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The impact of COVID-19 on SDG implementation in Africa: What role for Parliaments?

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PROGRAMME

Central European Time (Geneva)	
13:00 - 13:03	Opening and welcome by Mr. Oliver Chinganya, Moderator
	Segment 1: Opening remarks by the co-organizers
13:03 – 13:08	Opening Remarks by Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU
13:08 – 13:13	Opening Remarks by Ms. Vera Songwe, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the ECA
	Segment 2: Expert presentations on the regional status of SDG implementation
13:13 – 13:25	Presentation on the status of SDG implementation in Africa, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Tinfissi J. Ilboudo, Chief of the Statistical Development Section, ECA• Ms. Opeyemi Akinyemi and Ms. Bosede Olanike Awoyemi, research fellows <p>The presentation will provide an overview of the status of SDG implementation in Africa, highlight key challenges in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and outline the prospects for SDG attainment.</p>
	Segment 3: Exchange of national experiences on SDG implementation in light of the COVID-19 pandemic
13:25 – 13:35	Remarks by Mr. Issa Mardo Djabir, Chair of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, National Assembly of Chad
13:35 – 13:45	Remarks by Ms. Veronica Tsitsi Muzenda, Senator, Parliament of Zimbabwe President of the IPU Committee on Sustainable Development
13:45 – 14:15	Interactive discussion on SDGs implementation in light of the COVID-19 pandemic

Segment 4: Expert presentations on prospects for the future and building back better	
14:15 – 14:25	<p>Presentation on the prospects for the future and building back by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Luke, Coordinator of the African Trade Policy Centre, ECA • Mr. Frank Rutabingwa, Senior Natural Resources Expert, ECA <p><i>Given that the challenges of sustainable development have been exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and further exacerbated by the impacts of climate change, the presentation will pave a way forward for the future and for African countries to build back better by leveraging the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and charting an inclusive and green recovery path.</i></p>
14:25 – 14:55	Interactive discussion on building back better while incorporating the SDGs lens
14:55 – 15:00	Short summary of take-aways & closing remarks