Draft programme of work

Monday, 20 March

9.30–10.30 a.m.  Opening of the session (agenda item 1)
Moderator: Journalist and broadcaster, British Broadcasting Corporation, Lerato Mbele
Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau
Venue: Grand Ballroom (Abyssinia)
Opening statements:
• Chair of the outgoing Bureau
• Executive Secretary a.i., Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Antonio Pedro

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-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (agenda item 3)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau
Presentation by Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy

Keynote address: Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining, African Union Commission, Albert Muchanga

High-level round-table discussion

1–2.30 p.m.  
2.30–3.30 p.m.  
2023 Adebayo Adedeji Memorial Lecture  
(agenda item 4)  
Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa, and Head, United Nations Office for West Africa, Mohamed Ibn Chambas  
Theme: “Governance, the social contract and economic development in Africa: looking back and projecting into the future”

3.30–4.30 p.m.  
High-level round-table discussions  
(agenda item 5)  
Round table 1: Policies and interventions to foster resilience and reduce poverty and inequality amid global shocks  
Chair: Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy  
Panellists:  
• Governor, Bank of Mauritius, Harvesh Kumar Seegolam  
• Minister for Planning, Niger, Abdou Rabiou  
• Minister of Finance, Ethiopia, Ahmed Shide  
• Minister of Finance and the Budget, Central African Republic, Hervé Ndoba  
• Under-Secretary-General, United Nations, and Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, Winnie Byanyima  
• Executive Secretary a.i., ECA, Antonio Pedro

4.30–5.30 p.m.  
Round table 2: Socioeconomic implications of climate change and opportunities for leveraging green finance  
Chair: Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA, Jean-Paul Adam  
Panellists:  
• Framing remarks (by video): Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, Jukka Petteri Taalas
5.30–6.30 p.m.

Round table 3: Harnessing the African Continental Free Trade Area for economic resilience and inclusion

Chair: Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi

Panellists:

• Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning, Rwanda, Claudine Uwera
• Chief Executive Officer, AfricaNenda, Robert Ochola
• Chief Operating Officer, African eTrade Group, Treasure Maphanga
• President and Chief Executive Officer, Igire Coffee Company, Brigette Harrington
• African Union Special Envoy for the African Medicines Agency, Michel Sidibé
• Director, African Union-African Continental Free Trade Area Relations and Trade Policy, African Export-Import Bank, Yusuf Daya

6.30–7 p.m.

Press conference

7 p.m.

Reception

Venue: Skylight Hotel
Tuesday, 21 March

9–11 a.m. Consideration of recommendations and adoption of resolutions (agenda item 6)
Venue: Grand Ballroom (Abyssinia)
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 7)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau

12.15–12.45 p.m. Other matters (agenda item 8)

12.45–1 p.m. Closing of the session (agenda item 9)
Venue: Grand Ballroom (Abyssinia)

Statements:
- Executive Secretary a.i., ECA, Antonio Pedro
- Chair of the Bureau

1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break