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Ninth Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-9)

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The Forum

- **Title:** Ninth Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- **Venue:** Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Center, Niamey, Niger
- **Dates:** 28 Feb – 2 Mar 2023
- **Theme:** Accelerating the inclusive and green recovery from multiple crises and the integrated and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063

Opportunities for Engagement – Pre-events

- Fourth Africa Climate Talks (**26-27 Feb. 23, Palais de Congrès**)
- Fifth African Science, Technology and Innovation Forum (**26-27 Feb. 23, Palais de Congrès**)
- Regional workshop on voluntary national reviews and voluntary subnational reviews (**27 Feb. 23, Palais de Congrès**)
- Preparatory and capacity-development workshop for major groups and other stakeholders in the African region for the ninth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (**27 Feb. 23, Palais de Congrès**)

Opportunities for Engagement – Main Forum - 1

- **High-level panel 1:** From Africa to the 2023 high-level political forum on sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals Summit: priorities to address multiple crises and accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union
- **High-level panel 2:** From the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and beyond: financing to achieve inclusive recovery and just transitions and to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union

Opportunities for Engagement – Main Forum - 2

- Plenary round-table panels on national and subnational actions and reviews to speed up and scale up implementation in Africa (**Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 9–10.30 a.m.**)
- Parallel meetings for an in-depth review of progress made and peer learning on the sub-themes of the Regional Forum (**Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 2.30–4.30 p.m.**)
 - **Goal 6** – Clean water and sanitation
 - **Goal 7** – Affordable and clean energy
 - **Goal 9** – Industry, innovation, and infrastructure
 - **Goal 11** – Sustainable cities and communities
 - **Goal 17** – Partnerships for the Goals

Opportunities for Engagement – Main Forum - 3

- Plenary round-table panel on rethinking data availability and data systems in Africa to address multiple shocks and accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union (**Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**)
- Plenary round-table panel on leveraging science, technology, innovation and digital transformation for accelerated recovery and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union (**Friday, 2 March 2023, 9–10.30 a.m.**)
- **Key Messages and Niamey Declaration (opportunities to provide inputs)**

Opportunities for Engagement – Main Forum - 4

- **Ways to contribute to the Forum:**
 - Contributing to key messages from MGoS (Google Docs and breakout sessions)
 - Intervening as a panellist (limited opportunities)
 - Intervening from the floor (during most sessions)
 - Contributing to key messages and the Niamey Declaration
- **Format of intervention**
 - In-person
 - Virtually
- **Additional information** (<https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/arfsd2023>)

Thank you!