

Director for Population and Social Statistics, Uganda Bureau of Statistics, Helen Namirembe

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Director, Regional Service Centre for Africa, UNDP, Matthias Naab

6 - 6:30 p.m

Inauguration of the knowledge fair of the eleventh session of the Forum

6:30 – 8 p.m

Dinner Hosted by the Prime Minister of Uganda, Robinah Nabbanja

Thursday, 10 April

9 - 10:30 a.m

High-level panel 3: Follow-up on the outcome documents of the Summit of the Future in the context of advancing sustainable, inclusive, science-based and evidence-based solutions to increase the pace and scale of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 6)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Director, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi

Opening statement (pre-recorded video): From commitment to action: leveraging the Summit of the Future outcomes to accelerate the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Guy Ryder

Presentation (pre-recorded video): Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs and Head, United Nations Youth Office, Felipe Paullier

Panellists:

- Senior official, Ministry of Internationa | Relations and Trade, Namib ia [to be determine d]
- Senior Technical Adviser and Head, SDG secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, Albert Byamugisha
- Representative, Union Commission [to be determined]
- Resident Coordinator, Burundi, Violet Kakyomy a



- President, Pan African Youth Union, Dialla Moumouni
- Vice-President and Regional Director for East Africa, World Vision International, Lilian Dodzo

Discussant:

Director for Pact of the Future Implementation, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, Themba Kalua

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Regional Representative for East Africa and to the African Union, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Marcel Akpovo

10:30 – 11 a.m

Coffee break

11 a.m – 1 p.m

High-level panel 4: Capitalizing on the Second World Summit for Social Development to advance the achievement of African priorities (poverty eradication; full employment and decent work for all; inclusivity and social integration, leaving no one behind; and full achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of Agenda 2063) (agenda item 7)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive Secretary and acting Director, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA, Aboubakri Diaw

Opening statement (pre-recorded video): Under- Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Li Junhua

Guest speaker (pre-recorded video): Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Morocco, Omar Hilale

Panellists:

- Minister of Employment and Social Protection, Côte d'Ivoire, Adama Kamara
- Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda, Betty Amongi
- President, Pan-African Parliament, Fortune Charumbira
- Social Protection Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO), Dramane Batchabi
- Regional Director and Representative, Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Environment Programme, Rose Mwebaza
- Resident Coordinator, Egypt, Elena Panova
- Representative, African Union Commission [to be determined]

Discussants:

Executive Director, National Planning Authority, Uganda, Joseph Muvawala













General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Regional Director, West and Central Africa, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Sennen Hounton

1 - 2:30 p.m

Lunch break

2:30 - 4:15 p.m

Parallel meetings for an in-depth review of progress made, peer-to-peer learning and acceleration measures regarding the sub-themes of the Forum (agenda item 8)

a. Good health and well-being

Venue: Sheena

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Director and Head, World Health Organization Liaison Office to the African Union and ECA, Dr. Francis Chisaka Kasolo

Presentation: Highlights of the background report on the sub-theme of good health and wellbeing, Director and Head of World Health Organisation Liaison Office to African Union and ECA, Dr. Francis Chisaka Kasolo

Panellists:

- Minister of Health, Uganda, Dr. Jane Aceng
- Minister of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone Dr. Austin Demby
- Deputy Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, United Nations Children's Fund, Alison Parker
- Team Lead for Human Develop ment, Foreig n, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Philip Elks
- Director and Dean of the School of Pharmacy, Manica University, Zambia, Lloyd Matowe
- Factory Director and Responsible Pharmacist, Cinpharm, Cameroon, Issa Hamadjoda
- Resident Coordinator, Malawi, Rebecca Adda- Dontoh

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Director and Head, World Health Organization Liaison Office to the African Union and ECA, Dr. Francis Chisaka Kasolo

b. Gender equality

Venue: Victoria Ballroom

Chair: Member of the Bureau

Moderator: Regional Director, East and Southern Africa, UNFPA, Lydia Zigomo

Presentation: Highlights of the background report on the sub-theme of gender equality by Economic Affairs Officer, ECA, Judith Oduol

Panellists:

- Minister of Gender, Children and Social Welfare, Gambia, Fatou Kinteh
- Minister of Women's Empowerment and the Family, Cameroon, Marie Thérèse Abena Ondoa
- Director, Gender, Women and Youth Directora t e , African Union Commission, Prudence Ngwenya
- Regional Director, East and Southern Africa, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), Anna Mutavati
- Adjunct Senior Lecturer, Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town, South Africa, Rama Dieng
- Founder and Executive Director, Samburu Girls Foundation, Josephine Kulea
- Head of Sustainability, Stanbic Bank Uganda, Cathy Adengo

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Minister of State for Gender and Culture, Uganda, and Chairperson of the Specialized Technical Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerement, African Union Peace Mutuzo

Decent work and economic growth

Venue: Albert Room

Chair: Member of the Bureau

Moderator: Director, Macroeconomic Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Zuzana Schwidrowski

Presentation: Highlights of the background report on the sub-theme of decent work and economic growth by a Senior Economist in the Regional Office for Africa, International Labour Organization, Andrew Allieu

Panellists:

- Minister of State for Trade, Uganda, Wilson Mbadi
- Ibrahima M.B.S. Kinteh, Director of Development Planning in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia
- Director, Country Office for the United Republic of Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, ILO, Caroline Khamati Mugalla
- Country Representative and Chief of Office , Liberia, OHCHR, Christian Mukosa
- International Trade Consultant, Trade Reform and Development in Egypt project, United States Agency for International Development, Waleed El-Zomor
- Chairperson, Independent Continental Youth Advisory Council on the African Continental Free Trade Area, Emolot Allan David
- Representative, African Union Commission [to be determined]

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Officer-in-Charg e, Development Planning Section, Macroeconomic Polic y, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Oyebanke Abejirin

Life below water

Venue: Meera Room

Chair: Member of the Bureau

Moderator: Head, Sub-Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Head, Regional Office for Eastern Africa, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Ibukun Adewumi

Presentation: Highlights of the background report on the sub-theme of life below water, presented by the Chief of the Natural Resources and Green and Blue Economy Section, Climate Change, Food Security and Natural Resources Division, ECA, Nassim Oulmane

Panellists:

- Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission, Moses Vilakati
- Minister of State for Water, Uganda, Aisha Sekindi
- Blue Economy Adviser and Special Envoy, Executive Office of the President, Kenya, Nancy Karigithu
- Minister of the Environment and Biodiversity, Guinea-Bissau, Viriato Luís Soares Cassamá
- Resident Coordinator, Cabo Verde, Patricia Portela de Souza
- Regional Director and Representative, Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Environmen t Programme, Rose Mwebaza
- Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Luther Bois Anukur
- Founder, Black Mermaid Foundation, Zandile Ndhlovu

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Regional Technical Adviser for Water, Ocean Governance, Ecosystems and Biodivers ity (Africa), UNDP, Madeleine Nyiratuza

e. Partnerships for the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

Venue: Rwenzori Hall A

Chair: Member of the Bureau

Moderator: Regional Representative for East Africa and to the African Union, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Marcel Akpovo

Presentation: Highlights of the background report on the sub-theme of partnerships for the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 by the Head of the Train in g and Research Division, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, ECA, Bakary Dosso

Panellists:

- Minister of State for Planning, Uganda, Amos Lugoloobi
- Minister of Finance and Social Grants Management, Namibia, Erica Shafudah (to be confirmed)
- State Minister of Finance for Economic Cooperation, Ethiopia, Semereta Sewasew (to be
- Chief Economist and Vice-President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, African Development Bank, Chika Urama (to be confirmed)
- Chief Executive Officer African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development, Nardos Bakele-Thomas (to be confirmed)
- Representative, African Union Commission [to be determined]
- Chairperson of the Board, Zambia Statistics Agency, Oliver Chinganya
- Manager, Italian Trade Agency Office, Addis Ababa, Claudio Pasqualucci
- Resident Coordinator, Nigeria, Mohamed Malick Fall
- Member, Pan African Youth Union and National Youth Council, Uganda, Mugyema David
- Representative, private sector [to be determined]
- Founder and President, African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests, Cameroon, Cécile Ndjebet
- Director, Centre for International Strate g ic Thinking (CEPEI), Colombia, Philipp Schönrock

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Makerere University Business School, Uganda, Fred Muhumuza

4:15 - 4:30 p.m

Coffee

4:30 - 5:30 p.m

Parallel meetings for an in-depth review of progress made, peer-to-peer learning and acceleration measures regarding the sub-themes of the Forum (agenda item 8) (continued)

Reports on the parallel meetings Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: [to be determined]

Presentations:

- Rapporteur, parallel meeting on the sub-theme of good health and well-being
- Rapporteur, parallel meeting on the sub-theme of gender equality
- Rapporteur, parallel meeting on the sub-theme of decent work and economic growth
- Rapporteur, parallel meeting on the sub-theme of life below water























Rapporteur, parallel meeting on the sub-theme of partnerships for the goals of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

General discussion

Friday, 11 April

9 – 10:30 a.m

Plenary round-table panel on harnessing science, technology, innovation and digital transformation to underpin sustainable, inclusive, science-based and evidence-based solutions for economic growth, job creation and accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 9)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Vice Chancellor Makerere University Uganda, Prof. Barnbas Nawangwe

Presentation: Director, Technology, Innovation, Connectivity and Infrastructure Development Division, ECA, Robert Lisinge

Panellists:

Dialogue group 1

- Minister for Science Technology and Innovation, Uganda, Monica Musenero
- Deputy Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Sierra Leone, Sarjoh Aziz-Kamara
- Deputy Minister of Communication, Information Technology and Media, Burundi, Ferdinand Manirakiza
- Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda, Augustus Nuwagaba

Dialogue group 2

- Director, Regional Service Centre for Africa UNDP, Matthias Naab
- Regional Director and Representative for Southern Africa, UNESCO, Nisha
- Special Adviser and Chief, Strategic Planning and Membership, International Telecommunication Union, Nur Sulyna Abdullah

Discussants:

- Head, Origin Research and Innovation Hub for East Africa, Kenya, Ndirangu Kioni
- President, African Academy of Sciences, Lis e Korsten

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Director, Technology, Innovation, Connectivity and Infrastructure Development Division, ECA, Robert Lisinge

10:30 – 11 a.m

Coffee break

11 a.m – 1 p.m

Plenary round-table panel on voluntary national and local reviews as a means of fostering sustainable, inclusive, science-based, evidence-based and data- driven solutions to dramatically increase economic growth, job creation and the pace and scale of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 10)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Moderator: Director, Subregional Office for West Africa, ECA, Ngoné Diop

Panellists:

- Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, Gambia, Seedy Keita
- Director General, Directorate General for the Coordination and Monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals, Benin, Camille Sevoh
- Youth Leaders Fellow, UNFPA, Ghana, Bernadette Seyram Azah
- Senior Global Advocacy Adviser, East, Central and Southern Africa, Royal Common wealth Society for the Blind (Sightsavers), Monica Njoroge Ndoria
- Director of City Planning, Lusaka City Council, Biggie Chanda
- Senior Technical Adviser and Head, SDG secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, Albert Byamugisha

General discussion

Reflection on key messages: Deputy Execut ive Secretary (Programme Support), ECA, Antonio Pedro

1 – 2:30 p.m

Lunch break

2:30 - 3:30 p.m

Consideration and adoption of key messages and the Kampala declaration on sustainable, inclusive, science- based and evidence-based solutions for driving job creation and economic growth and for implementing the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 (agenda item 11)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Presentation: Rapporteur of the Bureau

3:30 - 3:45 p.m

Theme, dates and venue of the twelfth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable **Development** (agenda item 12)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B Chair: Chair of the Bureau



















3:45 – 4 p.m Other matters (agenda item 13)

> Venue: Rwenzori A and B **Chair:** Chair of the Bureau

4 – 4:30 p.m Closing of the session (agenda item 14)

Venue: Rwenzori A and B

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Statements:

Chair of the Bureau

Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy

Resident Coordinator, Uganda, United Nations, Leonard Zulu

Prime Minister, Uganda, Robinah Nabbanja



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RT. HON ROBINAH NABBANJA **Prime Minister of Uganda**

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- Coordinate and monitor the implementation of Special Government Policies and programs for Northern Uganda, Luwero-Rwenzori, Karamoja, Bunyoro, and Teso Affairs.























National Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) SECRETARIAT

In setting up the SDG Secretariat, Government envisioned an institution which would provide more dedicated support to the Directorate of Strategic Coordination and Implementation in the Office of the Prime Minister in fast tracking coordination of SDGs implementation in the country. The Secretariat is therefore charged with:

- Supporting oversight of the implementation of the SDG Coordination Framework.
- Coordinating monitoring and assessment of implementation and progress of the 2030 Agenda within the Government Performance Assessment.
- Building strategic partnerships with the Private Sector on financing and innovation for the SDGs Providing technical support, advice and expertise to Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Private Sector, Civil Society, and Academic Institutions to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

 Serving as a convergence center and hub of SDG information and data for the Government and other stakeholders.

Uganda adopted SDGs in 2015 and since then has been at the fore front of SDGs. Government has since then implemented an inclusive process to ensure that the 2030 Agenda is owned by the people through putting in place a coordination framework launched in 2016. The framework guides the coordination of the implementation of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and its associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the leadership of the Office of the Prime

Minister. The Framework was created as an enabling environment for the state and non-state actors to accelerate and deliver on the SDGs and the Agenda 2030.

SDG Policy Coordination Committee (SDG-PCC) Chair: The Prime Minister Members: Ministries, Heads of Cooperation and Agency SDG Implementation Steering Committee (SDG-ISC) Chair: The Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet Members: Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister Members: Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister Members: Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister Members: Technical offices from OPM, MoFPED, MoICT &NG, MoFA, MoLG, NPA, UBOS, NEMA, UHRC, LDPG, UN, CSO SDG Core Reference Group and PSFU Coordination, M&E and Reporting TWG Chair: OPM Members: PWGS, MoLG, Chill Society, Private Sector, Academia and Development Partners Mainstreaming TWG Chair: MPA Members: PWGS, MoLG, Chill Society, Private Sector, Academia and Development Partners Programme Working Groups MDAS LGS Political Core Team SDG Secretariat SDG Secretariat Communication and Population TWG Chair: UBOS Members: PWGS, MoLG, Cwil Society, Private Sector, Academia and Development Partners Programme Working Groups MDAS LGS

From ideas to actions for a better Africa

Established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN) in 1958 as one of the UN's five regional commissions, ECA's mandate is to promote the economic and social development of itsmember States, foster intra-regional integration, and promote international cooperation for Africa's development.

Made up of 54 member States, and playing a dual role as a regional arm of the UN and as a key component of the African institutional landscape, ECA is well positioned to make unique contributions to address the Continent's development challenges.

ECA's strength derives from its role as the only UN agency mandated to operate at the regional and subregional levels to harness resources and bring them to bear on Africa's priorities.

The contribution by ECA to the task of carrying forward the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 is centred on the Commission's three core functions, namely, its convening function, its function as a think tank and its operational function, as articulated below:

- a. Convening function: providing dedicated regional intergovernmental and multi- stakeholder platforms with strong ownership by member States, regional bodies and development banks that result in agreed development policy frameworks, standards and action plans that reinforce multilateralism at the regional and sub regional levels;
- b. Think-tank function: conducting multisectoral research and analysis that nurture the integration of the three pillars of sustainable development, and promote

peer learning, innovative thinking and the advocacy of public policies while fostering intersectoral linkages and synergies;

c. Operational function: provision of policy advice at the country level through direct demand-based support to member States in areas related to its normative and analytical work and in collaboration with the United Nations system at the country level.

ECA's mission is to deliver ideas and actions for an empowered and transformed Africa; informed by the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. The mission is guided by ECA's five new strategic directions which are:

- a. Advancing ECA's position as a premier knowledge institution that builds on its unique position and privilege to bring global solutions to the continent's problems and take local solution to the continent:
- a. Developing macroeconomic and structural policy options to accelerate economic diversification and job creation;
- a. Designing and implementing innovative financing models for infrastructure, and for human, physical and social assets for a transforming Africa;
- a. Contributing solutions to regional and transboundary challenges, with a focus on peace security and social inclusion as an important development nexus;
- a. Advocating Africa's position at the global level and developing regional responses as a contribution to global governance issues.

ECA is headed by an Executive Secretary, who is assisted by two Deputy Executive Secretaries.





















Science Technology and Innovation (STI) Secretariat

Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) is a powerful driver of economic growth and a key pillar of global competitiveness, contributing over 50% to global economic development. Uganda has embarked on a bold journey to transform its economy through STI, recognizing it not just as a sector, but as a system that enables every other sector to achieve rapid and transformative impact on the economy.

The National STI System is coordinated at the highest level from the Office of the President through the Science, Technology and Innovation Secretariat (STI-Secretariat). This strategic placement ensures whole-of-government coordination, cross-sectoral integration, and innovation-led development.

Our Mandate

"To mobilize, coordinate and provide strategic oversight and policy guidance to scientists and stakeholders in MDAs, local governments, academic and research institutions, private sector, schools and vocational Institutions, regulators, development partners, media, and the public along the prioritized industrial value chains to increase productivity, import substitution and export of knowledge-based products and services."

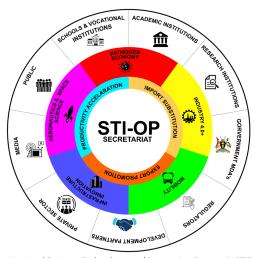
Our Goal

"To grow the contribution of knowledge-based goods and services to the national economy by increasing domestic productivity, import substitution, and export of products resulting from Science, Technology, and Innovation"

We are deliberately investing in creating new knowledge-based economies while adding value to traditional sectors. Our strategic focus on priority value chains is turning Uganda into a regional hub for competitive, knowledge-based goods and services.



Prioritised Industrial Value Chains aka New Economy



The National Science, Technology and Innovation System (NSTIS)

Through our programs, the STI Secretariat has:

- Supported hundreds of innovators across the idea-to-market journey
- Developed national research and innovation infrastructure
- Created pathways for market access and commercialization
- Championed inclusive and enabling STI policy environments

One of our flagship initiatives is the National Science Week, held annually to showcase Uganda's scientific achievements and innovations to the world, connecting innovators with investors, policymakers, and global partners.

Collaboration is central to unlocking the full potential of science and innovation. We welcome partnerships with governments, international agencies, research institutions, investors, and innovators to co-create solutions that work for Uganda, for Africa, and for the world.

Welcome to Uganda. May your time here be filled with inspiration, opportunity, and lasting collaboration.



UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR'S OFFICE (RCO) Uganda

Resident Coordinator (RC) is the designated representatives of the UN Secretary-General in Uganda. RC leads the UN Country Team (UNCT). The UNCT, comprised of Heads of UN agencies, provides collective leadership to UN teams on programmes and operations.

Mr. Leonard Zulu of Zimbabwe commenced his tour of duty as UN Resident Coordinator in Uganda on 2 November 2024. As UN Resident Coordinator he is the Head of the United Nations System in Uganda including the development and humanitarian response involving 29 UN Entities and over 2000 staff based at different stations all over the country.

The RC is responsible for coordinating and providing leadership to the UNCT in strategy setting, planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of development programmes at the country level, as outlined in the Cooperation Framework. The RC Coordinates strategic support for national plans and priorities, makes operations more efficient and reduces transaction costs for governments.

The RC also provides leadership on joint advocacy and communications and joint resource mobilization efforts. In addition, the RC also acts as the Designated Official (DO) for Safety and Security. Before 2019, the position of the UN Resident Coordinator was concurrently held by UNDP Resident Representative, but the positions were delinked to enable the UN Resident Coordinator to focus on coordinating the UN System.

The RCO in Uganda supports the inter-agency coordination committees to effectively deliver on the 5 core coordination functions, by providing secretariat support, follow up on actions, regular information update on relevant emerging issues, organizing monthly as well as ad-hoc meeting of each of the committees; liaison with UN Development Group (UNDG) at Headquarters in New York and regional level; liaison with the UN Development Coordination

Office (DCO) at UN Headquarters in New York; liaison with development partners in country including the Local Development Partners Group (LDPG), Democracy Partners Group (DPG), Civil Society and Government; coordinating joint UN appeals; organizing high level meetings and advocacy events; and maximizing impact of visits of high level UN officials to Uganda.

UN Area Coordinator (UNAC) System

The RC is assisted in this coordination role in the field by United Nations Area Coordinators (UNAC), in the areas where the UN has a strong presence on the ground. There are currently UNACs for West Nile sub-region based in Arua City; Northern Uganda sub-region based in Gulu City; Karamoja Sub-region based in Moroto Town; and for South Western Uganda based in Mbarara City.

The UNACs lead the committee of heads of UN field offices in all aspects of UN Delivering as One (DaO) in their area including joint annual work planning, joint field monitoring and evaluation, maximizing impact of visits of high-level UN officials to their area, and knowledge management. The UNAC chairs monthly meetings of the heads of UN field offices and provides updates to RCO in Kampala and in turn receives feedback from the UNCT through RCO.



MR. LEONARD ZULU UN Resident Coordinator and Designated Official for Security

















UNDP Unlocking Economic Potential of Women and Youth

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the leading United Nations organization committed to ending injustices of poverty, inequality, and climate change globally. Working with a broad network of experts and partners in over 170 countries, UNDP helps nations build integrated and lasting solutions for people and the planet. UNDP is dedicated to supporting Uganda to achieve sustainable development, create opportunities for empowerment, protect the environment, minimize natural and human-caused disasters, build strategic partnerships, and improve the quality of life for all citizens, in partnership with the Government of Uganda, development partners, civil society, the private sector, implementing partners and the people of Uganda. UNDP is committed to empowering the women and youth of Uganda, positioning them at the heart of Uganda's sustainable development journey through:

- a. Enhancing skills through job-readiness training, workplace placement, mentorship and networking opportunities.
- b. positioning innovation and entrepreneurship as drivers of self-employment.
- Supporting women and youth-led enterprises to pilot innovative ideas and scale commercially viable products and services.
- d. Building capacities of national institutions and private sector to mainstream women and youth empowerment and employment.
- e. Stimulating growth of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and enabling women and youth to build sustainable and resilient enterprises.



UNDP private sector partner Yo-Waste has created skilling and livelihoods opportunities for young people















Skills for the Future

In partnership with Kiira Motors and Makerere University, UNDP is driving gender equality in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), promoting innovation and paving the way for inclusivity and innovation in Uganda's growing green economy, Through the Electric Mobility Skilling Programme, 25 young people including 12 females are receiving hands-on training in electric vehicle design, manufacturing, and maintenance, directly aligning with global shifts towards sustainable technologies. Beyond technical skills, the programme is playing a pivotal role in Uganda's transition to a green economy, contributing significantly to the country's longterm sustainability objectives.

Skills certification also plays a critical role in improving employment prospects. By providing formal recognition of their skills, people are better equipped to find meaningful employment and pursue entrepreneurial ventures. UNDP recently partnered with organizations like the Kampala Capital City Authority and TEXFAD Limited to certify the skills of 323 vulnerable youth in areas such as upholstery design, graphic design, photography, and videography

These certifications not only enhance employability but also ensure that young people are better positioned to create sustainable businesses and contribute to Uganda's socio-economic growth. Through these various initiatives, Uganda's women and youth are being empowered to lead, innovate, and drive the country's socio-economic transformation.

UNDP facilitated multi-stakeholder platforms that fostered dialogue on skills development strategies to ensure they are responsive to market trends, bridging the gap between education and employment while advancing sustainable development and economic resilience. These platforms brought together policymakers, private sector leaders, educators, and youth to collaboratively develop strategies for integrating future-ready skills into education systems, enhancing workforce adaptability, fostering digital and technical competencies, and promoting inclusive skilling initiatives to address emerging demands driven by digital transformation, green economies, and evolving labour markets.



Students participate in the Electric Mobility Skilling Programme at the Makerere University Innovation Po



















Skills for the Future



Students participate in skilling programmes at the KCCA Skilling Facility in Nakasero

Having launched the Makerere University Innovation Pod (UniPod), one of 13 UniPods to be established across the continent under UNDP's Timbuktoo initiative, UNDP and partners continue to provide Uganda's young innovators with a space and network to thrive. The UniPod offers young innovators with a Maker's Space, Design Space and Collaboration Space to create a multidisciplinary approach to innovation, as well as a Technology Transfer Office to facilitate the transition of research and prototypes to market and allow for enterprises to be built from these innovations. Since its inception, the UniPod has supported 33 innovations, transforming ideas into viable commercial products.

UNDP also completed the refurbishment of the National ICT Innovation Hub which is now a fully operational center for youth skilling, innovation, entrepreneurship, and job creation. In 2024, the hub served 34,221 individuals including 98 persons with disabilities. The hub has supported the development of six local digital solutions that have been adopted by the government for improved service delivery.

Intra-African Trade and Development

UNDP recognizes trade, particularly cross-border trade as a catalyst for economic transformation and driver of sustainable development, particularly for women and youth. Promoting trade-led growth can unlock market opportunities, capital and financing necessary to expand economic growth opportunities and positively impact employment and poverty eradication trajectories thereby accelerating progress toward achieving the SDGs.

Alongside key partners and utilizing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement, UNDP has enabled women and youth-led SMEs to access markets in various African countries including Algeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Sudan, and South Africa. Through the HerAfCFTA platform, a collaborative space has also been provided for women entrepreneurs, policymakers and other stakeholders to identify barriers, share insights, and propose solutions to ensure that women entrepreneurs can thrive and benefit from the opportunities offered by the AfCFTA.

By equipping women with essential market information, tools, resources, and networks, the HerAfCFTA platform plays a pivotal role in integrating women entrepreneurs into regional value chains, paving the way for increased female participation in Africa's evolving trade ecosystem.

In collaboration with the Government, UNDP has developed market intelligence tools to support the Uganda harness the opportunities presented by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). These tools map potential markets for the export of priority Ugandan products to six key African countries, providing valuable insights to businesses and policymakers. By identifying trade opportunities and offering data-driven support, UNDP is enabling Uganda to expand its regional market access, boost exports, and strengthen its position within the AfCFTA framework, ultimately contributing to economic growth and regional integration.



United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

With an estimated population of 41.6 million which is expected to reach 55 million by 2030. Due to population growth rate of 3 per cent, total fertility rate is high at 5.4, contributing to a youthful structure where young people below 30 years represent 75 per cent of the population. The Government has prioritized strategic investments in the health, education and empowerment of young people to accelerate the demographic transition and harness the demographic dividend. This is well articulated in the national Vision 2040, which aims to transform the country from a predominantly rural and low-income country to a competitive upper middle-income economy by 2040, and is further defined in the third national development plan (NDPIII) 2020/21-2024/25. In this context, UNFPA works to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every

child birth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

UNFPA Uganda is currently running the GoU/UNFPA 9th Country Programme (2021- 2025). The Country Programme is aligned with national priorities, as outlined in National Vision 2040, National Development Plan III (2020/21-2024/25), the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Uganda (2021-2025) and the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021, and contributes to harnessing the demographic dividend. UNFPA is the lead agency that supports Government of Uganda to collect census and survey population data to inform and influence policy on sexual reproductive health, gender-based violence and HIV.

























United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

UNDP Unlocking Economic Potential of Women and Youth

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) was created to work with others to overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease and discrimination place in a child's path. In 1946 UNICEF's first major challenge was to assist children in Europe whose lives had been devastated by World War II. In 1953 the organization became a permanent part of the United Nations.

In Uganda, UNICEF begun its operations in the early 1960s. However, in 1962, due to political unrest, UNICEF operations were transferred to Nairobi, leaving behind a small liaison office. After the liberation war in 1979, UNICEF joined in efforts to help get the country on its feet again by starting a reconstruction and rehabilitation programme.

Across 190 countries and territories, UNICEF works for every child, everywhere, every day, to build a better world for everyone. With the re-establishment of its Country Programme Office in Uganda, UNICEF embarked on a programme of emergency rehabilitation of health services and

rural water supplies. UNICEF also prioritised emergency relief for Karamoja, mainly focusing on nutrition surveillance and community education and other health interventions. The new country programme between UNICEF and the Government highlighted the priorities below:

a. Immunization: Vaccination has a direct effect on the incidence of the six immunizable diseases and can greatly reduce infant and child morbidity and mortality. Strengthening immunization services therefore provided an entry point for improving additional maternal and child health components.

- b. Rural water supply and sanitation: Recognizing the strong connection between safe water and sanitation in rural Uganda, UNICEF regarded improvement of drinking water supply, improved sanitation and hygiene education as the major strategies in the reduction of the infant mortality rate. UNICEF supported health education by trained extension staff to promote awareness of environmental sanitation problems through household visits, meetings with community leaders in health units and in schools and by water source caretakers in their communities.
- c. Control of Diarrhoeal Disease (CDD) Programme: Diarrhoeal diseases were a major cause of mortality and morbidity, ranking as the third leading cause of mortality among in-patients all ages. Diarrhoeal also aggravated malnutrition in children. Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) was therefore established as a cost-effective method of controlling and reversing rehydration due to diarrhoea in infants, children and adults if provided in the context of expanded preventive health measures.
- d. School health education: Emphasis was put on educating children to inculcate healthy life-styles while they were still in their formative years.
- e. District health education network: Main focus was put on preventive measures an important avenue towards reducing morbidity and mortality among children.



In a world facing immense challenges, urgent action is needed to build sustainable, inclusive agrifood systems that ensure enough food for all. As the UN's lead agency against hunger, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) continues to offer technical and financial support to help countries achieve better production, nutrition, environment, and life ensuring no one is left behind.

People And Enabling The Environment Priority: Climate Resilience and Sustainable Resource use.

Output 1: Sustainable natural resource management: FAO helps tackle land degradation, deforestation, and ecosystem loss through sustainable land use and watershed management, particularly in Karamoja, West Nile, and Central Output 2: Climate change mitigation and adaptation: FAO helps mainstream climate action into Uganda's plans, including establishing the national Climate Change Resource

Output 3: Clean, renewable and affordable energy access:

energy is key to food security. Agrifood systems consume 30% of global energy. FAO has worked with private investors to plant over 28,000 ha of commercial forests and supported 500+ groups to create woodlots for bioenergy. With the ministries of Water and Energy, FAO promotes sustainable charcoal practices, efficient kilns, and clean alternatives like briquettes and biogas. Biomass makes up 88% of Uganda's energy use. FAO supports briquette access for 7,500 refugee and host households in Kiryandongo and Lamwo via vouchers. Through FFS, it raises awareness of eco-friendly cooking methods and their health/environment benefits. Biogas is being piloted in Karamoja, West Nile, and the cattle corridor to reduce pressure on forests.

People And Prosperity Priority: Inclusive, Equitable and Sustainable Economic Growth

Output 1: Diversifying livelihoods for vulnerable groups:

FAO builds resilience in Karamoja and refugee-hosting districts by combining cash with seeds, tools, and training for nutrition-sensitive farming. Since 2015, over 223,000 refugee and 78,000 host households have benefited. FAO trains stakeholders in early warning systems and supports livelihoods across the humanitarian development nexus. It has provided pest- and disease-resistant varieties, promoted integrated pest management (especially for cassava, maize, and fall armyworm), and introduced mobile tools like FAMEWS and eLocust3m for pest monitoring.

Output 2: Innovations and youth empowerment:

FAO's South-South Cooperation with China has improved

rice, milk, and fish production. The current phase targets 10,000 farmers across 20 districts. It has built 20 reservoirs (220,000+ m3 capacity) and 25 irrigation systems serving 750+ households, ensuring dry-season farming.

Output 3: Inclusive, efficient value chains:

Since 2011, FAO has helped develop sustainable value chains for priority crops like coffee, rice, cassava, millet, beans, groundnuts, potatoes, cocoa, passion fruit, mushrooms, and more. Digital innovations underway include:

- Digital farmer info on inputs and climate
- One-stop info and input shops
- Advisory and marketplace tools for livestock farmers
- Micro-irrigation input and advisory services



















UN Women Uganda is the country office of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. It collaborates with the Government of Uganda, civil society organizations, the private sector, and development partners to advance gender equality and empower women and girls.

UN Women Uganda's mission is to ensure that women and girls in Uganda live free from violence, have equal access to economic opportunities, participate in leadership and decision-making, and fully enjoy their rights.

Guided by its 2022-2025 Strategic Note, UN Women Uganda operates in six key outcome areas:

- a. Inclusive and Accountable Governance & Women's Access to Justice - UN Women works to enhance women's role in governance and justice by promoting inclusive leadership, strengthening institutions through policy reforms, and ensuring decisions are guided by genderresponsive data.
- b. Women's Rights, Gender-Responsive Peace, and Security - "UN Women advances women's rights in peace and security by promoting their leadership in peacebuilding, supporting the implementation of Uganda's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and

Security, and enhancing protection for women in conflictaffected areas.

- c. Women's Economic Empowerment UN Women promotes women's economic empowerment by increasing access to resources and markets, strengthening entrepreneurship and skills development, and removing structural barriers to full economic participation
- d. Climate Change and Disaster Resilience UN Women strengthens women's resilience to climate change and disasters by building adaptive capacity, promoting climate-smart agriculture, and supporting sustainable livelihoods in vulnerable communities
- e. Access to Social and Protection Services UN Women improves access to social and protection services by enhancing GBV response systems, strengthening legal and social protections, and expanding quality healthcare, education, and support for women and girls.
- Transforming Social Norms and Cultural Practices-UN Women drives social change by challenging harmful traditional practices, promoting inclusive social norms through community dialogue, and engaging men and boys as key partners in advancing GEWE

Impact and Achievements

- a. Improved Access to Justice and increased availability of legal aid services and community- based mechanisms supporting women's Access to Justice, especially in rural and conflict- affected areas.
- b. Social norms transformation through community-led dialogues and campaigns where our efforts have reached over 18 million people, contributing to positive shifts in attitudes toward gender equality and the elimination of harmful practices.
- c. Youth and male engagement, expanding programs to young people and male champions for gender equality and GBV prevention in schools and communities.
- d. Strengthened institutional capacity of government ministries and local authorities to integrate gender in planning, budgeting, and service delivery continues to yield positive outcomes.

- e. Supported evidence-based policymaking through generation and use of sex-disaggregated data to inform national development policies and monitor progress on gender equality, including through Citizen's Generated Data.
- Support for Women's Rights Organizations, providing technical and financial support to over 36 grassroots women's rights groups, amplifying their role in policy advocacy and service delivery.
- g. Integrated gender-responsive approaches humanitarian planning and service delivery, ensuring that the needs of women and girls in crisis settings are prioritized.
- h. Promoted women's access to digital technologies and digital literacy, reducing the gender digital divide and supporting women-led innovation to unlock women's economic potential.























Looking Ahead

UN Women Uganda remains committed to accelerating progress on gender equality by:

- Strengthening institutional capacities for gender-responsive governance.
- Expanding women's access to economic opportunities and resources. b.
- Enhancing protection and service delivery for women and girls. c.
- Promoting gender-equitable cultural and social norms.
- Contributing to national and global commitments toward a gender-equal world.



In a world of plenty, where enough food is produced to feed everyone on the planet, hunger should be a thing of the past. However, conflict, climate change, displacement, economic shocks and inequality mean 343 million people are acutely hungry and famine looms for 1.9 million.

Powered by the passion, dedication and professionalism of 23,000 staff worldwide, the World Food Programme (WFP) has a presence in over 120 countries and territories to carry out its mission. We bring life-saving food to people displaced by conflict and made destitute by disasters, and help individuals and communities find life-changing solutions to the multiple challenges they face in building better futures.

In conflict situations, WFP brings relief to exhausted populations and use food assistance to build pathways to peace and stability – work for which WFP was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020. For millions of people worldwide, WFP's emergency relief during crises is the difference between life and death.

When an emergency subsides, WFP helps rebuild lives and livelihoods by strengthening the resilience of people and communities. WFP's work to build resilience, adapt to climate change, promote good nutrition and improve food systems lays the foundations of a more prosperous future for millions.

WFP the largest humanitarian organization implementing school- meals programmes worldwide, with over 50 years' experience in this area. In 2023, WFP transferred food to over 100 million people. That same year, WFP also disbursed around US\$2.8 billion in cashbased transfers to an estimated 51.6 million people strengthening food and nutrition security and sustaining local economies around the world. Feeding millions of the world's hungriest people and helping millions more cope with the effects of conflict, climate change and entrenched poverty requires billions of dollars every year.

WFP's operations are entirely funded through the generous voluntary contributions of donor governments, institutions, corporations and individuals. A total 93.5 percent of all government contributions go directly to supporting life-saving and life-changing operations.

WFP works with governments, other United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, private companies and others to mobilize resources, find innovative solutions and reach vulnerable communities with the assistance they need.





















United Nations Higher Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

About UNHCR

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Refugee Agency, is the leading global organization for protecting refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people.

Operating in 135 countries, including Uganda, UNHCR works to save lives, protect rights and build a better future for the people it protects.

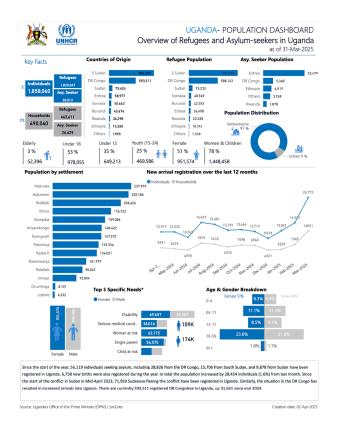
Mandated by the United Nations General Assembly, UNHCR provides life-saving assistance, including shelter, food, water, and medical care, for the people forced to flee their homes in search of safety.

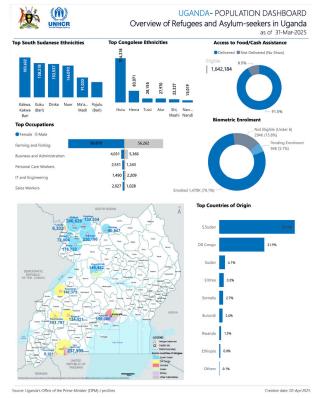
UNHCR promotes the full inclusion of refugees into

national systems like healthcare and education and diversifies partnerships to maximize support for refugees.

We believe being a refugee should not be a permanent condition, and our three durable solutions are voluntary repatriation, resettlement to a third country, and integration into the country of asylum.

By March 2025, Uganda hosted over 1,858,060 refugees and asylum seekers across 13 settlements, including 159,086 in Kampala. The settlements include Adjumani, Bidibidi, Imvepi, Kiryandongo, Kyangwali, Kyaka II, Lobule, Nakivale, Oruchinga, Palabek, Palorinya, Rhino Camp, and Rwamwanja.











The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale **Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**



The GIZ Strengthening Governance and Civil Society Programme in Uganda, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development has achieved significant progress in fostering democratic governance and inclusivity. Through two key initiatives co-financed by the European Union the Civil Society in Uganda Support Programme (CUSP) and the Strengthening and Advancing Governance and Accountability (SAGA) Programme - the project works towards empowering civil society and strengthening governance structures in Uganda.

By providing support to both national and sub-national civil society organisations, CUSP strengthens institutional capacities that enable these organisations to actively engage in governance. A particular focus has been placed on empowering women, youth, and other marginalised groups, ensuring their voices are heard and included in decision-making processes. This approach is crucial in fostering resilient, inclusive communities capable of addressing the country's most pressing development challenges.

Key to CUSP's success has been its collaboration with state actors such as the National Secretariat on SDGs in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM). This partnership has been instrumental in coordinating and monitoring the

Community members in Aromo sub-county, Lira district, Northern Uganda discuss about water, livelihoods and environment as part of a GIZ – supported project on water governance at grass root level. ©GIZ / DivineAid

implementation of Uganda's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With CUSP's support, the OPM has facilitated four national dialogues bringing

representatives from civil society and the government together. This has ensured that vulnerable groups, including ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and youth from all over Uganda, are included in discussions about sustainable development, making sure that no one is left behind.

A standout achievement under CUSP has been its support for women and girls. Through collaborations with women's rights groups, CUSP supported consultations to gather the views of women on the recently concluded National Development Plan IV (NDP IV). Thanks to a close working relationship between state and non-state actors, the majority of these proposals were incorporated into the NDP IV, advancing the cause of gender equality and women's empowerment in national policy. This success demonstrates CUSP's commitment to creating an environment where civil society can thrive and be a key partner in development, in alignment with Uganda's 2024 Voluntary National Review.

CUSP reaches beyond national borders by fostering regional discussions on sustainable development and supporting the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions between different stakeholders. The 11th Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development provides space for this exchange and highlights the importance of inclusive, resilient, and sustainable development, reinforcing the need to prioritize human capital development across the continent.



















SIGHT SAVERS

Sightsavers is an international development organisation that works to tackle avoidable blindness, eliminate diseases and promote disability inclusion in more than 30 countries across Africa and Asia.

In its 75-year history, Sightsavers has carried out more than nine million cataract operations, distributed 1.7 billion treatments for debilitating neglected tropical diseases and funded training and education initiatives to support thousands of people with disabilities (particularly women and girls) to access their right to go to school, get a job, live independently and participate in society. Sightsavers works in collaboration with governments and local, national and international partners, strengthening health and education systems and advocating for a more equal world.

http://www.sightsavers.org























As a global Christian humanitarian organization, World Vision is committed to supporting children, families, and communities overcome poverty and injustice. In Africa, World Vision operates across 27 countries, advancing child protection, disaster management, economic development, education, health, access to water and sanitation.

Key Contributions:

Combating Poverty and Hunger: World Vision has empowered countless families to combat hunger and achieve self-reliance as a broader push for achieving SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). In addressing Food Security and Hunger, globally World Vision has availed assistance to 15 million people, addressing crises

worsened by climate change and conflict in 2023-SDG 2 (Zero Hunger). Our ENOUGH campaign envisions a world where every child has enough nourishing food and thrives, bridging SDGs 2-Zero Hunger, 3-good health and wellbeing including 5-gender equality.



Promoting Education: World Vision has prioritised education as a cornerstone of development, particularly in underserved regions which resonates with SDG 4 (Quality Education). Our child sponsorship programs supported over 3.4 million children globally in 2023, ensuring access to quality education, healthcare, and protection.



















Improving Access to Clean Water: World Vision's programmes in this domain have significantly reduced waterborne diseases and improved the quality of life for vulnerable communities, ensuring health and dignity which aligns with SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).

EnhancingHealthandWell-being: promoting nutrition, and expanding health care access have been hallmarks of World Vision's approach, directly contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being). World Vision provided 258,564 children with Growth Monitoring and Promotion and also reached 774,564 children under the

of malnutrition. In the East Africa region, World Vision admitted and treated over 97,000 children for lifethreatening wasting.

Humanitarian Response and Community Resilience:

In 2024, we responded to over 20 emergencies, delivering emergency aid to millions of children and individuals. Our Global Hunger Response reached over 11 million people, tackling acute food insecurity in some of the hardest-hit regions in Africa. These include 7.5 M in the East African Region, 2.1 M in Southern Africa Region and 1.2 M in Western Africa region.

















GRO Uganda: Greenhouse Gas + Reforestation + Offset (GRO)

Overview: GRO Uganda, an affiliate of the GRO Foundation, is a social impact organization dedicated to alleviating poverty and driving environmental sustainability. The organization works on unlocking climate finance to tackle local challenges and create long-term positive change. Their mission is to plant 1 billion trees and positively impact 1 million people by 2030. GRO Uganda focuses on afforestation, reforestation, and environmental initiatives, impacting local communities in Uganda and East Africa.



Core Initiatives:

- 1. Afforestation and Reforestation: Planting 500 million trees by 2035, including indigenous species and fruit-bearing trees like Hass Avocado and Macadamia; collaborating with national organizations (NAADS, NFA) and local governments and Community impact zones providing resources such as firewood, timber, and fruit.
- 2. Food Security: Planting tree species that improve food security, including high-value crops like avocados, macadamia nuts, and cashews; and reducing food insecurity through diversified food

sources and economic empowerment.

- 3. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH): improving water infrastructure and sanitation through local partnerships, such as with NAADS and WASH organizations; and renovating wells and providing access to clean water for over 1,000 community members.
- 4. Education and Skilling: investing in school renovations, IT equipment, and vocational training to foster self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods and supporting local youth with practical skills to empower communities.















- 5. Job Creation: creating local job opportunities through tree planting, forest maintenance, and community-based enterprises (e.g., beekeeping, fish farming); and supporting the establishment of small businesses linked to tree products like fruits, timber, and firewood.
- 6. Sustainable Land Use and Environmental Management: promoting sustainable land use practices and advocating for e-waste management solutions to mitigate environmental harm and engaging in research and promoting best practices for environmental protection and land management.

Key Achievements:

1. Over 30,000 trees planted in various regions of Uganda.



- 2. 10,000 seeds distributed for crops like tomatoes and eggplants to improve food security.
- **50 jobs created** within the local community groups.
- 4. IT donations including computers and printers to local schools.
- 5. Water access improvements: Over 3 local wells refurbished for clean water.

Future Goals (By 2030):

- Plant 500 million trees in collaboration with local governments and communities.
- 2. Support **50 million trees** for food security initiatives.
- Reach over 1 million people, 100,000 organizations, 3. and 10,000 corporations for climate finance solutions.





















POST BANK

POSTBANK PROFILE

PostBank Uganda (PBU) is purposed to fostering prosperity for Ugandans. Since its establishment, it has extended tailored financial services to enable them to Grow and Prosper by facilitating their participation in socio-economic activities that improve their likelihoods.



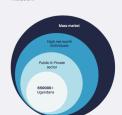
We remain dedicated to fostering financial inclusion by expanding accessibility to financial services for individuals and businesses in Uganda. Our objective is to cater to the varied needs and expansion goals of the Ugandan community.

PURPOSE

HIGH IMPACT GOALS

CUSTOMERS

The institution serves over 650,000 Ugandans made up of a diverse mix of the mass market, high net-worth individuals, public and private institutions due to its mission to drive financial inclusion.



BORROWERS

We support various sectors, including Agriculture, Trade and Industry, Education, Energy and Infrastructure, Government and Public Sector, and Social Institutions

OUR NETWORK

System integration with mobile wallets such as Airtel mobile money and MTN mobile money, Western Union, Eurogiro and Transfast among others serving over 180,000 clients within and outside Uganda.









ACHIEVEMENTS

Wendi- Wona Wooli

Wendi is PostBank's innovative mobile wallet, designed to offer seamless financial services to underserved and last-mile customers. Through Wendi, users can access, manage, and transact funds efficiently. Since its inception in November 2023, Wendi has











Wendi mobile wallet is licensed by the National Payments System Act and can be accessed on both Google Play and App store or on USSD by dialing *229#.

or on USSO by dialing +2294.

In collaboration with the government of Uganda, PostBank Uganda through Wendi has ably supported the implementation of Parish Development Model funds to beneficiaries. To date, the platform has facilitated the transfer of USA 9222 billion to 9,286 SACCOS across 150 - districts. With 872A/7 beneficiaries receiving PDM funds through Wendi, an impressive 47% are female beneficiaries, reinforcing PostBank's commitment to gender-inclusive financial empowement. These funds act as a catalyst for local entrepreneurship, fueling small businesses across Uganda.

Wendi continues to drive PostBank's mission of financial inclusion and economic empowerment through innovative digital solutions that transform lives and uplift communities.

· Introduced instant account opening to



make customer onboarding seamless and convenient

- 600,000+ young individuals provided financial support through our loan products.
- 10,000+ women have been empowered with financial assistance through loans Over UGX 100M disbursed as loans for solar energy projects.
- 1,200+ loans were disbursed to water and sanitation projects.
- 120,000+ refugees supported with access to financial services.

AWARDS

- Gold Winner: Banking Innovation Excellence Digital Impact Awards 2024
- The Best Visionary Government forming Bank of the Year at the 12th onaries of Uganda Awards.



- Best Financial Institution Uganda 2024 at Global Business and Finance Awards.
- Best CEO of the Year Uganda 2024 Global Business and Finance Awards.
- 1st Runner Up: Banking Services General Banking 2024 Financial Reporting Award.
- Best User-Friendly Banking Application World Business Outlook 2023.
- Banking Innovation Excellence "Wendi" at the 2023 Digital Impact Awards Africa.
 Outstanding Achievement in Financial Reporting under the Commercial Banks Category at the 2023 Fire Awards Uganda.



































A Blueprint For The Continent's Private Sector Growth

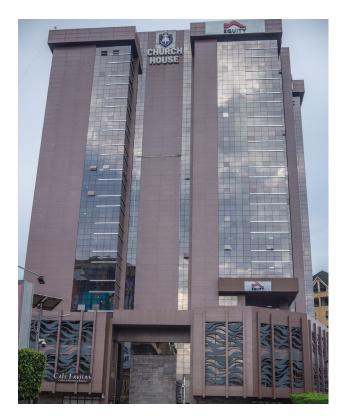
Equity Group has put in place a USD 6 Billion Regional Private Sector Economic Recovery and Resilience Stimulus Plan.

At a glance, what it covers.

- · Targets Food and Agriculture, Manufacturing and Logistics, Trade and Investment, MSMEs, Social and **Environmental Sectors**
- To provide financing and capacity building to 5 million businesses comprising mostly MSMEs as well as 25 million individuals over the next 5 years
- To create 50 million jobs directly and indirectly
- Targets to enable young people to create jobs Young Africa Works initiative
- Partnering with national Governments, UN, Development Banks, Africa Union, the Commonwealth and European Union, European Commission, and other like-minded partners

As the Africa Regional Program on Sustainable Developmentconvene to discuss pathways for a prosperous future, it is essential to reflect on the strides made in post-COVID19 recovery. The devastating impact of the pandemic left the world grappling with unprecedented health, social and humanitarian and economic challenges.

Amidst these challenges, Equity Group's Africa Recovery and Resilience Plan (ARRP) stands as a beacon of hope and progress. This comprehensive blueprint for recovery is designed to support the private sector's resurgence, focusing on economic revitalization and fostering longterm resilience for businesses and the people across the region. The Plan envisages to provide financing of up-to



2% of the combined GDP of the six economies, in which the Group operates.

Equity Group operates in six (6) countries with a representative office in a seventh (7th), in Eastern and Central Africa, and with the experience and knowledge drawn from providing integrated financial services over the last 40 years, the Group crafted the private sector focused stimulus package. The central pillar of the ARRP addresses the unique challenges in the wake of the pandemic. By providing critical financial support, access to essential resources and an enabling environment for innovation, the Plan aims to accelerate the economic recovery of Eastern and Central Africa.



Over the last three years, the ARRP has made tangible contributions to the recovery process. By priotising sustainability, it has not only provided immediate relief to struggling businesses but has also set the foundation for a robust economic rebound. The Group's commitment to fostering sustainable growth has translated into jobs, increased investment and the development of innovative solutions that address the most pressing challenges faced by the region's businesses. This ongoing Plan highlights the importance of private sector involvement in building a resilient economy that is prepared to face future challenges, whether they be health related or otherwise.

Equity Group recognises that it cannot single-handedly deliver the development of Africa. Cognisant of this fact, the Group has chosen to champion the socio-economic transformation of Africa jointly with like-minded partners and to seek their collaboration and partnership to

synergise the combined capabilities and competencies of public-private partnerships, which will help mobilise the requisite strength to execute the Plan.

Looking forward, the ARRP continues to serve as a model for collaboration, innovation and growth and as businesses and communities continue to rebuild, the focus will remain on creating an ecosystem where the private sector can thrive alongside public sector efforts.

Link to the Africa Recovery and Resilience Plan: https:// equitygroupholdings.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ Africa-Recovery-and-Resilience-Plan-Equity-Group-Socialand-Economic-Transformation-Plan.pdf

Link to Africa Recovery and Resilience Plan in Action: https:// equitygroupholdings.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/ Africa-Recovery-and-Resilience-Plan-in-Action.pdf





















UGANDA BUREAU OF STATISTICS (UBOS)

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Uganda Bureau of Statistics, joins the leadership of the Republic of Uganda to welcome all delegates to the Eleventh Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development. We commit ourselves to deliver on our mandate of producing and disseminating quality official statistics for SDG monitoring and reporting.



ALBERT BYAMUGISHA (PHD) UBOS, Chairman Board of Directors

CHRIS N. MUKIZA (PHD) UBOS Executive Director & National Chief Statistician

NATIONAL STATISTICS FOR SDG MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 1. Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) is the principal data collecting and disseminating agency responsible for coordinating, monitoring and supervising the development and maintenance of the National Statistical System to ensure production of quality statistics that inform implementation of various development agendas including Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development (SDGs).
- 2. Accordingly, under the SDG coordination framework articulated in the roadmap for implementation of the SDGs in Uganda, UBOS presides over the SDG Data Technical Working Group (TWG) which produces high quality data and statistics to facilitate SDG monitoring and reporting. The SDG Data TWG comprises MDAs, CSOs and Development Partners supporting production and use of quality data for

- SDG monitoring and reporting in Uganda.
- 3. In Uganda, Statistical planning and prioritisation is guided by the Plan for National Statistical Development (Known internationally as NSDS), that ensures that SDGs data requirements integrated in the statistical plans of MDAs and LGs.
- 4. The statistical needs of the SDGs are addressed by incorporating key questions in the questionnaires of various National Surveys and Censuses.
- The data and statistics used for the Voluntary National Reviews of the SDGs go through a rigorous data quality assurance process that includes validation meetings and compilation of metadata before it is approved and included in the SDG Indicator matrix and the National Standard Indicator framework.















- 6. The National Standard Indicator Framework (NSI) is a national set of indicators for monitoring and reporting on the Uganda Vision 2040 and related National Development Plan series, SDGs, Africa Agenda 2063 and EAC Vision 2050.
- 7. The SDG Data Matrix has all indicators applicable to Uganda with data series. UBOS works collaboratively with members of the SDG Data TWG to ensure that the matrix is updated on a quarterly basis. The SDG Indicator Matrix informs the SDG VNR factsheet that provides a detailed analysis of key indicators, showcasing trends, progress and areas needing acceleration. Out of the 231 global SDG indicators, 201 are applicable to Uganda and currently 144 are produced and used for national and global reporting.
- 8. The SDG Open Data Portal, which is a tool on the Africa Information highway developed to aid the timely dissemination for increased access and use of the SDG indicators. The Uganda SDG open Data Portal is populated with data for 127 indicators with respective metadata. The portal is accessed on

http://uganda.opendataforafrica.org/sdg

















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