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**Fifteenth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts
for Southern Africa (ICE)**

**23 – 25 June 2009
Lusaka, Zambia**

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Theme of the Meeting: *Enhancing Domestic Resource Mobilization: Emerging
Challenges and Opportunities for Southern Africa*



1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairperson of the Outgoing Bureau will chair this session until a new Bureau is elected. A representative of the Government of the Republic of Zambia will formally open the meeting. The opening ceremony will include statements by the Representative of the Republic of Zambia, the Chairperson of the Outgoing Bureau and the Director of ECA-SA.

2. Election of the Bureau and Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work

The meeting will elect, from among the representatives of the member States present, a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a rapporteur to guide the proceedings. The participants will consider and adopt the agenda of the meeting, the programme of work as well as decide on any other organizational issues in respect of the meeting.

3. Presentation of the theme of the Meeting *Enhancing Domestic Resource Mobilization: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities for Southern Africa*

Discussants and discussions

The Committee will review a study on “*Domestic Resource Mobilization in Southern Africa*,” prepared by ECA-SA as a response to the prevailing global financial crisis and the need for all countries in general and Southern Africa in particular to examine their potential to increase the total regional resource envelope from domestic sources in order to enhance economic development and to meet the MDG targets. The Committee is expected to discuss the recommendations of the study and chart the way forward for effective domestic resource mobilization.

4. Presentation and Discussion on Economic and Social Conditions in Southern Africa in 2008

The Committee will review the major economic and social developments that have taken place in the member States served by ECA-SA during the year 2008. It will focus on four main areas namely: macro-economic performance in 2008 including macroeconomic convergence and highlighting key economic indicators; sectoral developments in agriculture, mining, manufacturing, energy, transport, gender and ICT; developments in the social sectors; and the major key policy challenges of 2007 and proposals for addressing them. The Committee will be expected to make proposals for addressing the identified policy challenges, which constrain the economic and social development of the region.

5. Presentation and discussion of *the Issues paper on Mainstreaming Regional Integration into National Development Plans: recommendations from the Forum*

The Committee will review a progress report on mainstreaming regional integration into national development plans and also consider the recommendations arising from the Southern African Development Forum held from 28 to 29 May 2009 in Maputo, Mozambique on mainstreaming regional integration into national development plans. The Committee will then

agree on strategies for mainstreaming systematically the objectives and related initiatives of the regional integration agenda as well as the process of creating the ownership of the agenda into the overall national development plans, poverty reduction strategies and in the society in order to attain the “popular legitimacy” necessary for the success of regional integration.

6. Presentations and Discussion of the Work of ECA in Southern Africa

The Committee will review the programme of work of the ECA-SA for the period 2010-11 focussing on the Strategic Framework, programme thrust and related objectives. Among the issues to be addressed are the changes and the emphasis on partnership as the primary operational modality to build institutional capacities to meet the challenges facing the sub region with special reference to the SADC/ECA collaboration framework and its related Multi-Year Programme.

The Committee will also consider reports from ECA Head quarters’ Divisions and IDEP, which will focus on ECA’s Africa-wide programmes.

The discussions and recommendations there-from are expected to identify areas where the ECA-SA can make major contributions such as policy harmonization, regional integration, and institutional strengthening for improved implementation of the regional goals contained in RISDP and SIPO, as well as those of NEPAD and the MDGs.

Presentation and discussion of the report on the UN System-wide Support to the AU and its NEPAD Programme

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This report seeks to inform the Inter-governmental Committee of Experts of ECA-SA of the United Nations system-wide support for AU and NEPAD. The Experts are requested to endorse ECA’s overall role in coordinating UN system-wide support to AU and NEPAD at the continental level.

8. Any other business

The Meeting will consider any other matter that may be brought to its attention.

9. Date and venue of the next meeting

The Meeting will discuss the possible date and venue of the next meeting.

10. Adoption of the Report

The Committee will consider and adopt the report of its 14th ICE meeting along with the Policy Brief Highlighting the major outcomes and recommendations.

11. Closure of the meeting