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Notification

Fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Tangier, 28 March–3 April 2026

1. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa, the present document serves as a notification that the meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development during the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa will be held at the Palais des Arts et de la Culture in Tangier, Morocco, from 28 March to 3 April 2026.
2. The ministerial segment will be preceded by a preparatory meeting, the forty-fourth meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Conference of Ministers, which will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 28 March. The ministerial segment will open at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 2 April.
3. The Committee of Experts will meet from 28 to 30 March. The ministerial segment of the Conference of Ministers will be held on 2 and 3 April.
4. The provisional agendas for the expert and ministerial segments are attached to the present notification. The theme of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission is “Growth through innovation: harnessing data and frontier technologies for the economic transformation of Africa”. Participants will explore the role of frontier technologies in enhancing sectoral productivity and growth, as well as opportunities, challenges and policy options for transforming African economies through innovation-led growth strategies.
5. Beyond sectoral productivity gains, the theme is directly linked with the strategic positioning of Africa in global digital governance. During the session, participants will discuss opportunities and challenges that are prevalent across Africa. They will explore avenues for strengthening the continent’s digital sovereignty, strategic autonomy and governance capacity to ensure continued continental competitiveness in emerging technological value chains. Participants will also examine data governance challenges, address the risks of technological dependency and exclusion and identify pathways for asserting digital sovereignty and an expanded continental presence in global governance frameworks.



6. The plenary meetings of the ministerial segment will commence with a high-level policy dialogue on the theme of the session, including a briefing to ministers on the current global economic trends, challenges and opportunities for Africa. This will be followed by plenary meetings on a series of sub-themes. High-level panellists from within and outside Africa will discuss these and related issues, with a view to generating actionable policy options for members of the Commission to leverage data and frontier technologies for growth and economic transformation.
7. Delegations are requested to submit to the Secretary of the Commission, by 14 February 2026, the names of their accredited representatives and, as appropriate, alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the session.
8. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of the representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers must be submitted to the Executive Secretary before the first meeting of the session. Please send a copy of the credentials by 27 March to the Secretary of the Commission at eca-soc@un.org and submit the original credentials in person at the meeting venue.
9. Participants should register online and attach their letter of accreditation. Online registration for the session will be available on the dedicated website at www.uneca.org/eca-events/cfm2026 beginning on 15 January 2026. Registration should be completed no later than 20 March 2026. Information on the session will also be made available on the website.
10. Badges may be collected from the registration counter at the designated registration site from 26 March to 2 April between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on 3 April between 8 a.m. and noon, during which times preregistered participants will be able to collect their badges.
11. The provisional agendas, the programmes of work, a detailed information note, and technical and working papers for the meetings will be available on the above-mentioned website. Delegates are requested to visit the website to access the documents before the meetings.
12. Communications concerning the session should be addressed to:

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