



# United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

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*The Economic and Social Impacts of the Covid-19 Crisis on Eastern  
Africa: Strategies for Building-Back-Better*

**PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME**

**24 – 25 November 2020**

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## Work Programme of the ICSEO

*Time in this programme is GMT+2*

DAY 1 - Tuesday, 24 November 2020- COVID impact, Lessons Learnt, Recovery Strategies and Building Back Better

9:00 – 9:20

### Welcoming remarks

- Hon. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea and Chair of the 23rd ICSEO Bureau
- Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and UN Under Secretary-General
- Guest of Honor- Hon. Immaculee Ndabaneze, Minister of Commerce, Transport, industry and Tourism – Burundi

9:20– 09:30

### Constitution of the Bureau, Review and Adoption of the Agenda – By Emelang Leateane, Social Affairs Officer, ECA

In this session, the new Bureau of the ICSEO will be constituted. The Bureau will then guide participants on the review and adoption of the agenda.

09:30 – 10:00

### Presentation: *Macroeconomic and Social Overview of Eastern Africa* –by Mama Keita, Director of ECA in Eastern Africa

10:00-12:00

### High-level session – *Member States and Regional institutions Countries response to Covid-19: Lessons learnt for recovery and strategies for building back economies.*

Moderator:

- 5 minutes' intervention for each speaker
  - Hon. Matia Kasaija Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development - Uganda.
  - Hon. Ilyas Moussa Dawaleh, Minister of Economy and Finance- Djibouti
  - Hon. Houmed M'saidié, Ministre de l'économie, des investissements, de l'énergie, chargé de l'intégration économique, du tourisme et de l'artisanat - Comores
  - H.E. Libérat Mfumukeko, Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC).
  - Nnenna Nwabufu, Acting Director General - African Development Bank (AfDB) Group
  - Vêlayoudom Marimoutou, Secrétaire Général de la Commission de l'océan Indien (IOC)

12:00-13:00

Lunch Break

**13:00-14:30**

***Panel Discussion with the Private Sector***

***Strategies for recovery and growth in the aftermath of COVID-19***

Moderator: Ms Novella Nikwigize

- 5 minutes intervention for each speaker
  - Carole Karuga, CEO - Kenya Private Sector Alliance
  - Denis Nshimirimana, Secretary General, Burundi Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CFCIB)
  - Yesuf Ademnur, Secretary General, Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations (ECCSA) - Ethiopia
  - Mohamoud Abdi Ali (Gabaire), President Somalia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) – Somalia
  - Caesar Riko, Director, South Sudan Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (SSCCIA) - South Sudan

**14:30-15:00**

**Presentations of SDGs related matters**

- Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) – By UNECA (15 min)
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Tool (IPRT) – By UNECA (15 min)

**15:00- 15:30**

**Q & A Session and wrap up of day 1**

09:00– 09:45

**Presentations : Opportunities and Profitability of AfCFTA**

- Estimated impacts of the AfCFTA in Eastern Africa – By Mama Keita, Director of ECA in Eastern Africa (10 min)
- Findings of Trade services Report – Andrew Mold, Chief, Regional Integration and AfCFTA Cluster ECA Office for Eastern Africa (10 min)
- African Medical Supplies Platform (AMSP) – By UNECA (10 min)
- AfCFTA and implications for businesses in Eastern Africa – By Komi Tsowou, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD (10 min)

09:45-11:30

**Panel Discussion – Readiness for AfCFTA implementation**

5-7 minutes intervention for each speaker

- Hon. Soraya Hakuziyaremye, Minister of Trade and Industry –Rwanda
- Hon Jean Lucien Bussa Tongba, State Minister of External Trade- DRC
- Prudence Sebahizi, Chief Technical Advisor on AfCFTA - African Union Commission (AUC)
- Justus O. Nyarandi, Executive Secretary, Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NC-TTCA)
- Allen Asimwe, Chief Technical Officer – Trademark East Africa
- East Africa Business Council - TBD

11:30-12:00

**Questions and Answers**

12:00 - 13:00

***Lunch Break***

13:00 - 13:30

**Presentation of the 2020 annual report and programme of work of ECA, Office for Eastern Africa**, By Rachael Nsubuga, Associate Economic Affairs Officer

13:30-14:00

**Review and Adoption of the 24<sup>th</sup> ICSOE Communique**

14:00 -14:30

**2021 ICSOE meeting: Theme and venue**

14:30-14:45

**Official Closing**