

<b>Side Event: A New Urban Agenda for Africa's Growth and Transformation</b>	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	<b>African Union Commission (AUC)</b> UN Economic Commission for Africa UN-Habitat Regional Office for Africa
DATE/TIME	25 July, 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
VENUE	Crystal 4
DESCRIPTION	<p>The event is further premised on the understanding that the effective internalization and implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Africa requires critical reflection in relation to the continent's priority which is structural transformation as articulated in Agenda 2063 and the Ten-year implementation plan. Such dialogue will increase awareness and commitment to harness the advantages of urbanization for inclusive growth and transformation in Africa, and underscore the need for policy makers to priorities urbanization accordingly. This is especially important to enhance awareness of the New Urban Agenda among Africa's policy makers and ensure that the implementation of the New Urban Agenda is considered as Africa puts in place measures to achieve its outlined objectives and goals as laid out in the Agenda 2063.</p> <p>Objectives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote a deeper understanding of the role of urbanization and the New Urban Agenda in advancing Africa's priorities of inclusive growth and transformation in line with Agenda 2063.</li> <li>• Provide a platform for dialogue on Africa's priorities for the New Urban Agenda and linkages with regional and national issues, opportunities and challenges, drawing on the Abuja Declaration on Habitat III.</li> <li>• Identify strategies, potential partnerships and opportunities for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Africa.</li> <li>• Identify key principles for enhancing and aligning national development planning, coordinated urbanisation and means for achieving structural transformation.</li> </ul>

