

# Webinar for parliaments in Africa

## The impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: What role for parliaments?

November 13, 2020

### Programme

Addis Ababa time

3:00 – 3:03 Opening and welcome by Mr. Oliver Chinganya, Director, African Centre for Statistics (ECA), Moderator

#### Segment 1: Opening remarks by the co-organizers

3:03 – 3:08 Opening remarks by Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union

3:08 – 3:13 Opening remarks by Ms. Vera Songwe, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa

#### Segment 2: Presentation by subject-matter experts on the regional status of Goal implementation

3:13 – 3:25 Presentation on the status of Goal implementation in Africa

- Joseph Ilboudo, Chief of Statistical Development, ECA
- Opeyemi Akinoyemi and Bosede Olanike Awoyemi, research fellows, ECA

The presentation will provide an overview of the status of implementation of the Goals in Africa, highlight key challenges in the context of COVID-19, and outline the prospects for the attainment of the Goals.

#### Segment 3: An exchange of national experiences in Goal implementation in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic

3:25 – 3:35 Remarks by Mr. Issa Mardo Djibir, Chair of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, National Assembly of Chad

3:35 – 3:45 Remarks by Ms. Veronica Tsitsi Muzenda, Senator, Parliament of Zimbabwe and President of the IPU Committee on Sustainable Development

3:45 – 4:15 Interactive discussion on Goal implementation in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic

#### Segment 4: Presentations by subject-matter experts on the prospects for building back better

4:15 – 4:25 Presentation on the prospects for the future and building back better

- David Luke, Coordinator of the African Trade Policy Centre, ECA
- Frank Rutabingwa, Senior Natural Resources Specialist, ECA

Given that the challenges to sustainable development have been exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and further exacerbated by the impact of climate change, the presentation will highlight a way forward for African countries to build back better by leveraging the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and charting a path towards an inclusive and green recovery.

4:25 – 4:55 Interactive discussion on building back better, through the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals

4:55 – 5:00 Short summary of takeaways and closing