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

**Annotated provisional agenda****1. Opening of the forty-fourth meeting of the Committee of Experts and the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa**

The opening will be presided over by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts, until a new Bureau is elected. Opening statements will be delivered by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, a Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and a representative of the Government of Morocco.

**2. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work****Documentation**

Provisional agenda	(E/ECA/COE/44/1)
Annotated provisional agenda	(E/ECA/COE/44/2)
Draft programme of work	(E/ECA/COE/44/3)

The composition of the new Bureau will be announced, following consultations. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, three Vice-Chairs and one Rapporteur, to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. The composition of the Bureau of the previous sessions is set out in the annex to the present document. The incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings, following brief remarks. As in past sessions, the Committee of Experts may decide to establish an ad hoc working group to assist in the compilation of the draft report and the formulation of draft resolutions. The working group would have 10 members, comprising 2 members from each of the five subregional groups, which are normally drawn from the outgoing and incoming bureaux. The working group would be chaired by the first Vice-Chair of the Bureau. The Committee will also be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda and the draft programme of work, subject to such amendments as are deemed necessary.

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\* E/ECA/COE/44/1.



### **3. Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa**

#### **Documentation**

Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa (E/ECA/COE/44/4)

Under this agenda item, a representative of the secretariat will introduce the overview of economic and social developments in Africa in 2025, highlighting recent developments in the global economy and their implications for Africa. The introduction will be followed by a general discussion on the main policy issues and recommendations contained in the report.

### **4. Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa**

#### **Documentation**

Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa (E/ECA/COE/44/5)

Under this agenda item, a representative of the secretariat will introduce the report on progress on regional integration in Africa and will highlight major challenges and constraints. The introduction will be followed by a general discussion on significant issues brought to the attention of the Committee by the secretariat.

### **5. Presentation on the theme of the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa**

#### **Documentation**

Issues paper: growth through innovation: harnessing data and frontier technologies for the economic transformation of Africa (E/ECA/COE/44/6-E/ECA/CM/58/4)

A representative of the secretariat will give a brief presentation to introduce the theme of the fifty-eighth session, “Growth through innovation: harnessing data and frontier technologies for the economic transformation of Africa”. In both the issues paper and the presentation, the role of frontier technologies in enhancing sectoral productivity and growth will be addressed, along with opportunities, challenges and policy options for transforming African economies through innovation-led growth strategies. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion.

### **6. Statutory issues**

Under this agenda item, representatives of the secretariat will introduce documents prepared on various statutory issues relating to the work of ECA and its subsidiary organs. The Committee of Experts may wish to consider and provide recommendations to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for further guidance and action, as appropriate. In 2026, the following statutory reports will be brought to the attention of the Committee:

**(a) Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa from March 2025 to March 2026**

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa from March 2025 to March 2026 (E/ECA/COE/44/7)

The report contains a summary of the main achievements of ECA during the reporting period, from March 2025 to March 2026, and a synoptic overview of the major events held and activities undertaken in response to the broad mandate of ECA to foster economic and social development in Africa.

The Committee is invited to review the report and provide guidance and comments on the activities of the secretariat.

**(b) Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

**Documentation**

Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (E/ECA/COE/44/8)

The document contains summaries of the progress made in the implementation of the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development during the fifty-seventh session of the Commission:

- (i) Resolution 2025/1. Request to strengthen the capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa to fulfil its mandates and to provide its members with transformational, results-oriented policy and technical support;
- (ii) Resolution 2025/2. Draft resolution for adoption by the Economic and Social Council: strengthening the capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa to fulfil its mandates and to provide its members with transformational, results-oriented policy and technical support;
- (iii) Resolution 2025/3. Use of artificial intelligence to advance the socioeconomic development of Africa;
- (iv) Resolution 2025/4. 2026 programme plan and budget;
- (v) Resolution 2025/5. Use of regional value chains to harness the wealth of Africa.

The Committee may wish to review the progress made and provide the secretariat with further guidance for the effective implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

**(c) Report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session and follow-up activities**

**Documentation**

Report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session and follow-up activities (E/ECA/COE/44/9)

The Committee may wish to review the report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session and follow-up activities. It may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including the key messages communicated during the eleventh session, and to provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the Forum.

**(d) Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme**

**Documentation**

Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme (E/ECA/COE/44/10)

The Committee may wish to review the report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme and to provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the programme.

**(e) Proposed programme plan and budget for 2027**

**Documentation**

Proposed programme plan for 2027, programme performance in 2025 and proposed programme budget for 2027: summary (E/ECA/COE/44/11)

The report contains the following elements:

- (i) Summary of the proposed programme plan of ECA for 2027 and programme performance in 2025;
- (ii) Summary of the proposed programme budget of ECA for 2027.

The two sections of the report will be presented separately, back-to-back. The Committee is invited to take note of the report, with a view to the endorsement of the proposed programme and budget.

**(f) Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa**

**Documentation**

Report of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology on its fourth session (E/ECA/COE/44/12)

Report of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa on its eleventh meeting (E/ECA/COE/44/13)

Report of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender on its sixth session (E/ECA/COE/44/14)

Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (E/ECA/COE/44/15)

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa on the work of its fortieth session (E/ECA/COE/44/16)

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa on the work of its twenty-eighth session (E/ECA/COE/44/17)

Report of the Intergovernmental Committees of Senior Officials and Experts for Central and East Africa on their fourth joint session (E/ECA/COE/44/18)

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for Southern Africa on the work of its thirty-first session (E/ECA/COE/44/19)

Oral report on the subregional preparatory meetings for the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

The Committee may wish to review the reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of ECA. It may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, and to provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the subsidiary bodies.

**(g) Report on the implementation of the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034**

**Documentation**

Report on the implementation of the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034 (E/ECA/COE/44/20)

The Committee may wish to review the report on the Awaza Programme of Action within the African context. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

**(h) Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries: report on progress in implementation of priority areas in Africa**

**Documentation**

Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries: report on progress in implementation of priority areas in Africa (E/ECA/COE/44/21)

The Committee may wish to review the report on the progress made in the implementation of the priority areas of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in Africa. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

**7. Date, venue and theme of the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Africa**

**Documentation**

Date, venue and theme of the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (E/ECA/COE/44/22)

The fifty-ninth session of the Commission will be held in Addis Ababa in March 2027, unless the Conference of Ministers decides otherwise.

The Committee may also wish to consider the theme proposed by the secretariat for the fifty-ninth session and to provide comments thereon, with a view to endorsing it for submission to the Conference of Ministers for approval.

**8. Other matters**

The Committee may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

**9. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee of Experts and consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions**

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its meeting, in which it will set out major recommendations and draft resolutions on the basis of issues discussed and conclusions reached during the meeting. The report will then be submitted to the Conference of Ministers for its consideration.

## **10. Closing of the forty-fourth meeting of the Committee of Experts**

A representative of the secretariat will make brief closing remarks. The Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts will summarize the main outcomes of the deliberations and declare the meeting closed.

## Annex

### Members of the Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development elected during previous sessions of the Economic Commission for Africa

<i>Year (venue)</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2001 (Algiers)	Algeria (NA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Gabon (CA)	Mali (WA)	South Africa (SA)
2002 (Johannesburg, South Africa)	South Africa (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Ghana (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Sudan (NA)
2003 (Addis Ababa)	South Africa (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Ghana (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Sudan (NA)
2004 (Kampala)	Uganda (EA)	Niger (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Zambia (SA)
2005 (Abuja)	Nigeria (WA)	Egypt (NA)	Congo (CA)	Lesotho (SA)	Ethiopia (EA)
2006 (Ouagadougou)	Burkina Faso (WA)	Congo (CA)	Libya (NA)	Burundi (EA)	Swaziland (SA)
2007 (Addis Ababa)	Ethiopia (EA)	Swaziland (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Tunisia (NA)	Liberia (WA)
2008 (Addis Ababa)	Ethiopia (EA)	Chad (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Swaziland (SA)
2009 (Cairo)	Egypt (NA)	Chad (CA)	Zimbabwe (SA)	Benin (WA)	Kenya (EA)
2010 (Lilongwe)	Malawi (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Cameroon (CA)	Morocco (NA)
2011 (Addis Ababa)	Guinea (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Central African Republic (CA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)
2012 (Addis Ababa)	Gabon (CA)	Libya (NA)	Swaziland (SA)	Eritrea (EA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)
2013 (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Algeria (NA)	Lesotho (SA)	Cameroon (CA)
2014 (Abuja)	Nigeria (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)

<i>Year (venue)</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2015 (Addis Ababa)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Egypt (NA)	Gabon (CA)	South Africa (SA)	Guinea (WA)
2016 (Addis Ababa)	South Africa (SA)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Uganda (EA)
2017 (Dakar)	Senegal (WA)	Vacant (NA)	Chad (CA)	Kenya (EA)	South Africa (SA)
2018 (Addis Ababa)	Sudan (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Lesotho (SA)	Senegal (WA)
2019 (Marrakech, Morocco)	Morocco (NA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Togo (WA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)
2020 (online)	Morocco (NA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Togo (WA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)
2021 (Addis Ababa)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Madagascar (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Morocco (NA)
2022 (Dakar)	Senegal (WA)	Madagascar (EA)	Zimbabwe (SA)	Vacant (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)
2023 (Addis Ababa)	Uganda (EA)	South Africa (SA)	Morocco (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Senegal (WA)
2024 (Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe)	Zimbabwe (SA)	Egypt (NA)	Vacant (CA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Uganda (EA)
2025 (Addis Ababa)	Morocco (NA)	Cameroon (CA)	Benin (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Zimbabwe (SA)

*Abbreviations:* CA, Central Africa; EA, East Africa; NA, North Africa; SA, Southern Africa; WA, West Africa.