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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (hybrid), 4 and 5 March 2024

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Draft programme of work

Monday, 4 March

9.30–10.30 a.m.** Opening of the session (agenda item 1)
Moderator: To be determined
Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau
Opening statements:
• Chair of the outgoing Bureau
• Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
Official opening address:
• President of Zimbabwe
Group photo

10.30–10.45 a.m. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 2)

10.45–11 a.m. Coffee break

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Dialogue on the theme of the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (agenda item 3)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau
Presentation by the secretariat
Keynote address: 2024 Adebayo Adedeji Memorial Lecture

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Senior Vice-President for Research, Technology and Society, Google LLC, and Co-Chair, High-level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence

**High-level discussion**

1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break

2.30–2.45 p.m. Launch of *Economic Report on Africa 2024*

2.45–3.45 p.m. **High-level round-table discussions** (agenda item 4)

*Round table 1: global financial architecture reforms to address the intersection of debt, climate and development in Africa*

Chair: Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA

Panellists: To be determined

3.45–4.45 p.m. **Round table 2: technology for development in Africa: crafting a path to inclusive technological advancement**

Chair: To be determined

Panellists: To be determined

4.45–5.45 p.m. **Round table 3: green trade and the future of Africa: navigating climate action, the African Continental Free Trade Area and global supply chains in the transition to sustainability**

Chair: Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA

Panellists: To be determined

5.45–6.15 p.m. Press conference

7 p.m. Reception

**Tuesday, 5 March**

9–11 a.m. **Consideration of recommendations and adoption of resolutions** (agenda item 5)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

11–11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m. **Consideration and adoption of the ministerial statement** (agenda item 6)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

12.15–12.45 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 7)

12.45–1 p.m. **Closing of the session** (agenda item 8)

Statements:

- Executive Secretary, ECA
- Chair of the Bureau