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AGENDA

9,00 Registration

OPENING SPEECH

9,30 *Ms Lalla Ben Barka*, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA (TBC)
Abdallah Msa, Chief, Economic Policy and Research, African Union.

PRESENTATION OF THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2009

10,00 **Africa and the crisis: impacts and ways forward**

Adam El Hiraika, OIC , Macroeconomic Analysis Section
Trade, Finance and Economic Development Division, ECA

Discussants:

African Development Bank

Alemayehu Geda, Economics Professor, Addis Ababa University

Questions and answers

10,45 ***Coffee break***

11,00 **Innovation and ICT: which benefits for Africa?**

Federica Marzo, Economist, Africa and Middle East desk, OECD Development Centre,

Discussant:

Aida Opoku-Mensah, Director, ICT, Science and Technology Division,
ECA

Harry De Backer, EU Delegation to the African Union

Questions and answers

11,45 **CONCLUSIONS**

Getachew Adem, Director of Development Policy and Research, FDRE.

Italian Deputy Ambassador