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***12th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)  
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**Theme : “Meeting Sub-Regional Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century : Regional  
Integration and Financing for Development towards the achievement of MDGs”**

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### **1. Opening of the Meeting (*Agenda item 1*)**

The meeting will be officially opened by the Guest of Honor from the Host Country.

### **2. Election of the Bureau (*Agenda item 2*)**

The meeting will elect the new Bureau for the meeting.

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work (*Agenda item 3*)**

The meeting will be invited to adopt its Agenda and Organization of Work.

### **4. Report on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Priorities (*Agenda item 4*)**

The Director of SRO-EA will highlight major achievements during the last biennium 2006-2007 and priorities for the next biennium 2008-2009. The meeting will be requested to take note of the report and make comments and recommendations.

### **5. Report on economic and social conditions: Regional Integration towards the achievement of the MDGs (*Agenda item 5*)**

The meeting will be requested to take note of and make contributions to the presentation by the SRO-EA Secretariat on the Report on economic and social conditions of the Eastern Africa, with a particular focus on the progress on the achievement of MDGs and the role regional integration can play in supporting countries of the subregion achieve MDGs.

### **6. Assessing Financial Sector Reforms in Eastern Africa: Case of EAC and CEPGL (*Agenda item 6*)**

The meeting will discuss the report of the Ad Hoc Expert Group meeting on Assessing Financial Reforms in Eastern Africa and their impact on the economic development and achievement of MDGs in Eastern African countries. In particular, the meeting will make recommendations on the way forward.

### **7. Report on United Nations System-wide Support to the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Programme (*Agenda item 7*)**

The meeting will assess progress, at regional level, in the support of AU's programmes such as NEPAD and the strengthening of Regional Economic Communities.

**8. Progress report on the implementation of regional and international agendas, including NEPAD, MDGs and other special initiatives in the Eastern African Subregion (*Agenda item 8*)**

The meeting will exchange views on progress made so far at subregional level in Eastern Africa towards the implementation of regional and international agendas set up by the international community and African Union: MDGs, NEPAD, regional integration, etc and will formulate recommendations on the way forward.

**9. Reports of the state of regional integration in Eastern Africa: Progress and Prospects (*Agenda Item 9*)**

The meeting will take note of presentations by invited Regional Economic Communities on the state of regional integration processes, including issues related to the achievement of MDGs, NEPAD, intra-regional trade, harmonization of macroeconomic policies, infrastructures development, agriculture development, promoting the private sector, and strengthening human capacities in the subregion.

**10. Launching of the SRO-EA Knowledge Management Portal (*Agenda Item 10*)**

The ICE will launch the Knowledge Management Portal meant at sharing information on all issues relating to the subregion.

**11. Any Other Business (*Agenda Item 11*)**

The meeting will consider any other business that may be raised from the floor during the meeting.

**12. Date and Venue of the next meeting (*Agenda Item 12*)**

The meeting will decide on the date of the next ICE meeting and venue.

**13. Adoption of the report and closing of the meeting (*Agenda Item 13*)**

The ICE meeting will adopt its report and close the meeting.

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