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## Notification

### **Fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

**Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (hybrid), 28 February–5 March 2024**

1. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa, the present document serves as a notification that the meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development at the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Africa will be held at the Elephant Hills Resort, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, in a hybrid format, from 28 February to 5 March 2024.
2. The ministerial segment will be preceded by a preparatory meeting, the forty-second meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Conference of Ministers, which will open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 28 February. The ministerial segment of the Conference of Ministers will open at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 4 March.
3. The Committee of Experts will meet from 28 February to 1 March. The ministerial segment of the Conference of Ministers will take place on 4 and 5 March.
4. The provisional agendas for the meetings of the Conference of Ministers and the Committee of Experts are attached to the present notification.
5. The theme of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission is “Financing the transition to inclusive green economies in Africa: imperatives, opportunities and policy options”. Transitioning to inclusive and green economies is essential for African countries to be able to build climate resilience and reap optimal benefits from their natural resources, with a view to driving sustainable industrialization that creates jobs, eradicates poverty and contributes to sustained economic growth and overall sustainable development. The deliberations will be focused on the actions that need to be taken in order to mobilize green and development finance to enable the transition to climate-resilient and inclusive green economies in Africa and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the goals of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union. In that regard, participants will consider strategies to leverage private sector investment, facilitate effective domestic resource mobilization, ensure sustainable debt practices, use green bonds and implement a sustainable budgeting approach. Policy options encompass reforming the global financial architecture, boosting private sector participation, exploring innovative financing tools, implementing the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area and fostering regional and global cooperative initiatives.



6. The plenary meetings of the Conference of Ministers will commence with a high-level policy dialogue on the theme of the Conference, which will be followed by plenary meetings on a series of sub-themes. High-level panellists from within and outside Africa will guide the discussion, which will be informed by the recent findings contained in the issues paper and technical background materials and will be aimed at building a consensus on priority areas for action.
7. It is anticipated that inspiring discussions will arise from a number of side events, to be held in parallel, which are scheduled to take place on 2 and 3 March. The events will be limited to 90 minutes each.
8. Delegations are requested to submit to the Secretary of the Commission, by 19 January, the names of accredited representatives and, as appropriate, alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the session.
9. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers must be submitted to the Executive Secretary prior to the first meeting of the session. Please send a copy of the credentials by 26 February to the Secretary of the Commission at [eca-soc@un.org](mailto:eca-soc@un.org) and submit the original on site at the Conference venue.
10. Participants should register online and attach their letter of accreditation. Online registration for the session will be available on the dedicated website at [www.uneca.org/eca-events/cfm2024](http://www.uneca.org/eca-events/cfm2024) beginning in December 2023. Information on the session will also be made available on the website.
11. On-site registration will take place from 25 February to 4 March between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on 5 March between 8 a.m. and noon at the designated registration site, where preregistered participants will be able to pick up their badges.
12. The provisional agendas, the programmes of work, a detailed information note, and technical and working papers for the meetings will be made available online. To access documents prior to the meetings, delegates are requested to visit the above-mentioned website and download any copies required.
13. Communications concerning the meeting of the Conference of Ministers should be addressed to:

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