# Summary of the 7th African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Towards the 2021 High Level Political Forum - An infographic series

Hosted by the **UN Economic Commission for Africa** and the **Government of Congo**

**Meeting dates:**
March 1-4, 2021

**Hybrid format of sessions** due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions

Gathered more than **1,800 participants**

**The 2021 main theme was** "Building forward better: towards a resilient and green Africa to achieve the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063"

**Pre-forum events** gathered before the main meeting

**Regional preparatory and capacity-building workshop** for major groups and other stakeholders

**Regional workshop on Voluntary National Reviews** of progress achieved in the context of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

**Regional workshop on Voluntary Local Reviews** of the progress achieved in the context of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, and on bolstering local action for sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis

**Third Forum** on Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa

**Most debated issues:**

- Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic at the national and regional levels.
- Links between Voluntary National Reviews, the 2030 Agenda and the African Union Agenda 2063.
- Common ground around Voluntary National and Local Reviews reporting.
- Moving towards more green and blue economies.

The report **Building Forward for an African Green Recovery** was launched at the Forum

**Main Outcome Documents:**
Brazzaville Declaration
Document of Key Messages

**A detailed comparison of the 2021 Regional Forums on Sustainable Development will be available at www.cepei.org**

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