



AFRICA WEEK 2017
UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK
MONDAY 16 to FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2017

PROGRAMME

Theme:

***Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous, People-Centred and Peaceful Africa:
Towards the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development***

Summary of the Week's Events

Day	AM (10:00 – 01:00)	PM (03:00 – 06:00)
<p>Monday 16 October</p>	<p><u>High-Level Inaugural Event</u></p> <p>Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous, People-Centred and Peaceful Africa: Towards the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Duration: 3 hrs (10:00am – 1:00pm) Venue: ECOSOC Chamber</p>	<p><u>Briefing to the United Nations Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducted by the African Union, NEPAD Agency and APRM - NEPAD: SDGs and Africa's Regional Integration - APRM's Expanding Mandate: Scope and Implications <p>(closed meeting) Duration: 3 hrs (3:00pm – 6:00pm) Venue: Conference Room 6</p>
<p>Tuesday 17 October</p>	<p><u>High-Level Event</u></p> <p>Financing Africa's infrastructure and agricultural development: inclusive growth for economic transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing domestic resource mobilization: Stemming illicit financial flows and improving assets recovery - Highlighting the roles of youth, women and entrepreneurship - Role of the APRM as the monitoring tool for women 	<p><u>APRM Luchtime Event</u></p> <p>The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) as an innovative system of governance and development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philosophy, history, mode of operation, accomplishments - Expanded mandate <p>Duration: 1.5 hrs (1:15pm to 2:45pm) Venue: TBD</p>

	<p>and youth empowerment: case studies</p> <p>Duration: 3 hrs (10:00am – 1:00pm) Venue: ECOSOC Chamber</p>	
<p>Wednesday 18 October</p>	<p><u>NEPAD Agency – High-Level Business Meeting on MoveAfrica</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theme: The role of development community and private sector investment for easy movement of humanitarian goods <p>Duration: 2.5 hrs (9:00am to 11:30am) Venue: TBD</p>	<p><u>Briefing by Africa’s Regional Economic Communities to UN Member States and UN system entities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional and economic integration in Africa: how to effectively involve Africa’s youth across national borders <p>Duration: 3 hrs (3:00pm – 6:00pm) Venue: ECOSOC Chamber</p>
	<p><u>Press Conference</u></p> <p>Duration: 45 min (12:15pm – 1:00pm) Venue: Press Briefing Room</p>	
<p>Thursday 19 October</p>	<p><u>High-Level Event</u></p> <p>Addressing the climate change - migration nexus and its implications for peace and security in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effects of migration and relocation on development, with a focus on young people and women 	<p><u>Launch of NEPAD Agency publications</u></p> <p>The Africa We Want: showcasing NEPAD publications and presentation to the UN Library</p> <p>Duration: 1.5 hrs (3:00pm – 4:30pm) Venue: Library Reading Room, UN Library</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effective governance as a driver for peace and security - APRM as the preventive mechanism for building peace and security; showcasing the latest APRM review reports <p>Duration: 3 hrs (10:00am – 1:00pm) Venue: ECOSOC Chamber</p>	<p><u>Cultural Reception</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - African food and music - Welcoming remarks by the DSG <p>Duration: 3 hrs (6:30pm – 9:30pm) Venue: General Assembly Hall lobby</p>
<p>Friday 20 October</p>	<p>72nd UN General Assembly Debate on the Development of Africa and Presentation of the three Secretary-General’s Reports on: (i) Progress in the Implementation of NEPAD; (ii) the Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa; and (iii) Review of the Implementation of Commitments made towards Africa’s Development.</p>	

A. Overview of the Week and Objectives

The theme of Africa Week 2017, “**Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous, People-Centred and Peaceful Africa: Towards the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**”, will allow for substantive discussions on a range of issues that are in line with the implementation of goals set out in the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These two Agendas are mutually reinforcing as they focus attention on inclusive and sustainable structural transformation across all dimensions of sustainability including governance, peace and security and sustainable development.

A prosperous African continent is one where the different national economies are seamlessly integrated and the economic and social participation of all citizens is guaranteed and promoted. Governments and partners should work to ensure a fertile environment for entrepreneurship to take root and flourish, and to impede and reverse illicit financial flows, as means to stimulate economic growth and with a focus on peace and security.

The international development partners, private sector and civil society each add significant value in support of Africa’s aspirations. The events of this Week represent an opportunity for open discussion on topics central to the overall theme.

Overall, the Week is intended to:

- (i) Highlight the four principal attributes contained in the Africa Week theme and their interconnectedness: an Africa that is **integrated; prosperous; people-centred; and peaceful**.
- (ii) Highlight the synergies between Agenda 2063, its first 10-Year Implementation Plan and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- (iii) Identify ways to expand domestic resources in Africa, as it is anticipated that approximately 75 to 90 per cent of the financing of Agenda 2063 will be mobilized domestically.
- (iv) Enhance strategic partnerships between African regional and sub-regional organizations, the United Nations and the international community in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including within the context of the Partnership on Africa’s Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA).
- (v) Identify entry points for enhancing collaboration with the private sector, civil society and the Diaspora in mobilizing and sharing knowledge, expertise, technologies and financial resources to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in Africa.

B. Event Configuration

1. Monday (morning), 16 October 2017, 10:00am: High-Level Inaugural Event: “Supporting an Integrated, Prosperous, People-Centred and Peaceful Africa: Towards the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

This high-level event, which serves as the formal opening of Africa Week 2017, will focus on the overall theme of the Week. In considering as its basis African nations’ own vision of “an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena”, the High-Level Inaugural Event will seek to reinforce the cross-cutting and interconnected nature of striving for a continent that is: integrated, prosperous, people-centred and peaceful.

How can international development partners, including governments, the private sector, civil society, academia and the Diaspora, support Africa and allow it to successfully implement Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

While showcasing best practices and experiences, the event will also aim to highlight gaps and lessons learned.

The event will be structured in two parts, consisting of both an inaugural and substantive session.

Featured speakers will include: the Secretary-General of the United Nations; the President of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly; the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission; the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council; the Executive Secretary for the Economic Commission for Africa; President Thabo Mbeki, Chairperson of High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa; and a representative of the private sector. The event will be moderated by both the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa and the Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Public Information.

** All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

2. Monday (afternoon), 16 October 2017, 3:00pm: Briefing to the United Nations Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs by the African Union, NEPAD Agency and the APRM [closed meeting]

This briefing will provide an important opportunity for the African Union Commission, NEPAD Agency and the APRM to brief the United Nations system entities on ways to further strengthen

the institutional partnerships between the United Nations system and African regional and sub-regional organizations, including the African Regional Economic Communities, towards ensuring the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063.

This briefing will be a closed meeting comprising of the members of the United Nations Interdepartmental Task Force on African Affairs (IDTFAA) and the principals of the AUC, NEPAD Agency and the APRM. The briefing will feature lead-off presentations, focusing on *themes to be identified by the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency, and APRM.*

The event will allow for interactive discussions and exchanges between members of the IDTFAA and the delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM. The event will be moderated by both the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa in his capacity as the convener of the IDTFAA and H.E. Mr. Tete Antonio, the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations.

Featured speakers will include: the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission; the Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission; the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency; the Chief Executive Officer of the APRM Secretariat; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa; representatives of the African Regional Economic Communities, as well as other speakers that would enrich the discussion.

** All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: Conference Room 6

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

3. Tuesday (morning), 17 October 2017, 10:00am: **High-Level Event: Financing Africa's infrastructure and agricultural development: inclusive growth for economic transformation**

This high-level event will focus on two critical areas for economic transformation in Africa – infrastructure and agriculture, which have both been accorded high priority in Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To achieve true inclusive growth in these sectors, this event will underline ways in which domestic resources can be better mobilized across the continent.

Speakers will look at the issue of stemming illicit financial flows and improving asset recovery as a means to improve African nations' ability to finance infrastructure and agricultural development. They will also analyse the roles of youth, women and entrepreneurship as engines of growth to lead to economic transformation.

Featured speakers will include: the Commissioner for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission; the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Agency; the Executive Director of UN-Women; a representative of the World Bank; the Head of the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations; and a representative of the private sector.

** All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

4. Tuesday (afternoon), 17 October 2017, 1:15pm: APRM Lunchtime Event: The African Peer Review Mechanism as an innovative system of governance and development

The APRM Secretariat will lead discussion on the organization's philosophy, history, mode of operation and accomplishments since its establishment in 2003, as well as its newly expanded mandate. In January 2017, the African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government extended the mandate of the APRM, positioning the APRM to play a monitoring and evaluation role for the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The APRM is a tool for sharing experiences, reinforcing best practices, identifying deficiencies, and assessing capacity-building needs to foster policies, standards and practices that lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development and accelerated sub-regional and continental economic integration.

***All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: TBD

Lead Organizer: APRM

5. Wednesday (morning), 18 October 2017, 9:00am: NEPAD Agency – High-Level Business Meeting on MoveAfrica: The role of development community and private sector investment for easy movement of humanitarian goods

In this breakfast event, the NEPAD Agency will lead discussion on the MoveAfrica initiative, including the role of development community and private sector investment for easy movement of humanitarian goods. To improve Africa's investment attractiveness and address the transport and logistics agenda, the NEPAD Agency launched the MoveAfrica initiative in 2016. This initiative aims to address the transformation of the trans-boundary transport and logistics sector in Africa. It seeks to drive down transport costs and increase logistics efficiency for Fast Moving

Consumer Goods operators and manufacturers operating in Africa, and thus complement the work stream of the Continental Business Network.

***All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: TBD

Lead Organizer: NEPAD Agency

6. Wednesday (early afternoon), 18 October 2017, 12:15pm: Africa Week 2017 Press Conference

This press conference will feature several of the prominent personalities participating in Africa Week 2017, and will be moderated by DPI.

** All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM will participate.

Venue: Press Briefing Room, 2nd Floor, Secretariat Building, UNHQ

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

7. Wednesday (afternoon), 18 October 2017, 3:00pm: Briefing by Africa's Regional Economic Communities to UN Member States and UN system entities

This briefing will focus on a theme that has been prioritized collectively by the African Regional Economic Communities, namely "*Regional and economic integration in Africa: How to effectively involve Africa's youth across national borders*".

The briefing will specifically focus on the role of the RECs as implementing agencies to achieve the desired regional and economic integration. It will highlight persistent challenges and the role of the international community in supporting the RECs in this regard.

The RECs and the delegations from the AUC, NEPAD and the APRM will also participate. As is the practice, the event will provide an opportunity for Member States and other relevant stakeholders to directly engage the RECs.

Featured speakers will include: the Chief Executives or Senior Representatives of the RECs (CEN-SAD, COMESA, EAC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, IGAD and SADC); the Adviser to the AUC Chairperson on the RECs; the Chair of the African Union Peace and Security Council for the month of October; and senior UN officials.

** All delegations from the AUC, NEPAD, APRM, AfDB and RECs will participate.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

8. Thursday (morning), 19 October 2017, 10:00am: **High-Level Event: Addressing the climate change – migration nexus and its implications for peace and security in Africa**

As acknowledged by Member States of the United Nations in the December 2015 Paris Agreement, climate change is having a profound effect on the living environments of communities around the world. In some of the regions already most affected by poverty, new and emerging crises brought on by climate change are causing mass displacements of populations. Water shortages, land rendered unusable for agriculture and depletion of lakes are just three of the many severe challenges that the heating up of the Earth's climate has caused in many corners of the developing world, including in Africa.

Forced migration due to climate change has accelerated in recent years in a number of regions of Africa, triggering increased competition for limited resources and the potential for harsh conflicts. These issues also contribute to the increasing number of African migrants seeking to migrate illegally to places like Europe, at great risk to their personal safety.

Featured speakers will include: the AUC Commissioner for Peace and Security; high-level representatives from the African RECs; Ms. Bineta Diop, Special Envoy of the African Union Commission Chairperson on Women, Peace and Security; the Chief Executive Officer of the APRM; the Director General of the International Organization for Migration; and a representative of the private sector.

** All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

9. Thursday (afternoon), 19 October 2017, 3:00pm: **Launch of NEPAD Agency publications**

The Africa We Want: showcasing NEPAD publications and presentation to the UN Library

***All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: Library Reading Room, 2nd Floor, UN Library

Lead Organizers: NEPAD Agency and OSAA

10. Thursday (evening), 19 October 2017, 6:30pm: Cultural Reception

This will be an opportunity to further strengthen the partnership between Africa and its development partners towards effective implementation of both Agendas 2063 and 2030, with emphasis on “leaving no one behind”. We will arrange a cultural reception to enjoy African food and music, with welcoming remarks by the Deputy Secretary-General.

***All delegations from the AUC, RECs, NEPAD Agency and APRM are invited to participate.

Venue: General Assembly Hall lobby

Lead Organizers: OSAA, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, APRM, DPI and ECA

11. Friday (all day), 20 October 2017: 72nd United Nations General Assembly Debate on the Development of Africa based on the three Secretary-General’s Reports on: (i) Progress in the Implementation of NEPAD; (ii) the Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa; and (iii) Review of the Implementation of Commitments made towards Africa’s Development.

Venue: General Assembly Hall

C. Additional Elements

a) **Expected Outputs from Africa Week 2017:**

- E- publication on the Africa Week 2017, and
- Press releases

b) **Expected participants:**

UN Member States; UN system entities; African institutions and the international development community, including African stakeholders, the private sector, civil society organizations

including youth groups, the African Diaspora, the academic community, the think tanks and research institutions focusing on Africa-related issues.

c) **Main Institutional Partners:**

The main partners for Africa Week 2017 are: OSAA, ECA, DPI, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, APRM Secretariat and the IDTFAA.

d) **Communications:**

In addition to scheduled press briefings, the Week's events will include webcast, one-on-one interviews, and publicity on social media platforms, UNTV coverage and dissemination of a media advisory in close cooperation with DPI, and the NEPAD Agency, APRM Secretariat and AUC Communications Teams.