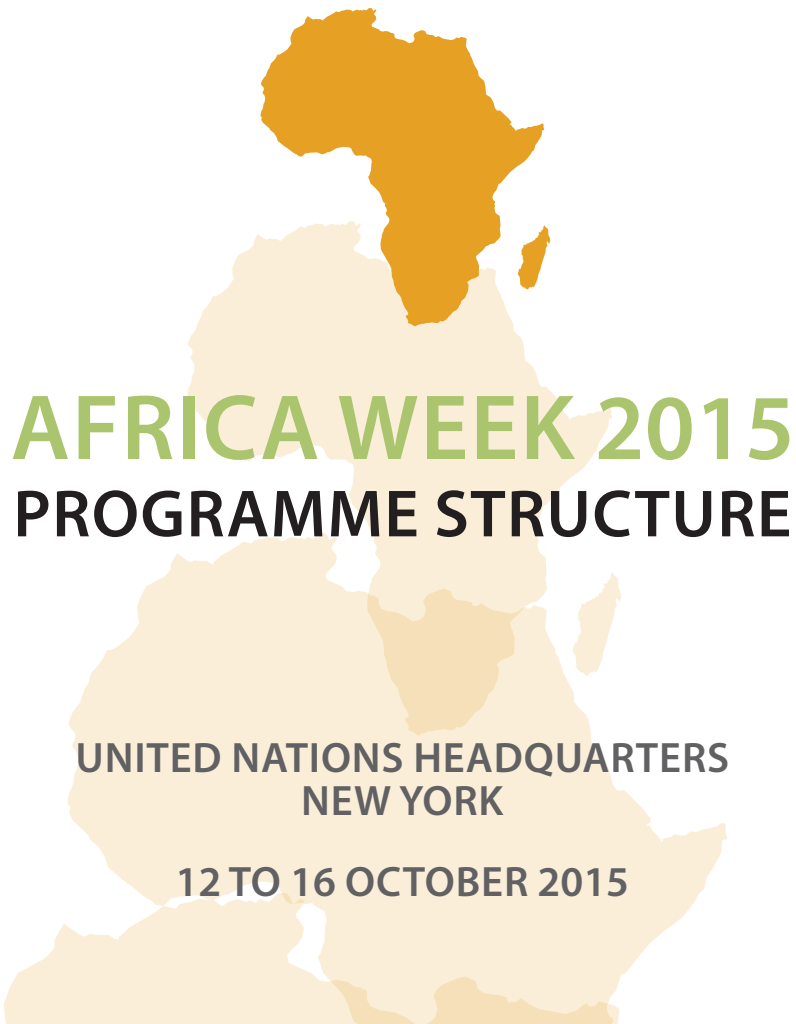




AFRICA WEEK 2015

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

**UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
NEW YORK**

12 TO 16 OCTOBER 2015

**AFRICA WEEK 2015 IN THE CONTEXT OF
THE UNITED NATIONS 70TH ANNIVERSARY:
“AGENDA 2063 AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – MOVING
FROM ASPIRATIONS TO REALITY”**

A. SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S EVENTS

DAY	AM (10:00 – 01:00)	PM (03:00 – 06:00)
Monday 12 October	High-Level Event: Role of African Regional and Sub-regional Organizations in Achieving Regional Integration: the Continental Free Trade Area within the Context of the First 10-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 @ ECOSOC Chamber **Start Time: 9:30am	Annual High-Level Briefing by Africa's Regional Economic Communities to UN Member States and UN system entities on Silencing the Guns in Africa: the Nexus between Peace, Security, Governance and Development @ ECOSOC Chamber
	Media-RECs Roundtable on Silencing the Guns in Africa Duration: 1 hour: 1:30pm – 2:30pm @ AU Observer Mission	
Tuesday 13 October		Briefing to the Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs on Agenda 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan in the Context of the UN-AU Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA) @ CR 8
Wednesday 14 October	High-Level Event: 15 Years of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Africa: Stocktaking & Perspectives Duration: 2 hours: 9:00am – 11:00am @ CR 12	High-Level Event: African Continental Framework on Youth Development: Mainstream into Agenda 2063 @ CR 6
	Joint Press Conference on Agenda 2063 Action Points by AU, NEPAD, APRM and ECA: Duration: 45 min: 12:15pm – 1:00pm @ Press briefing room	
Thursday 15 October	Annual briefing to UN Member States and UN system entities on the two reports of the Secretary-General on: Progress on the Implementation of NEPAD; and Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa; PLUS: discussions by ECA and two thematic presentations by NEPAD and the APRM @CR 6	NEPAD Lecture at Yale University From 4:00pm
Friday 16 October	70th UN General Assembly Debate on the Development of Africa and Presentation of the Reports of the Secretary-General on: Progress in the Implementation of NEPAD; and the Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa	

B. OBJECTIVES:

Africa Week 2015 will be celebrated in the context of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations under the theme **“Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Moving from Aspirations to Reality.”** This year’s Africa Week is intended to:

- Further popularise and mobilize international support for Agenda 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan;
- Highlight the synergies between Agenda 2063, its First 10-Year Implementation Plan and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Discuss the role of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) in the implementation of Agenda 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan;
- Identify specific support the United Nations can extend to the AU, NEPAD and the RECs in their capacity as implementing agencies for Agenda 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan, with particular emphasis on PAIDA; and
- 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 PAIDA.

C. EVENT CONFIGURATION:

Africa Week 2015 will feature the following key activities:

1. **Monday (morning), 12 October 2015, 9:30am** **HIGH-LEVEL EVENT: “Role of African Regional and Sub-regional Organizations in achieving Regional Integration: the Continental Free Trade Area within the context of the First 10-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063”**

This high-level event, which will serve as the formal opening of the Africa Week activities, will focus on the importance of African regional and sub-regional organizations in achieving integration for Africa’s development. The event will focus on highlighting progress made towards regional integration, next steps, and the role of the international community in supporting Africa’s integration efforts. The event will particularly highlight the 10 June 2015 launch of the Tripartite Free Trade Area as the first step towards the achievement of the Continental Free Trade Area envisaged by Agenda 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan. In addition to featured speakers, the event will provide an opportunity for engaging with Permanent Representatives of Member States and other relevant stakeholders. The event will be structured in two parts, consisting of both an inaugural and a thematic session.

Featured speakers will include: the UN Secretary-General; the President of the 70th Session of the General Assembly; the AU Commissioner for Economic

Affairs; the AU Commissioner for Trade & Industry; the CEO of the NEPAD Agency; the President of the African Development Bank; the Executive Secretary of ECA and the Secretary-General of COMESA (in COMESA's capacity as immediate past Chairperson of the SADC-EAC-COMESA Tripartite Free Trade Area Taskforce). The event will be moderated by both the USG for OSAA and the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations in his capacity as Chair of the African Group for the Month of October.

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

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizer(s): OSAA, AUOM, NEPAD Agency, DPI, ECA

2. **Monday (early afternoon), 12 October 2015, 1:30pm: Media Roundtable with the Regional Economic Communities**

This will feature the USG OSAA, the Chief Executives Officers or Senior Representatives of the RECs, the Adviser to the AUC Chairperson on the RECs and the AUOM. The event will be moderated by the Director of the AUC Directorate for Information and Communications.

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

Venue: Permanent Mission of the African Union to the United Nations,
305, East 47th Street, 5th Floor

Lead Organizer(s): OSAA, DPI and AUOM

3. **Monday (afternoon), 12 October 2015, 3:00pm: Annual briefing by African Regional Economic Communities to UN Member States and UN system entities on "Silencing the Guns in Africa: the Nexus between Peace, Security, Governance and Development"**

This annual briefing, which marks a new approach of engaging the RECs in the Africa Week, will focus on the African Union's Silencing the Guns agenda – a theme that was agreed with the RECs in January 2015. The overall thrust of the briefing will be anchored on Agenda 2063's First 10-Year Implementation Plan, as Silencing the Guns constitutes one of its flagship projects. The briefing will specifically focus on the role of the RECs as implementing agencies in addressing the four interrelated dimensions of the agenda, highlighting persistent challenges and the role of the international community in supporting the RECs in this regard. The meeting's structure as a "briefing by the RECs" will be maintained, although the Chairs of the RECs as well as 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. The opening session of the event will be moderated by the USG for OSAA, and the briefing session of the event will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations.

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

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber

Lead Organizer(s): OSAA, AUOM and Permanent Mission of Chad to the United Nations

4.

Tuesday (afternoon), 13 October 2015, 3:00pm **Briefing to the United Nations Interdepartmental Taskforce on African Affairs (IDTFA) on “Agenda 2063 and its First 10-Year Implementation Plan in the Context of the UN-AU Partnership on Africa’s Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA)”**

This briefing will aim to raise awareness of PAIDA and highlight the next steps in developing the PAIDA action plans as well as the role of UN system entities in this process. The briefing will also provide insights on the process of reconfiguring the RCM-Africa cluster system to enhance its effectiveness in delivering UN system support to Africa in the implementation of Agenda 2063. This briefing will be a closed meeting comprising mainly of IDTFA members and the key African implementing bodies of PAIDA - AUC, NEPAD, APRM, AfDB and the RECs. In addition to featured speakers, the event will allow for interactive discussions and exchanges between members of the IDTFA and the delegations from ECA, AUC, APRM, NEPAD, AfDB and the RECs.

Featured speakers will include: The Executive Secretary of ECA, the Chair of the AU Peace and Security Council for the Month of November, the AUC Commissioner for Economic Affairs, the Permanent Observer of the AU to the United Nations, the CEO of NEPAD, and the Chair of the APR Panel and the Executive Secretary of CENSAD (on behalf of the RECs in his capacity as Convener of the consultative roundtables for Chief Executives of the RECs for the year 2014). The event will be chaired by the USG for OSAA.

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

Venue: Conference Room 8

Lead Organizer(s): AU, OSAA, ECA, DPI and NEPAD Agency

5. **Wednesday (morning), 14 October 2015, 9:00am:** **High-Level Event: 15 Years of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Africa: Stocktaking & Perspectives**

This high-level event is being organized in the context of the African Union 2015 “Year of Women’s Empowerment and Development towards Africa’s Agenda 2063” and the 15-year review of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. As the world gathers at the United Nations Headquarters to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325, the event provides an opportune moment for Africa to share her experiences in the implementation of this landmark resolution, including with respect to resulting AU instruments. It also creates an opportunity for reflection on ways to accelerate the implementation of resolution 1325 and its subsequent resolutions in the face of new and emerging threats to women, peace and security in Africa, such as terrorism and violent extremism, and climate change. In addition, it provides an opportunity to strategize on transformative actions to address women’s peace and security in a comprehensive and integrated manner in the context of implementation of the remaining years of the African Women’s Decade, Africa’s Agenda 2063 and the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The event will culminate in the launch of a booklet on Africa & UNSCR 1325. The event will feature participation of a wide range of stakeholders, including Member States, regional and multilateral organisations, civil society, and global and regional women’s organizations.

Featured speakers will include: The Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of Namibia, the Executive Director of UN-Women, the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, the Chief Executive Officer of NEPAD and Interim CEO of APRM, the Gender Advisor of the African Development Bank and a representative from civil society women’s group. The event will be moderated by the Deputy Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations.

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

Venue: Conference Room 12

Lead Organizer(s): AU, OSAA and UN-Women

6. **Wednesday (early afternoon), 14 October 2015, 12:15pm:** **Joint press conference on Agenda 2063 Action Points by OSAA, AU, NEPAD, APRM and ECA**

This will feature the USG for OSAA; AU Commissioners; the CEO of the NEPAD Agency; the Chairperson of the APR Panel; and the Permanent Observer of the AU to the United Nations. The event will be moderated by the Director of the AUC Directorate for Information and Communications.

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

Venue: Press Briefing Room, Second Floor, Secretariat Building, UNHQ

Lead Organizer(s): OSAA, DPI and ECA

7.

Wednesday (afternoon), 14 October 2015, 3:00pm:
High-Level Event: “African Continental Framework on Youth Development: Mainstream into Agenda 2063”

This high-level event will focus on the forthcoming African Continental Framework on Youth Development, which aims to assist African Member States to define national employment policy schemes with operational action plans in line with the objectives of inclusive growth and the creation of decent and sustainable jobs. In this context, the event will also highlight progress and challenges in the implementation of the African Youth Charter (2006) as well as the important role of youth employment in accelerating achievement of the aspirations of Agenda 2063. The event will also address the role of global, regional, sub-regional and national actors in youth development on the continent, including the role of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency in forging partnerships between stakeholders and in mobilizing public and private sector support for youth development.

Featured speakers will include: the CEO of the NEPAD Agency, the USG for OSAA, AUC Commissioner for Trade and Industry, the Executive Secretary of ECA, the Executive Director of UNFPA, the UN Secretary-General’s Youth Envoy, the ILO Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Africa, a representative of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, a representative of the McKinsey Company and a youth representative. The Permanent Observer of the AU to the United Nations will chair the event.

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

Venue: Conference Room 6

Lead Organizer(s): NEPAD Agency and OSAA

8.

Thursday (afternoon), 15 October 2015, 10:00am:
Annual briefing to Member States and UN system entities on the two reports of the Secretary-General: “New Partnership for Africa’s Development: thirteenth consolidated progress report on implementation and international support”; and “Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa”

This annual briefing will be structured in two parts. The first will be a presentation of the UN Secretary-General’s reports: “New Partnership for Africa’s Development: thirteenth consolidated progress report on implementation and international support” and “Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.” This segment will also feature remarks by partners on the two reports: namely by the Executive Secretary for ECA and the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations (in his capacity as Chair of the African Group for the Month of September). The second segment will feature thematic presentations on “The Key Role of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development in Implementing Agenda 2063” and “The Role of the African Peer Review Mechanism in Monitoring of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.” This annual briefing, based on OSAA’s mandated

reports, is aimed at raising awareness of Member States and UN system entities on Africa's emerging issues on peace, security and development and providing in-depth analysis and policy recommendations. Interactive Q&A discussions will follow each part.

Featured speakers will include: the USG for OSAA, the Executive Secretary for ECA, the CEO of the NEPAD Agency, the Chair of the APR Panel, and the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations in his capacity as Chair of the African Group for the month of September. The event will be moderated by the Permanent Observer of the AU to the United Nations and the USG for DPI.

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

Venue: Conference Room 6

Lead Organizer(s): OSAA, ECA, DPI, AUOM, NEPAD Agency and APRM Secretariat

9. **Thursday (afternoon), 15 October 2015, 4:00pm: NEPAD Lecture at Yale University**

This lecture will be delivered by the CEO of NEPAD at the Yale University.

Featured Speakers: NEPAD Agency.

Venue: Yale University

Lead Organizer(s): NEPAD Agency

10. **Friday (all day), 16 October 2015: 70th UN General Assembly Debate on Development of Africa based on the Secretary-General's Reports on: Progress in the Implementation of NEPAD; and the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa**

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

Venue: General Assembly Hall

C. ANNEXES:

A. Outputs: Africa Week 2015:

- E- publication on the Africa Week 2015 proceeding, and
- Summary messages from each of the main thematic events.

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 Sponsoring Partners:

OSAA, ECA, DPI, AUOM, the NEPAD Agency, the APRM Secretariat, the AUC, the RECs and the IDTFA

D. Communications:

In addition to scheduled press briefings, the Week's events will include webcast, one-on-one interviews, publicity on social media platforms, UNTV coverage and dissemination of a media advisory in close cooperation with DPI, the NEPAD Agency Communications Team, the AUC Directorate of Information and Communications and the Advocacy and Communications Cluster of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa.

