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**Economic Commission for Africa
Committee of Experts of the Conference of African
Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

Forty-fourth meeting

Tangier, Morocco (hybrid), 28–30 March 2026

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda
and programme of work**

Draft programme of work

Saturday, 28 March

9–9.30 a.m.¹

**Opening of the forty-fourth meeting of the
Committee of Experts and the fifty-eighth session
of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda
item 1)

Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Head,
Multilateral African Affairs Division, Ministry of
Economy and Finance, Morocco, [name]

Statements:

- Chair of the outgoing Bureau
- Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme Support), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), [to be confirmed]
- Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Nadia Fettah

9.30–9.40 a.m.

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda
and programme of work** (agenda item 2)

9.40–10.40 a.m.

Session I

**Overview of recent economic and social
developments in Africa** (agenda item 3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Presentation by the Director of the Macroeconomic
Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA,
Stephen Karingi

General discussion

10.40–11 a.m.

Coffee break

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¹ All times are West Africa Time (UTC +1).



11 a.m.–noon	Session II Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa (agenda item 4) Chair: Chair of the Bureau Presentation by the Acting Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Melaku Desta General discussion
Noon–12.30 p.m.	Session III Presentation on the theme of the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (agenda item 5) Chair: Chair of the Bureau Presentation by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3.30 p.m.	Session III (<i>continued</i>) Presentation on the theme of the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (<i>continued</i>) General discussion
3.30–3.45 p.m.	Coffee break
3.45–5.30 p.m.	Session IV Statutory issues (agenda item 6) The following reports on statutory issues will be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa from March 2025 to March 2026, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi• Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi
5.30 p.m.	Reception

Sunday, 29 March

9–10.15 a.m.

Session V**Statutory issues** (*continued*)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

- Report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session and follow-up activities, introduced by the Director of the Climate Change, Food Security and Natural Resources Division, ECA, Cosmas Ochieng
- Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi

10.15–10.45 a.m.

Session VI**Statutory issues** (*continued*)

- Proposed programme plan and budget for 2027:
 - Summary of the proposed programme plan for 2027, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi
 - Summary of the proposed programme budget for 2027, introduced by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division of Administration, ECA, Mai-Ellen Russ

General discussion

10.45 a.m.–12.15 p.m.

Session VII**Statutory issues** (*continued*)

- Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa:
 - Report of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology on its fourth session, introduced by the Acting Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Melaku Desta
 - Report of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa on its eleventh meeting, introduced by the Director of the African Centre for Statistics, Samuel Annim
 - Report of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender on its sixth session, introduced by the Director of the Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, Zuzana Schwidrowski

General discussion

12.15–12.45 p.m.

Coffee break

12.45–1.15 p.m.

Session VIII**Statutory issues** (*continued*)

- Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa:
 - Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, introduced by the Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, ECA, Karima Bounemra ben Soltane

1.15–2.15 p.m.

Session IX**Statutory issues** (*continued*)

- Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa:
 - Reports of the subregional intergovernmental committees of senior officials and experts on their sessions, introduced by the Director of the Subregional Office for Southern Africa, ECA, Eunice Kamwendo
 - Oral report on the subregional preparatory meetings for the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, introduced by the Director of the Subregional Office for Eastern Africa, ECA, Andrew Mold

General discussion

2.15–3.30 p.m.

Lunch break

3.30–4.30 p.m.

Session X**Statutory issues** (*continued*)

- Report on the implementation of the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034, introduced by the Acting Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Melaku Desta
- Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries: report on progress in implementation of priority areas in Africa, introduced by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi

4.30–4.45 p.m.

Coffee break

4.45–5.15 p.m.

Session XI

Date, venue and theme of the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (agenda item 7)

General discussion

5.15–5.30 p.m.

Other matters (agenda item 8)

General discussion

Monday, 30 March

9.30–10.30 a.m.	Session XII Presentation on the report on progress made in the fulfilment of the second 10-year implementation plan (2024–2033) of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union, [presenter to be confirmed]
10.30–11.30 a.m.	Engagement of the Executive Secretary with delegates
11.30 a.m.–noon	Knowledge fair and coffee break
Noon–4.30 p.m.	Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committee of Experts
Noon–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–4 p.m.	Tangier city tour
4–4.30 p.m.	Break
4.30–6 p.m.	Session XIII Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee of Experts and consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions (agenda item 9) Chair: Chair of the Bureau Introduction of the draft report by the Rapporteur of the Bureau Closing of the forty-fourth meeting of the Committee of Experts (agenda item 10) Chair: Chair of the Bureau Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy • Chair of the Bureau