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Key recommendations of sessions of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa (2006–2018)

Background

The previous session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa (RCM-Africa), which was held in Addis Ababa on 12 and 13 May 2018, marked the nineteenth successive occasion in which agencies and organizations of the United Nations system had held consultations with key African institutions on strengthening coherence and ensuring a more coordinated delivery of United Nations support for development in Africa. It was also the second session, jointly organized by the secretariats of the RCM-Africa and the regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group. The theme for the meeting was "United Nations system support for the African Union in winning the fight against corruption: a sustainable path to Africa's transformation".

The purpose of the annual meetings is to promote synergy and coordination among the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to improving their collective response to meeting the priority needs of the continent and in their delivery of support to African Union organizations, for greater effectiveness and impact. RCM-Africa aims to achieve this by stepping up the joint programming and implementation of activities, operationalized through a cluster system. Another key objective of RCM-Africa is to improve cooperation and collaboration between agencies of the United Nations system and African continental organizations, such as the African Union Commission, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency, regional economic communities, and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa has convened 19 annual meetings since 1999, however, it was only after the seventh such meeting that the Mechanism gained momentum in strengthening partnerships between organizations of the United Nations system and African regional and subregional organizations. Many recommendations to that end were put forward by RCM-Africa during the consecutive annual meetings between 2006 and 2018. The secretariat of RCM-Africa, which was set in place to coordinate United Nations support to the African Union and its NEPAD programme –

pursuant to the recommendation of RCM-Africa at its tenth session in November 2009 – is jointly operationalized by ECA and the African Union Commission, and has been particularly diligent in ensuring follow-up to the implementation of RCM-Africa recommendations.

For the record, RCM-Africa has, to date, held the following sessions:

- First – Nairobi, 15 March 1999

- Second – Addis Ababa, 26 and 27 June 2000

- Third – Addis Ababa, 29 and 30 October 2001

- Fourth – Addis Ababa, 24 and 25 October 2002

- Fifth – Addis Ababa, 16 and 17 May 2003

- Sixth – Addis Ababa, 9 and 10 July 2004

- Seventh – Addis Ababa, 14 and 15 November 2006

- Eighth – Addis Ababa, 5 and 6 November 2007

- Ninth – Addis Ababa, 21 and 22 October 2008

- Tenth – Addis Ababa, 5 and 6 November 2009

- Eleventh – Addis Ababa, 14 and 15 November 2010

- Twelfth – Addis Ababa, 21 and 22 November 2011

- Thirteenth – Addis Ababa, 5 and 6 November 2012

- Fourteenth – Addis Ababa, 21 and 22 November 2013

- Fifteenth – Abuja, 28 and 30 March 2014

- Sixteenth – Addis Ababa, 28 and 29 March 2015

- Seventeenth – Addis Ababa, 2 and 3 April 2016

- Eighteenth – Dakar, 25 and 26 March 2017

- Nineteenth – Addis Ababa, 12 and 13 May 2018

The thematic clusters evolved from four to five, then expanded to seven and eventually to nine by 2016, with associated subclusters. The nine clusters were the following: infrastructure development; governance; social and human development; environment; population and urbanization; agriculture, food security and rural development; science and technology; advocacy and communication; peace and security; and industry, trade and market access. At its seventeenth session RCM-Africa adopted eight new clusters in alignment with Agenda 2063 of the African Union and its first ten-year implementation plan, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and then adopted a ninth cluster, peace and security, at its eighteenth session to open up a platform for the African Peace and Security Architecture to report as part of RCM-Africa. The nine clusters are the following:

(a)   Sustainable and inclusive economic growth, industry, trade, agriculture and agro-processing and regional integration

(b)   Infrastructure development

(c)   Human capital development, health, nutrition, science, technology and innovation

(d)   Labour, employment creation, social protection, migration and mobility

(e)   Gender equality, women and youth empowerment

(f)   Humanitarian matters and disaster risk management

(g)   Environment, urbanization and population

(h)   Advocacy, information, communications and culture

(i)   Peace and security.

The RCM-Africa secretariat has prepared the present compilation, recording the recommendations and priorities the mechanism has identified at the successive sessions, from the seventh to the nineteenth, and indicating the extent to which the recommendations have been implemented, with the purpose of assisting clusters and subclusters with the implementation.

Key recommendations of sessions of the Regional Coordinated Mechanism for Africa from 2006 to 2018

Key recommendation	Key actions	Session at which adopted or recommended	Lead cluster or unit and partners	Status
1 Increase effectiveness of RCM-Africa and its clusters	1.1 Cluster system to be reviewed and revitalized for greater efficiency and effectiveness.	Seventh, eighth and ninth	RCM-Africa secretariat; African Union and the NEPAD Agency Partners: All cluster coordinators	Completed
	1.2 Rules and procedures to be developed for the operation of the clusters.	Seventh, eighth and ninth	All thematic clusters	Completed
	1.3 Clusters to have a clear and traceable alignment of programmes and resources in United Nations and NEPAD priorities and to carry out specific jointly planned programmes based on NEPAD action plans, and support priorities from Governments.	Seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth	All thematic clusters	Completed
	1.4 Steering committee based in Addis Ababa to be formed to follow up on decisions and recommendations of RCM-Africa. Committee to include ECA, African Union Commission and NEPAD Agency, but its composition and terms of reference to be finalized after appropriate consultation.	Eighth	ECA, African Union Commission; NEPAD Agency	Not implemented
	1.5 Three-year business plans to be developed, and to be considered and finalized at a strategic planning meeting of the cluster coordinators, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency, regional economic communities, ECA. and AfDB: • Agencies and organizations of the United Nations system need to learn from the United Nations Development Assistance Framework experience of contributing and committing resources for country-level activities to establish a financing mechanism for their joint activities. This would greatly facilitate the development of a consolidated business plan for RCM-Africa and move the mechanism forward.	Eighth and ninth	All clusters and RCM-Africa secretariat	Completed
	1.6 Meeting to be organized involving all cluster coordinators and co-coordinators (African Union Commission and United Nations) at the level of the African Union Commission senior management before the end of the year to discuss issues including information sharing and flow, the functioning of RCM-Africa as a whole, and the clusters, and also the review of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme.	Tenth	RCM-Africa secretariat; African Union and NEPAD Agency Partners: all cluster coordinators	Completed
	1.7 RCM-Africa secretariat to be transformed into a joint secretariat to promote greater synergy and coherence between the United Nations and African regional and subregional organizations and meetings of RCM-Africa to be organized jointly.	Tenth	RCM-Africa secretariat; African Union and NEPAD Agency Partners: all cluster coordinators	Completed

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	1.8	Support to the African Union and its NEPAD programme to be realigned, taking into account the strategic plans of the African Union Commission and the NEPAD agency through the leadership of the African Union Commission, in order to promote coherence and coordination.	Tenth	All thematic clusters	Completed
	1.9	Focus of clusters and subclusters to be shifted from activities to result and impacts.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	1.10	Close collaboration to be ensured among African Union Commission departments, in particular on cross-cutting and interlinked issues.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: regional economic communities, and African Union Commission	Ongoing
	1.11	The African Union Commission to become chair or co-chair of all clusters in the RCM-Africa process.	Eleventh	African Union Commission	Completed
	1.12	Common platform to be developed for the United Nations system to provide support to the African Union and regional economic communities in such areas as: emergency preparedness, prevention and management; statistics; and maritime security.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: RCM-Africa clusters, African Union Commission, and regional economic communities	Ongoing
	1.13	Cluster reports to focus more on tangible results generated from activities collectively initiated through joint programming, and implemented jointly by members.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters	Completed
	1.14	Clusters to focus on a very limited number of projects or deliverables, based on the comparative advantages of the clusters and sub-clusters, especially in the context of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	1.15	Regional economic communities to designate focal points for RCM-Africa in order to enhance their active participation in RCM-Africa activities.	Eleventh	Regional economic communities	Ongoing
	1.16	Meeting of cluster coordinators to be convened by the end of March 2012 to adopt specific modalities for ensuring coherence and building synergies in capacity-building support to the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency and regional economic communities; and develop a road map for drafting a capacity-building programme for regional economic communities and the NEPAD Agency.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: RCM-Africa clusters, African Union Commission, regional economic communities and NEPAD Agency	Completed
	1.17	Secretariat to provide a standard RCM-Africa definition of programming terms, such as "work programme", "workplan", and "business plan", to be used consistently by all clusters and subclusters.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Completed

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	1.18 Consolidated report to be prepared of all clusters that focuses on achievements, challenges and recommendations for improving the work of clusters.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: RCM-Africa clusters	Completed
	1.19 Inter-cluster coordination to be strengthened in order to avoid overlaps in cluster activities and to build synergies among clusters.	Twelfth and thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	1.20 More time to be allocated during RCM-Africa meetings for discussion on challenges faced and lessons learned by clusters.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Completed
	1.21 RCM-Africa secretariat to encourage cluster members to balance bilateral support to the African Union, the NEPAD Agency and regional economic communities with multilateral approaches based on the RCM-Africa approach.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators	Ongoing
	1.22 More comprehensive partnership needed with African Union organs and institutions beyond the African Union Commission.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators Partners: African Union Commission	Ongoing
	1.23 Regular reviews of business plans to be held, to identify emerging priorities and establish monitoring frameworks.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators	Ongoing
	1.24 All participating cluster members on the United Nations side to ensure that the work done by RCM-Africa and clusters is adequately provided for in their regular work programmes and programme budgets. Their performance within the mechanism to be taken into account in their performance reviews.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa clusters and RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	1.25 Joint programming efforts to be made between the United Nations system and the African Union Commission on the basis of the priorities of the African Union and its NEPAD programme. The priorities of the regional economic communities should be strengthened. In that regard, clusters, in collaboration with the Commission, NEPAD and the regional economic communities, are urged to formulate medium-term business plans to support their programmes and activities.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa clusters Partners: NEPAD Agency and regional economic communities	Ongoing
	1.26 Recommendations of the cluster coordinators meeting of 11 November 2013 to be endorsed.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	1.27 The NEPAD Agency to take advantage of its position in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme and the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa, and to coordinate the agriculture and infrastructure clusters. The NEPAD Agency to be deputy coordinator in the agriculture, food security and rural development cluster.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development Cluster and NEPAD Agency	Ongoing

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	1.28 Preparatory meeting of RCM-Africa to be organized two to three weeks in advance to ensure adequate preparation of the RCM-Africa session.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	1.29 In terms of joint programming, the Division of Strategic Planning of the African Union Commission to be involved and all agencies of the United Nations system to contribute to think tank activities such as supporting finalization of the common African position on the post-2015 development agenda and its promotion, and to drafting Agenda 2063.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat, RCM-Africa clusters and the African Union Commission Division of Strategic Planning	Ongoing
	1.30 Joint activities to be promoted in support of the implementation of African programmes and strategies, such as the African Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, in cooperation with the African Union Commission, ECA, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and also the joint strategy on traditional practices implemented in cooperation with the African Union Commission, the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, UNICEF, UNFPA, ECA and the Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	1.31 United Nations to support the implementation and monitoring of Agenda 2063, and to harmonize its regional architecture in Africa to ensure effective coordination.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	1.32 African Union initiatives, including Agenda 2063, to be synchronized with those at the global level, such as 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators Partners: African Union Commission	Ongoing
	1.33 African countries to build and strengthen their institutional capacities to effectively deliver their national objectives.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators Partners: African Union Commission	Ongoing
	1.34 RCM-Africa clusters to be aligned with the strategic outcomes of the African Union strategic plan for the period 2014–2017 and its Agenda 2063. In that regard, the RCM-Africa secretariat should organize a retreat for further reflection on the reconfiguration of clusters and develop a new framework of engagement. The configuration of the clusters should be based on the new priority areas of the African Union, derived from Agenda 2063 and the African Union medium-term strategy for the period 2014–2017.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa	Ongoing

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	1.35 RCM-Africa secretariat to take the lead in the development of the regional development cooperation framework, following an all-inclusive approach and setting clear milestones for the process.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	1.36 RCM-Africa, the agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, with the support of the African Group based in New York, to include in their budgetary processes their programmes of support for the African Union in the context of RCM-Africa.	Fifteenth	All members of RCM Africa	Resources remain a problem for clusters
	1.37 RCM-Africa secretariat to develop a guidance note for implementation of the regional development cooperation framework and a resource mobilization strategy, which includes the setting up of a trust fund and efforts to tap into existing partnership forums, such as the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, the Africa-European Union Strategic Partnership, and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, to prioritize and support joint activities with the African Union.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Not started
	1.38 Future sessions of RCM-Africa to continue to be held on the margins of the Conference of Ministers.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa	Completed
	1.39 The session recommended that the proposed new framework for the United Nations-African Union partnership should be anchored on Agenda 2063 and its ten-year implementation plans and aligned with the strategic priorities of the United Nations relating to Africa.	Sixteenth	All	Completed
	1.40 Circulate the PAIDA Framework at the close of the sixteenth session to the stakeholders for further reflection and input. In that regard, the stakeholders are urged to consult as widely as possible and submit their inputs ten days after receipt of the draft report from the secretariat so as to give the secretariat enough time to present it to the African Union Commission.	Sixteenth	RCM-Africa	Completed
	1.41 Finalize the report on the PAIDA Framework and submit it to the Assembly of the African Union in June 2015, in South Africa, for consideration, and subsequently transmit it to the General Assembly at its seventieth session in September 2015, notifying it of the proposed new United Nations programme of support to the African Union.	Sixteenth	African Union Commission, in collaboration with the RCM-Africa secretariat	Completed
	1.42 Maintain the status quo of the clusters until the Assembly of the African Union in June, and hold a meeting afterwards to align the clusters with the ten-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063.	Sixteenth	RCM-Africa	Completed
	1.43 Urge the clusters to continue to focus on strategic flagship programmes of the African Union Commission.	Sixteenth	RCM-Africa	Ongoing
	1.44 Synchronize the timelines of the global and African Union plans and processes.	Sixteenth	All members of RCM-Africa	Ongoing

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	1.45	The African Union, in collaboration with the United Nations, to support African countries to integrate Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda into national development plans and strategies.	Seventeenth	African Union Commission; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	1.46	The United Nations, through RCM-Africa to partner with the African Union in enhancing the capacities of African countries for the planning and implementation of Agenda 2063.	Seventeenth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	1.47	African countries should encourage the participation of the private sector in the implementation of Agenda 2063.	Seventeenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators Partners: African Union Commission	Ongoing
	1.48	Obtain a General Assembly resolution on Agenda 2063.	Seventeenth	African Union Commission	Completed
	1.49	Reconfigure the clusters of RCM-Africa and the mapping of the agencies of the United Nations system to the new clusters.	Seventeenth	RCM-Africa	Completed
	1.50	The African Union, in collaboration with the secretariat of RCM-Africa, should prepare an estimate of the cost of the United Nations-African Union partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda for the period 2017–2027 and submit it to the Second Committee of the General Assembly.	Seventeenth	African Union Commission; RCM secretariat	Not started
	1.51	The United Nations, African Union and all stakeholders are urged to provide a coherent and effective response to current migration challenges by addressing the root causes through all-embracing intervention approaches, and by implementing the related road map.	Eighteenth	United Nations; African Union	Ongoing
	1.52	The Mechanism and the regional teams of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to institutionalize the joint meetings of the sessions of the Mechanism, with a view to deepening collaboration. In that regard, both secretariats should jointly plan the meeting.	Eighteenth	Regional teams of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group	Ongoing
2 Improve cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency and AfDB	2.1	The United Nations and the African Union to partner on the adoption of the common African position on asset recovery.	Nineteenth	United Nations; African Union	Not started
	2.2	AfDB to be more closely involved in RCM-Africa.	Seventh	ECA; AfDB	Ongoing
	2.3	The United Nations to support the African Union and its organs to synergize efforts and response in the implementation of the road map for 2017 African Union theme, "Harnessing the Demographic dividend through investments in the youth" in the context of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda.	Eighteenth	ECA	Ongoing

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	2.4 The United Nations, the African Union and all other stakeholders to address the issue of population growth and its linkages to economic growth and as a key factor behind migration, the high unemployment rate, and many challenges facing the African youth, ranging from education to health in terms of access and quality.	Eighteenth	ECA	Ongoing
	2.5 African countries are urged to involve young people in all programmes concerning them and at all stages.	Eighteenth	All members of RCM-Africa	Ongoing
	2.6 African countries are urged to facilitate access to financing of youth initiated small and medium-sized enterprises through various instruments, including micro finance;	Eighteenth	All members of RCM-Africa	Ongoing
	2.7 The United Nations to support the African Union and its organs in the creation of public-private partnerships (PPP), at national, subregional and continental levels, in support of entrepreneurial development of the youth.	Eighteenth	Cluster 1	Not started
	2.8 The United Nations to encourage African countries to promote economic growth through value addition and the development of necessary skills and infrastructure.	Eighteenth	Cluster 1	Ongoing as part of the AfCFTA
	2.9 The United Nations, in collaboration with the African Union and its member States, to continue to develop programmes in support of access to finances, financial and domestic resource mobilization in support of entrepreneur development for young people.	Eighteenth	Cluster 1, ECA, African Union Commission	Ongoing
	2.10 The United Nations to support African countries to develop policies that ensure that the future use of artificial intelligence, particularly robotics, in industries does not create more unemployment.	Eighteenth	ECA	Not started
	2.11 The United Nations, in collaboration with the African Union, to support programmes on the investments in the training of women and girls.	Eighteenth	African Union Commission; ECA	Ongoing
	2.12 The African Union and United Nations to work together to expedite the finalization of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Rights of Residence and Right of Establishment for adoption by the African Union Assembly of January 2018, which is planned to come into effect in all member States immediately upon adoption. All African Union member States have been urged to issue the African passport to their citizens at the national level.	Eighteenth	African Union Commission; United Nations	Ongoing
	2.13 The United Nations to support African Union member States in improving governance by increasing young people's access to information, services, resources and opportunities and strengthening policies, systems and services that specifically respond to the needs and aspirations of young people at central and decentralized levels.	Eighteenth	United Nations	Ongoing

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	2.14 The United Nations to support African Union member States in creating and funding junior programme officers attached to the United Nations and African Union Commission with a view to addressing youth unemployment.	Eighteenth	United Nations	Ongoing
	2.15 The United Nations to support the African Union Commission in localizing Agenda 2063 in the national development plans of African Union member States and the ongoing work related to the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation mechanism.	Eighteenth	United Nations	Ongoing
	2.16 The United Nations system to support the efforts of the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Agency in providing comprehensive communication and advocacy related to NEPAD.	Nineteenth	ECA; all thematic clusters	Ongoing
	2.17 The United Nations to support the African Union in putting in place transparency and financial disclosure rules for public officials, with a view to eradicating corrupt practices.	Nineteenth	United Nations	Ongoing
	2.18 The United Nations to support African countries in putting in place transparency rules governing the collection of taxes, as enshrined in the Addis Tax Initiative.	Nineteenth	United Nations	Ongoing
	2.19 The United Nations to collaborate with the African Union in the implementation of conventions on corruption.	Nineteenth	United Nations	Ongoing
	2.20 The United Nations, in collaboration with the African Union, to conduct studies on the impact of corruption on the livelihood of women and girls.	Nineteenth	United Nations	Not started
	2.21 The United Nations and the African Union, in collaboration with development partners, to put in place strict mechanisms for economic transparency and accountability for countries experiencing war or undergoing post-conflict reconstruction.	Nineteenth	United Nations; African Union	Not started
	2.22 African countries are urged to strengthen their public-sector management, with a view to making it more effective and efficient. In that regard, African Governments to consider paying civil servants competitive salaries.	Nineteenth	Member States	Ongoing
	2.23 The secretariats of the Mechanism and the regional teams of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to develop a mechanism of cooperation and collaboration. In that regard, the secretariats should plan to meet in the last quarter of 2018 to strategize on areas of cooperation.	Nineteenth	United Nations Sustainable Development Group	Completed 10 December 2018
	2.24 The African Union, in collaboration with the United Nations to create a continental online platform for sharing experiences related to corruption.	Nineteenth	United Nations; African Union	Not started
	2.25 The United Nations to support the capacity development efforts of African countries in creating strong public institutions.	Nineteenth	United Nations	Ongoing

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	2.26	The United Nations to support African countries, through the African Union, in ensuring that gender issues are reflected in studies on the impact of corruption.	Nineteenth	United Nations	Not started
3 Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union replaced by the Renewed Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA)	3.1	Need for increased focus on and alignment of activities with the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme (for the African Union), using clusters as the vehicles to address the capacity needs of the African Union. In that regard, the African Union Commission so develop a mechanism for internal coordination corresponding to the United Nations coordination function carried out by ECA.	Eighth	All members of RCM-Africa	Completed
	3.2	Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme to be highlighted at the United Nations, African Union and regional economic community levels.	Tenth	All members of RCM-Africa	Ongoing
	3.3	Review to be carried out and necessary resources mobilized from other agencies of the United Nations system: ▪ AfDB to provide financial support and consultancy for the review process. ▪ Involvement of all stakeholders and the leadership of the African Union and the regional economic communities in the process and their partnership and ownership to be ensured, with a view to enhancing its effectiveness and further strengthening its implementation.	Tenth	ECA; United Nations Liaison Office, African Union Commission Partners: all thematic clusters; AfDB	Ongoing
	3.4	A work programme to build the capacity of the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency and the regional economic communities to be developed under the framework of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme, with clearly defined activities, expected outcomes, timelines, monitoring and evaluation frameworks, and resources for its implementation.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat; RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	3.5	RCM-Africa secretariat to lead the process of developing the capacity-building work programme with the collaboration of clusters, and align the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme work programme with the Africa-wide capacity development strategic framework.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	3.6	RCM-Africa clusters and subclusters, in planning their capacity-building activities, to take into consideration the programming and planning cycles of the African Union Commission and the regional economic communities.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters	Completed
	3.7	RCM-Africa secretariat and clusters to strengthen their advocacy and communication efforts.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat; RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing

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	3.8 New subclusters to be created, such as on emergency preparedness, prevention and management; statistics; and maritime security, to be examined under the framework of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme; concerned agencies to consult with the RCM-Africa secretariat on the best way forward.	Eleventh	Agencies of the United Nations system; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	3.9 Capacity-building to be the theme of the next session of RCM-Africa.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat	Completed
	3.10 RCM-Africa clusters to identify effective ways to strengthen collaboration with the African Capacity-Building Foundation, particularly in the implementation of the work programme of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme, and also in their capacity-building initiatives for African universities.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	3.11 Development and implementation of the United Nations capacity-building work programme for regional economic communities under the framework of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme to involve the African Capacity-Building Foundation.	Twelfth	Regional economic communities; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	3.12 RCM-Africa secretariat to finalize the draft work programme (report on United Nations system support to the African Union Capacity-Building programme) by the end of January 2012.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Completed
	3.13 The African Union Commission to articulate modalities for linking the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme and capacity-building support that it receives from other partners.	Twelfth	African Union Commission	Ongoing
	3.14 Development of the work programme to be extended to all members of the African Union family, including the NEPAD Agency, the African Peer Review Mechanism, African Union organs, and regional economic communities, as the second phase of the needs assessment to be completed by November 2012.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	3.15 As the second triennial review of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme is due in 2013, RCM-Africa secretariat to draft the terms of reference, which should include the scope of the review, methodology and funding by March 2013, and present the draft at a meeting of RCM-Africa coordinators for approval.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators	Completed
	3.16 The work programme of United Nations support to capacity-building programmes of the NEPAD Agency, regional economic communities and the organs of the African Union to be completed by November 2013 and integrated into the work programme for the African Union Commission.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators	Ongoing

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	3.17 The RCM-Africa secretariat, in consultation with the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency, regional economic communities and other organs of the African Union, to develop a road map for the above-mentioned recommendation; the draft road map to be endorsed by a task force of coordinators set up to oversee the assignment.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators Partners: African Union Commission; regional economic communities; NEPAD Agency	Ongoing
	3.18 African Union agency representatives in Addis Ababa to familiarize themselves with the contribution of the various clusters to the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme and the cluster business plans.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators Partners: African Union Commission; regional economic communities; NEPAD Agency	Ongoing
	3.19 Cluster coordinators to meet to establish a working group to determine clear roles and responsibilities and prepare a proposed framework of United Nations support to the African Union and its NEPAD programme, including Agenda 2063 and a successor programme to the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme after 2016 for consideration by RCM-Africa at its fifteenth session in March 2014.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators	Ongoing
	3.20 The African Union Commission, in consultation with the United Nations, to set up a technical working group comprising members from the United Nations and the African Union, including the NEPAD Agency, regional economic communities and AfDB, to formulate a comprehensive long-term United Nations programme of support for the African Union, including for its Agenda 2063, and the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme upon its expiration in 2016.	Fifteenth	African Union Commission, RCM-Africa	Completed
	3.21 RCM-Africa to harmonize the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme with Agenda 2063.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat and cluster coordinators	Expired
	3.22 The United Nations to support the capacity development efforts of African countries in creating strong public institutions.	Nineteenth	United Nations	Ongoing
4 Mobilize resources and enhance capacity	4.1 Each agency or organization of the United Nations system to develop a minimum level of institutional capacity at all levels: At least one staff member to be dedicated to NEPAD.	Ninth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	4.2 Consideration to be given to alternative means of funding activities at cluster and subcluster levels. Budget lines to be opened to support functions, joint programmes and funding framework to be elaborated for trust funds and financing facilities.	Ninth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing

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	4.3	Resource mobilization strategy to be developed based on a needs assessment.	Ninth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	4.4	In terms of resources and capacity for implementation, clusters to muster all their collective efforts to raise additional resources, given that reliance on their regular budget resources alone is not sufficient.	Ninth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	4.5	Heads of agencies and organizations to take direct responsibility in monitoring efforts to mobilize resources and enhance capacity.	Ninth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	4.6	Draft resolution to be presented to the General Assembly for approval. The resolution to request a mandate to fund the RCM-Africa secretariat and the nine clusters to enhance their role in coordinating activities and implementing joint programming.	Ninth	ECA; Office of the Special Adviser on Africa partners: African Union, African ambassadors based in Addis Ababa and the African Group in New York	Ongoing
	4.7	The experience of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in various areas, particularly regarding financial mechanisms and other ways of providing further support to the RCM-Africa secretariat, to be shared.	Ninth	All thematic clusters Partners: OCHA; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	4.8	Agencies of the United Nations system, particularly UNDP, UNFPA and the United Nations Industrialization Development Organization (UNIDO), to increase their support to ECA to enable it to effectively carry out its coordinating role through the RCM-Africa secretariat.	Ninth	UNDP; UNFPA; UNIDO Partners: RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	4.9	Adequate resources to be secured to support the work of the clusters.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	4.10	United Nations system to strengthen the RCM-Africa secretariat with financial and human resources to enable it to function effectively.	Eleventh and fourteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat; RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	4.11	Efforts by the United Nations system to mobilize resources for the RCM-Africa secretariat and for the implementation of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme, to focus on seeking additional resources rather than dismantling the existing United Nations regular resource allocation.	Eleventh	Agencies of the United Nations system	Ongoing
	4.12	United Nations system, through the RCM-Africa secretariat, to assist regional economic communities to mobilize financial resources to effectively participate in the RCM-Africa process.	Eleventh	Agencies of the United Nations system; RCM-Africa secretariat	Not implemented
	4.13	Resource mobilization to be embedded in capacity-building programmes to ensure their sustainability in the long term.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa clusters; regional economic communities; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing

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	4.14 Task force to be constituted to formulate a regional development assistance framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme that could be implemented through the United Nations Development Assistance Framework.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat; RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	4.15 Cluster coordinators to identify common areas and themes on which two or more agencies could jointly work from project design, project formulation and resource mobilization to project implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa clusters; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	4.16 RCM-Africa to carry out strategies to strengthen coordination of fund-raising by forming partnerships with, for example, agencies, foundations and the private sector. In that regard, cluster members to also prepare proposals to raise funds for joint programming with focused results.	Thirteenth and fourteenth	RCM-Africa clusters; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	4.17 Resource mobilization and leveraging with the African Union Commission and regional economic communities to be encouraged.	Thirteenth and fourteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: African Union Commission; regional economic communities	Ongoing
	4.18 Communications strategy to be developed to advocate the activities of the clusters in support of various programmes of support for the African Union and its organs and mobilize resources for them.	Thirteenth and fourteenth	Office of the Special Adviser on Africa; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	4.19 African countries to increase the financing of their development through domestic resource mobilization schemes, including the blocking of illicit financial flows and the harnessing of remittances, funds from financial institutions and sovereign wealth funds, resources generated from natural resources potential, and the Africa 50 Fund of AfDB.	Fifteenth	African Union Commission and member States	Ongoing
	4.20 Develop strategies for domestic mobilization of resources and overseas development assistance to support the implementation of Agenda 2063. In that regard, explore the possibilities of tapping into potential resources committed in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals, climate finance and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third Conference on Financing for Development.	Sixteenth	African Union; United Nations; RCM-Africa	Ongoing
	4.21 The African Union, in collaboration with the United Nations, should develop a resource mobilization strategy in support of the implementation of Agenda 2063.	Seventeenth	African Union Commission; United Nations	Ongoing
	4.22 The African Union and the United Nations to enhance their partnership in bringing education and providing capacity-building to all African young people with a view to addressing the challenges facing African young people's youth.	Eighteenth	African Union Commission; United Nations	Ongoing

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	4.23 African countries are urged to continue to deploy information communications technology in the automation of public administration systems as part of efforts to combat corruption.	Nineteenth	Member States	Ongoing
5 Monitoring and evaluation	5.1 Database to be established for both quantitative and qualitative information on processes and activities, outputs and resources relating to United Nations support.	Seventh	RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	5.2 Each cluster to develop a monitoring framework.	Seventh and eighth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	5.3 ECA, the African Union Commission and the NEPAD Agency to monitor impacts of interventions.	Seventh and eighth	ECA; African Union Commission and NEPAD Agency	Ongoing
	5.4 Proposed impact indicators of the monitoring and evaluation framework to be revisited, taking into account the quality of the impact. Task force, including experts in results-based approach, to be constituted to fully develop a monitoring and evaluation system for RCM-Africa.	Ninth	All thematic clusters; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	5.5 African countries and their regional and subregional organizations to strategically and effectively plan their development with clear benchmarks and indicators, and also to develop a mechanism for the monitoring and evaluation of progress and achievements. To that end, plans should be flexible, adjustable and recalibrated when needed.	Fifteenth	All thematic clusters; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	5.6 Extended RCM-Africa meeting to be held on the margins of the annual sessions of RCM-Africa to monitor implementation of the recommendations and support for the common African position on the post-2015 development agenda. In that regard, members of RCM-Africa should mainstream the recommendations on attainment of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa and the common African position into their planning, coordination and reporting processes. ECA and UNDP to serve as the secretariat and provide technical support to the extended RCM-Africa meeting.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Completed
	5.7 Develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for tracking and assessing the implementation of the programmes and projects of the clusters, and also the implementation of the RCM Africa recommendations.	Sixteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	5.8 The African Union, in collaboration with the United Nations and other partners, to develop monitoring and evaluation tools to measure the progress made in the implementation of Agenda 2063. In that regard, the United Nations to support the capacities of the African Union, regional economic communities and African countries in the collection of	Seventeenth	African Union Commission; United Nations	Ongoing

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		appropriate data for measuring the indicators of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.			
	5.9	The United Nations to support the African Union in preparing a common report for Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda.	Seventeenth	United Nations; African Union	Ongoing
6 Communication and advocacy	6.1	Clusters to share reports on activities with other agencies – the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency, and ECA to facilitate information-sharing.	Seventh and eighth	All thematic clusters Partners: African Union Commission; NEPAD Agency, RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	6.2	Information-sharing and knowledge-networking forum to be established to enhance awareness and facilitate the implementation of the NEPAD Programme. The free flow of timely and relevant information could ensure wider dissemination and outreach.	Eighth	ECA and African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency	Ongoing
	6.3	System of communication between clusters to be established.	Eighth, ninth and tenth	All thematic clusters Partners: RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	6.4	All clusters to prioritize inter-cluster collaboration and partnerships in accordance with previous decisions of RCM-Africa. In that regard, clusters to continue to meet at least on a quarterly basis, and subclusters to meet in between the regular meetings of clusters. A calendar of regular meetings of each cluster to be drawn up and maintained at the RCM-Africa secretariat for ease of planning for all concerned.	Fourteenth	All thematic clusters; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	6.5	In keeping with the Naivasha spirit[1], regular cluster coordinators meetings to be organized to plan and review progress in the implementation of activities and ensure regular reporting to the African Union Commission through the appropriate unit on partnership with the United Nations. Agencies to take the initiative to call these meetings.	Fourteenth	All thematic clusters; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	6.6	RCM-Africa to develop a communications and collaboration strategy.	Fifteenth and sixteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Completed
	6.7	The African Union, in collaboration with the United Nations and other partners, to its communication on Agenda 2063 so that all stakeholders are aware that by African countries implementing Agenda 2063, they are also implementing the 2030 Agenda.	Seventeenth	United Nations, African Union Commission; other partners	Not started
	6.8	Approves the request of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to co-lead with the African Union Culture section a subcluster on culture under the cluster on advocacy, information, communications and culture.	Eighteenth	Cluster 8	Completed

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[1] At the first RCM clusters retreat in Naivasha, Kenya in June 2012.

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7 Sub-regional coordination mechanisms	7.1	Knowledge and information management system to be developed in the network on the presence of agencies and organizations of the United Nations system in the subregion, areas of competence and concentration activities of other key development partners, and the information to be made accessible to minimize duplication and build synergy among development actors.	Seventh	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	7.2	Regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations to be targeted to enhance their ability to own and manage implementation of African Union and NEPAD priorities through capacity-building and the development of organizational, institutional and legal frameworks. The United Nations coordination system to develop action plans and commit to implementing two or three activities jointly in support of the African Union and NEPAD in the subregion.	Seventh	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	7.3	Regional economic communities to be actively involved in the establishment of the subregional coordinating mechanism. The subregional coordination mechanism also to build on the existing mechanism of the regional directors team and to be integrated into RCM-Africa.	Ninth	Subregional offices, RCM-Africa secretariat; regional directors teams; regional economic communities	Completed
	7.4	Task force to be set up to look into existing coordination mechanisms at the subregional levels and recommend options for establishing the subregional coordination mechanism, including building on existing mechanisms. The exercise to take into account the realities, specificities and priorities in each subregion, in particular those of the regional economic communities, and the expected roles and responsibilities of the various players to be involved in the subregional framework.	Tenth	Subregional offices; RCM-Africa secretariat; regional directors teams; regional economic communities	Completed
	7.5	Activities of the subregional coordination mechanisms to be aligned with the priorities of regional economic communities, and the relationship between subregional coordination mechanisms and other subregional coordination mechanisms to be strengthened.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat Partners: regional economic communities	Ongoing
	7.6	The United Nations system to make efforts to mobilize resources to carry out joint projects in support of the African Union and its NEPAD Programme.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters	Ongoing
	7.7	Regional economic communities to continue to be the driving force for the operationalization of subregional coordination mechanisms.	Eleventh	Regional economic communities	Ongoing
	7.8	Task force set up to operationalize the subregional coordination mechanism in Eastern and Southern Africa to initiate discussions with regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations in the two subregions, with a view to ensuring that a coordinated United Nations support to the regional integration agenda of the two subregions commences in 2011.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters	Completed

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	7.9	RCM-Africa secretariat, in consultation with the ECA subregional office for West Africa and relevant agencies of the United Nations system, to approach the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to initiate discussions on the establishment of a subregional coordination mechanism in West Africa.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat, Subregional Office for West Africa Partners: ECOWAS	Completed
	7.10	More coherent partnership with regional economic communities to be sought through the subregional coordination mechanism.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat; subregional offices Partners: regional economic communities	Ongoing
	7.11	RCM-Africa secretariat, in consultation with agencies of the United Nations system and ECA subregional offices, to provide overall guidance in the functioning of the subregional coordination mechanisms in all subregions. The secretariat to guide the regional economic communities, individually or collectively, on how to determine their participation in the subregional coordination mechanisms. In that regard, the RCM-Africa secretariat is to approach the regional economic communities that are not yet part of a subregional coordination mechanism to guide them on how to engage in the process.	Fourteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat, subregional offices Partners: regional economic communities	Ongoing
	7.12	The work programmes of subregional coordination mechanisms should be aligned with, and developed from the priorities of the regional economic communities.	Sixteenth	Subregional coordination mechanisms	Ongoing
8 Establish linkages between RCM-Africa, regional directors teams and Sustainable Development Goals working groups including the African Forum for Sustainable Development	8.1	Regional directors team to participate actively in RCM-Africa meetings and RCM-Africa participation in regional directors team meetings to be ensured.	Tenth and eleventh	RCM-Africa secretariat; regional directors teams	Ongoing
	8.2	RCM-Africa recommendations or follow-up to be considered in annual work planning and reviews.	Tenth	Regional directors teams	Ongoing
	8.3	Communications to be strengthened with subregional coordination mechanisms and United Nations country teams on the work of RCM-Africa and its clusters: ▪ Provides opportunities for improved communication, cross-pollination and multidisciplinary teams to work together on specific thematic areas.	Tenth and eleventh	Regional directors teams; subregional offices Partners: RCM-Africa secretariat, all thematic clusters	Ongoing
	8.4	Modalities for developing stronger synergies between RCM-Africa and the Millennium Development Goals Africa/Sustainable Development Goals working group to be reviewed and presented.	Twelfth / Eighteenth	Regional directors teams, Millennium Development Goals Africa Working Group; RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing

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	8.5	The United Nations to enhance its support to the African Union, its member States and the regional economic communities to pursue programmes that spur inclusive growth, particularly for young people and women, and regional integration.	Eighteenth	United Nations, in particular ECA	Ongoing
	8.6	The RCM-Africa and regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group to institutionalize the joint meetings of the sessions of the RCM-Africa, with a view of deepening collaboration.	Eighteenth	RCM-Africa; regional United Nations Sustainable Development Groups secretariats	Ongoing
	8.7	The secretariats of the RCM-Africa and the regional United Nations Sustainable Development Groups are called upon to develop a mechanism of cooperation and collaboration between the two mechanisms.	Eighteenth	RCM-Africa; and regional United Nations Sustainable Development Groups secretariats	Ongoing
	8.8	The secretariat of the RCM-Africa to finalize joint programmes of work for the clusters for 2017–2018 based on the priorities set out by the clusters and aligned with Agenda 2063 no later than the end of May 2017. The clusters to implement immediately the joint programme of work once finalized by the secretariat.	Eighteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat; clusters	Ongoing
	8.9	African countries are urged to continue to work towards embracing the values associated with inclusive societies, focusing on a rights based approach, and also to have zero tolerance for exclusion and inequality, thereby supporting anti-corruption efforts.	Nineteenth	Member States	Ongoing
	8.10	African countries are urged to promote and reinforce civic education and public awareness of the causes and effects of corruption.	Nineteenth	Member States	Ongoing
9 Post-conflict reconstruction and development	9.1	Steering committee (comprising chief executives of relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, and the African Union Commission) to be established to implement the African Union post-conflict reconstruction and development policy.	Eighth	Agencies of the United Nations system; African Union Commission	Ongoing
	9.2	All partners involved in the implementation of the African Union post-conflict reconstruction and development policy framework to organize regular briefings on the policy for United Nations Member States at the African Union office in New York.	Eighth	African Union; Peace and security cluster	Ongoing
	9.3	Trust funds to be created to ensure that post-conflict reconstruction addresses development issues in a long-term, holistic and integrated manner.	Eighth	African Union; Peace and security cluster	Ongoing
	9.4	United Nations to collaborate with the African Union and its organs, including the regional economic communities, to promote and protect human rights, particularly during armed conflicts, and to strengthen the protection of civilians in line with the United Nations human rights due diligence policy and the "Rights up front" action plan launched by the Secretary-General.	Fifteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing

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10 Increase United Nations coordination in addressing the food crisis challenge in Africa	10.1	Logical steps to be developed for the establishment of a joint United Nations programme of action at the regional and subregional levels, making use of existing processes, such as the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme: ▪ Inclusion of malnutrition and its negative impact on health, particularly children. ▪ Use of commodity value chain approach for better collaboration. ▪ Use of comprehensive framework of action to determine its programme at regional level, identify potential and define how the United Nations can jointly contribute in tapping those potentials.	Ninth	Agriculture, food security and rural development cluster Partners: regional economic communities; World Bank	Ongoing
	10.2	Advocacy and communications strategy about food crisis and how to resolve it to be formulated.	Ninth	Agriculture, food security and rural development cluster Partners: advocacy and communications cluster	Ongoing
	10.3	African countries are urged to increase their investment in agriculture, particularly agrobusiness, with a view of absorbing young people as well as to respond to the global fight against food insecurity and contribute to responses to the root causes of migration.	Eighteenth	All clusters; all member countries	Ongoing
11 United Nations support for climate-related actions at the regional level	11.1	Funding for policy and capacity-building activities to be scaled up.	Ninth and tenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	11.2	Work plan to be developed for climate-related activities of RCM-Africa: ▪ Use ongoing work by ECA (Climate for Development in Africa – ClimDev-Africa).	Ninth and tenth	Environment, population and urbanization cluster	Ongoing
	11.3	Mechanisms to facilitate joint resource mobilization or joint budgetary contributions and planning to be established and operationalized: Build and maintain synergies, avoid unnecessary overlap and duplication of efforts, foster collaboration and take a team approach to resource mobilization across the system.	Tenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	11.4	Support to be provided for the following: ▪ Development and implementation of the comprehensive framework of African climate change programmes ▪ Implementation of African Union and NEPAD climate change initiatives, including the ClimDev-Africa project and its African Climate Policy Centre, the African Monitoring of the Environment for	Ninth and tenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing

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		Sustainable Development initiative, and the Great Green Wall of the Sahara and the Sahel initiative.			
	11.5	Anticipatory and proactive programming to be carried out to meet demands from member States and regional organizations for the implementation of the outcomes from the Copenhagen negotiations.	Tenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	11.6	African countries to map out all their natural resources and to process them on the continent in order to give them added value.	Fifteenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing Mining vision
	11.7	The United Nations, in collaboration with the African Union Commission and the regional economic communities to assist African countries to identify and tackle the root causes of migration, including high population growth and the pressure on the limited resources; and deal with its implications on urbanization.	Eighteenth	United Nations; African Union Commission; regional economic communities	Ongoing series
	11.8	The United Nations, jointly with the African Union Commission and regional economic communities, to support African countries to embark on commodity based industrialization and move away from the traditional commodity based economies as a means of creating jobs for young people.	Eighteenth	United Nations; African Union Commission; regional economic communities	Ongoing with the CFTA
	11.9	The United Nations, in collaboration with the African Union Commission and regional economic communities to support African countries to formulate and implement sound migration policies that address the health of migrants affected by travel hazards, including, among others, diseases, sexual exploitation and drug trafficking.	Eighteenth	United Nations, African Union Commission, regional economic communities	Ongoing
	11.10	Development partners to enhance their partnerships with African countries to address the challenges of migration and youth unemployment, including the protection of young girls who are migrating in large numbers.	Eighteenth	All partners; cluster 4	Ongoing
	11.11	African countries are urged to make issues of particular importance to young people an integral part of urbanization policies.	Eighteenth	Cluster 4	Ongoing
	11.12	Development partners and African countries are urged to address the challenges of migration and youth unemployment within the holistic framework of social protection.	Eighteenth	Cluster 4	Ongoing
12 Cross-cutting issues	12.1	Gender issues to be systematically mainstreamed in the activities of the clusters and subclusters.	Seventh, eighth and tenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.2	Regional integration to be adequately addressed by all clusters and subclusters.	Eighth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing

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	12.3 Youth, capacity-building, employment and decent work to be mainstreamed into cluster activities, particularly for young people.	Seventh, eighth and tenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.4 Climate change to be mainstreamed into the work of all clusters: ▪ Climate proofing of all United Nations programmes and coordination among climate change initiatives to be a component of this strategy.	Ninth and tenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.5 Health issues to be properly integrated into the cluster system.	Eighth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.6 Culture issues to be properly integrated into the cluster system.	Eighth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.7 Governance to be addressed by all the clusters.	Ninth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.8 Communication and advocacy to be mainstreamed into the work of the clusters.	Tenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.9 Inter-cluster coordination to be improved, in particular regarding cross-cutting issues, such as climate change and gender. Interaction between the advocacy and communications cluster on the one hand, and other clusters, on the other, to be increased to ensure results-based reporting.	Eleventh	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.10 Clusters to mainstream cross-cutting issues into their inputs to the work programme of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme and the subsequent annual workplans and business plans.	Twelfth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.11 Efforts to mainstream gender to be enhanced across all cluster programmes and activities. In that regard, the ongoing participatory gender audit initiative supported by the gender and development subcluster should be replicated in RCM-Africa and its clusters.	Fourteenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.12 The African Union Commission to ensure that the common African position on the post-2015 agenda prioritizes gender equality and women's empowerment. A dual approach to be followed for this purpose, comprising a stand-alone goal on gender equality and women's empowerment; and efforts to ensure that all goals adequately integrate targets and indicators measuring progress towards the empowerment of women.	Fifteenth	All thematic clusters	Completed
	12.13 The United Nations to support the implementation of the first ten-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063, with a focus on enhancing gender equality and women's empowerment.	Sixteenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.14 The African Union Commission and the United Nations to ensure adequate, dedicated and sustainable resources, in addition to political leadership, and financial, human and technical resources for the implementation of the women, peace and security agenda. This includes developing and implementing national action plans on Security Council resolution 1325,	Sixteenth	All thematic clusters; subregional coordination mechanisms	Ongoing

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	and the implementation of Agenda 2063 and its first ten-year implementation plan.			
	12.15 Promote economic empowerment and secondary and tertiary education opportunities for women and girls, as a strategy for combating sexual violence against women, uplifting their social status and eradicating poverty.	Sixteenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.16 The African Union and member States to engage and partner with the private sector to leverage their ability to empower young African women and girls, including through gender-sensitive work policies, conducive work environments, investment in corporate social responsibility, purchasing from women-led enterprises throughout their value chains, providing training and education, and establishing relevant public-private partnerships.	Sixteenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	12.17 The United Nations to support the African Union, regional economic communities and member States in implementing goals and targets to advance gender equality and women's empowerment, including through relevant programming, capacity-building support, global advocacy, and support to national and regional statistical commissions.	Sixteenth	United Nations	Ongoing
	12.18 Agencies of the United Nations system, under the leadership of the African Union and UNDP, and in close collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN–Women), to strengthen and expand the implementation of the capacity-building programme on gender and macroeconomic policy management, targeting economists, planners, and development practitioners, both men and women, for them to formulate and implement gender-responsive policy, strategies, programmes and budgets that deliver to both men and women.	Sixteenth	United Nations	Ongoing
	12.19 The United Nations and member States to invest in family planning as it is reflected in the African Union road map to address population growth as a root cause for migration.	Eighteenth	Clusters 4 and 5	Ongoing
	12.20 Society must harness young people's capacity in targeted development activities. Mapping of such engagement is necessary to fill gaps and avoid overlaps.	Eighteenth	Clusters 4 and 5	Ongoing
	12.21 The African Union Commission to enhance its African Union Youth Volunteer Corp, with a view to address youth unemployment.	Eighteenth	African Union Commission	Ongoing
	12.22 The United Nations, led by UNESCO, is to develop a quantitative and qualitative database on culture that supports evidence-based development frameworks of the continent, including Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda.	Eighteenth	UNESCO	Ongoing

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13 Regional preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)	13.1 RCM-Africa clusters to play an active and substantive role in regional preparations for Rio+20 and inputs to that conference to be based on bottom-up approaches so as to enable the participants of Rio+20 to reflect on and deal with the real operational challenges and opportunities for sustainable development: ▪ Clusters to designate representatives to the multi-stakeholder steering committee to be formed to oversee and work out mechanisms for an effective regional preparatory process ▪ Continental institutions, including the African Union Commission, regional economic communities and AfDB, to be effectively engaged in the preparations.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters Partners: African Union Commission; regional economic communities; AfDB	Completed
	13.2 Key drivers of sustainable development to be identified and addressed in a holistic manner, reflecting the legitimate needs and priorities of Africa for sustainable development: Human face of development – such as issues of education, health, mortality and human security – to be given prominence in the Rio+20 discussions.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters	Completed
	13.3 Background thematic reports for Rio+20 documenting good practices in sustainable development to be prepared and disseminated to allow for their adaptation and replication by African countries.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters	Completed
	13.4 Rio+20 to include the adequate articulation of strategies to sustainable development in response to identified needs, a major thrust of previous summits on sustainable development, in line with the plans by the conference secretariat to assist countries worldwide in their national preparations.	Eleventh	RCM-Africa clusters	Completed
	13.5 African negotiators for Rio+20 to be well trained and prepared to ensure that the continent's concerns and priorities set out in the Africa Consensus Statement to Rio+20 are effectively articulated and successfully negotiated at the conference in June 2012, and the necessary financial and technical support is mobilized and provided.	Twelfth	RCM-Africa clusters	Completed
	13.6 The African Union Commission and the regional economic communities to accelerate the implementation of the outcome of the Beijing +20 Review.	Sixteenth	African Union Commission; regional economic communities	Ongoing
	13.7 The work programmes of the Mechanism and the regional teams of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to be aligned with the 2030 Agenda, Agenda 2063 and the United Nations-African Union Framework for an Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security.	Nineteenth	Member States	Ongoing

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	13.8 The work of the clusters of the Mechanism to be aligned with the 2030 Agenda, Agenda 2063 and the United Nations-African Union Framework for an Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security.	Nineteenth	Member States	Ongoing
14 Implementation of the outcomes of Rio+20	14.1 Africa to engage fully in the processes set in motion under the General Assembly, to ensure that it takes into account the continent's specific needs and priorities. In that regard, facilitation and support from all partners is essential.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa clusters Partners: African Union Commission; regional economic communities; AfDB	Ongoing
	14.2 Partnership model that ensures a well-coordinated preparatory process to be built upon to support Africa in implementing the outcomes of Rio+20.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa clusters Partners: African Union Commission, regional economic communities, AfDB	Ongoing
	14.3 Cluster coordinators and members to review the outcomes of Rio+20 and propose areas of intervention relevant to their clusters for inclusion in their respective business plans. RCM-Africa to play an instrumental role in improving coordination and collaboration and ensuring that follow-up activities are integrated into the relevant RCM-Africa clusters.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat; RCM-Africa clusters Partners: African Union Commission; regional economic communities; AfDB	Ongoing
	14.4 Adequate resources to be mobilized to allow for effective follow-up and implementation of the outcomes of Rio+20 and other planned sustainable development activities.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa clusters Partners: African Union Commission; regional economic communities; AfDB	Ongoing
	14.5 Proposed meeting of RCM-Africa coordinators scheduled for March 2013 to include a discussion on a coordinated and coherent United Nations support for the implementation of the outcomes of Rio+20.	Thirteenth	RCM-Africa secretariat	Ongoing
	14.6 The United Nations and the African Union to conduct research on the root causes of migration, the outcome of which should inform African countries to formulate and implement sound policies on migration and contribute to a positive narrative on migration.	Eighteenth	United Nations; African Union Commission	Ongoing
	14.7 Member States are urged to implement the African Youth Charter, which advocates the inclusion of young people in policy and decision-making structures.	Eighteenth	Member States	Ongoing
	14.8 Member States, regional economic communities and the African Union are urged to implement the recommendations of the report of the High Level	Nineteenth	Member States	Ongoing

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	Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa, which included the establishment of anti-corruption bodies.			
15 Democratic governance, peace and security in Agenda 2063 of the African Union	15.1 African Union Commission to ensure that Agenda 2063 sets ambitious targets on peace and security, to which the United Nations should be fully committed.	Fifteenth	African Union Commission	Ongoing
	15.2 United Nations to respond quickly whenever there is a threat to peace and human security.	Fifteenth	RCM-secretariat	Ongoing
	15.3 End impunity for violence against women by establishing comprehensive and effective legal frameworks and strengthening the capacity of judicial institutions to ensure full implementation of relevant legislation.	Sixteenth	Governance cluster; peace and security cluster	Ongoing
	15.4 Strengthen legislative capacities to adequately respond to and address the gender impact of cross-border and regional dimensions of conflicts and humanitarian crises, including arms and human trafficking, and displacement of women and children.	Sixteenth	Governance cluster; peace and security cluster	Ongoing
	15.5 Promote economic empowerment and secondary and tertiary education opportunities for women and girls, as a strategy for combating sexual violence against women, and uplifting their social status and eradicating poverty.	Sixteenth	All thematic clusters	Ongoing
	15.6 The United Nations to ensure the ongoing review of peace operations and peacebuilding, and the Global Study on the Implementation of Security Council resolution 1325, and fully integrate the priorities of African women and girls, including as contained in the recommendations from the High-level Dialogue: Towards a Continental Results Framework on Women, Peace and Security in Africa.	Sixteenth	Peace and security cluster	Ongoing
	15.7 The United Nations to encourage African countries to respect all existing laws and conventions on migration so as to ensure that migrants benefit from all legal provisions, including access to health facilities and services, protection from abuses, exploitation and physical violence.	Eighteenth	Peace and security cluster; Human rights cluster	Ongoing
	15.8 The United Nations and African Union, in collaboration with the African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat, to facilitate a workshop for key stakeholders on economic and political governance and its implication on young people to have a deeper reflection on issues with the view of enriching human rights in African countries.	Eighteenth	United Nations; African Union; African Peer Review Mechanism	Not started
	15.9 The United Nations and the African Union to assist African countries in implementing infrastructure, road, energy, water and sanitation projects, by advancing the development agenda, improving economic governance and reducing the cost of investment and spurring private sector investment.	Eighteenth	United Nations; African Union	Ongoing

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	15.10 The United Nations, in collaboration with the African Union to support the African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat to track the performance of African Union member States in promoting youth empowerment and gender mainstreaming, with a view to encourage countries to fully implement the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.	Eighteenth	United Nations; African Union	Not started
	15.11 African Governments are urged to strengthen existing policies, laws, rules and regulations to prevent corruption.	Nineteenth	Member States	
	15.12 African Governments are urged to put in place mechanisms for rewarding good civil servants, citizens and ethical people who abide by rules and regulations and have not engaged in corrupt practices.	Nineteenth	Member States	
	15.13 African Governments are requested to strengthen existing procurement guidelines and codes of conduct and to encourage integrity in order to prevent corruption. In that regard, countries should consider establishing stricter accountability, enforce rules and laws and involve civil society in efforts to combat corruption.	Nineteenth	Member States	
	15.14 The African Union to strengthen the African Peer Review Mechanism as a robust tool for tracking and curbing illicit financial flows, in particular within its mandate for supporting economic and political governance.	Nineteenth	African Union	Ongoing
	15.15 African countries are urged to establish strong independent anti-corruption agencies to reinforce good governance.	Nineteenth	Member States	
	15.16 African countries are urged to put in place standards and ethics on elections and social fabric level norms to build lasting institutions on the basis of what had worked and what had not.	Nineteenth	Member States	
	15.17 African countries are urged to mainstream natural resource management into peace and security discussion.	Nineteenth	Member States	
	15.18 African Governments are urged to demonstrate to their citizens the effect of global governance systems on Africa, including their international dimension, driven mainly through foreign companies and interests.	Nineteenth	Member States	

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