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EDITORIAL Note

We remain dedicated to supporting the Africa CDC on COVID-19 recovery work, particularly through UNDP's current offer for COVID-19 vaccination.

In March, UNDP's Regional Bureau for Africa launched two important reports showcasing our response to COVID-19 in Africa. The first report, Analysing long-term socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 across diverse African contexts, is a future looking study on the effect COVID-19 will have on macro-economic development in 10 African countries by 2030 and 2050. The second report, Through the Pandemic and Beyond: UNDP, AUC and Africa CDC Respond to COVID-19 in Africa, symbolizes the power of partnerships in addressing development challenges and crises. Both reports demonstrate UNDP's clear comparative advantage as an international partner of choice and a driver of growth and transformation in Africa.

Another exciting highlight from March, and by no coincidence during International Women's Month, was the graduation ceremony of the inaugural cohort of the African Young Women Leaders' Fellowship (AYWLF) Programme. Launched in 2019, this is the first initiative of its kind to create opportunities for young women leaders to contribute to the UN's Agenda 2030 and the African Union's Agenda 2063. In a video message to the fellows, UN Deputy Secretary General Amina J. Mohammed said she is "counting on [the fellows] to rewrite the African narrative, better yet, to be the African narrative."

While the roll out of vaccines across the continent may represent light at the end of the tunnel, African governments and partners must remain vigilant in ensuring that all citizens, particularly marginalized populations, are able to access basic services including critical healthcare.

This month at the Regional Programme for Africa, we look forward to kick-starting the development of a new phase of the Regional Programme Document (RPD 2022-25), a process that will build on the successes already recorded in our regional programming. We also remain dedicated to supporting the Africa CDC on COVID-19 recovery work, particularly through UNDP's current offer for COVID-19 vaccination that is centred around driving equity, resilience and sustainability.

MONTHLY Highlights



Through the pandemic and beyond: New report reveals regional partnerships are key to COVID-19 recovery in Africa

- ▶ Press release
- ▶ Video (EN)
- ▶ Video (FR)

With over 3 million people infected and almost 100,000 lives lost across Africa, the report sheds light on societal resilience across sectors, the sheer determination by Africans to minimize the health impact, while analyzing the social disruption and economic consequences of the pandemic.



AfCFTA and UNDP announce new partnership to support largest trade area towards inclusive growth in Africa

- ▶ Press release
- ▶ Video
- ▶ Lecture: How diaspora can seize the One-Africa market

The partnership will leverage UNDP's presence in all African countries, working in close collaboration with other UN entities, to enhance the AfCFTA Secretariat's advocacy among policy makers, business, civil society, academia, youth and other stakeholders.

“UNDP is pleased to support the AfCFTA as a development enabler and accelerator ... If we succeed, we will have contributed to creating **stronger and more resilient inclusive and green economies in Africa** characterized by rising incomes, jobs, more balanced trade, and better returns from Africa's natural resources.”

- Ahunna Eziakonwa
UN Assistant Secretary-General
Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa

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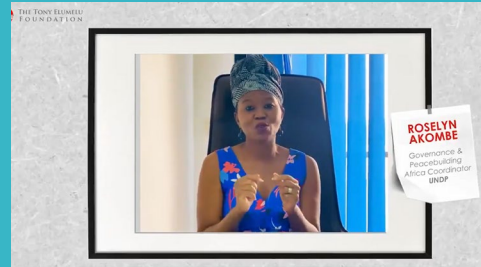
Rollo Africa Business Simulation Programme 2020

- ▶ Article
- ▶ Video



Stabilization in the Lake Chad Basin: Rebuilding communities across 7 impact areas

- ▶ Article
- ▶ Video



International Women's Day with the Tony Elumelu Foundation

- ▶ Video



Interview: Sustainability in the Sahel Region: An Ecosystem Approach

- ▶ Interview



Lutte Contre Les Armes Légères Et De Petit Calibre : Le SP-CNLP Doté D'une Stratégie De Communication

- ▶ Article



Op-ed: Collective investment in trade and digital infrastructure: A new pathway to silencing the guns in Africa

- ▶ Op-ed

Graduation of the first cohort of the African Young Women Leaders' Fellowship (AYWLF) Programme



Message from UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed to the fellows

▶ Video

UNDP at the Aswan Forum



Session on “Addressing Forced Displacement in National Planning and Peace Processes: Localizing the Paradigm Shift to Prevention in Africa”

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Session on “Terrorism in the Shadow of the Pandemic: A Pressing Need for Integrated Responses”

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KNOWLEDGE Products

We aim to make research findings **accessible, relevant and accurate** in how they reflect the conditions affecting vulnerable and marginalized groups across the continent.

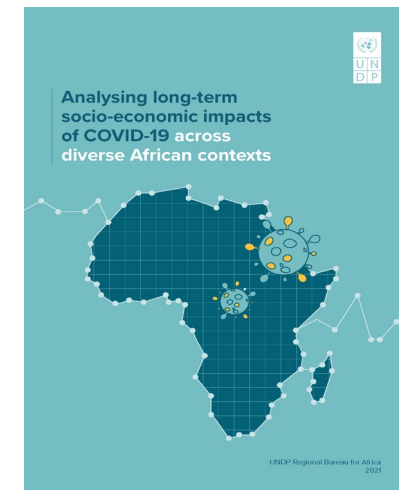
COVID-19 Response



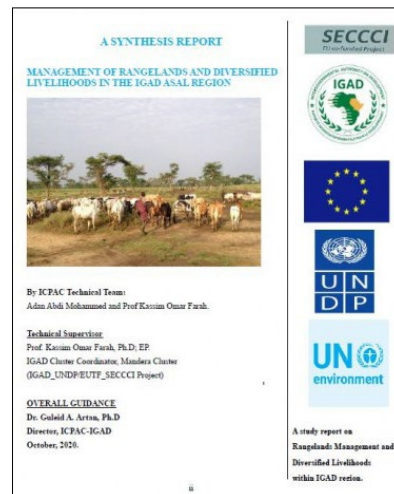
AfCFTA



COVID-19 Response



SECCCI



- SECCCI [Study](#) and [Training Manual](#) for Rangeland Management and Diversified Livelihoods in the SECCCI Project Clusters
- SECCCI [Study](#) and [Training Manual](#) on Animal Production, Transboundary Animal Diseases Control and Commodity Value Chain in the SECCCI Project Clusters
- SECCCI [Study](#) and [Training Manual](#) for Peacebuilding Conflict

Videos



- ▶ English
- ▶ French
- ▶ Portuguese

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Official Launch of the Mauritania Youth Employment Project

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7 APRIL

Africa Borderlands Centre Innovation Challenge Webinar

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7-8 APRIL

ECOSOC Youth Forum

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7-8 APRIL

Cross-Border Intervention Workshop | N'Djamena, Chad

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7-9 APRIL

UNDP-ECOWAS AfCFTA Training of Trainers | Freetown, Sierra Leone

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12-14 APRIL

UNDP-ECOWAS AfCFTA Workshop and Regional Dialogue | Accra, Ghana

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20-22 APRIL

UNDP-ECOWAS AfCFTA Workshop | Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

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