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Item 3 of the provisional agenda*
**Consideration and adoption of the agenda
and programme of work**

Provisional programme of work

Thursday, 2 November 2023

(pre-arranged)	Registration
9–9.20 a.m.	Opening of the session
9–9.15 a.m.	Opening statement: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender
9.15–9.20 a.m.	Welcoming remarks: Executive Secretary, a.i. of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
9.20–9.50 a.m.	Election of the Bureau
9.50–10 a.m.	Consideration and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (chaired by the incoming Chair of the Bureau)
10–11 a.m.	Reports to the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender
10–10.30 a.m.	Introduction to the work of the Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division
10.30–10.45 a.m.	Report to the Committee on the activities of subprogramme 9 – poverty, inequality and social policy
10.45–11 a.m.	Report to the Committee on the activities of subprogramme 6 – gender equality and women’s empowerment
11–11.30 a.m.	Tea and coffee break
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Discussion
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3 p.m.	Parallel sessions
	Parallel session 1: Presentation and discussion on the sub-theme “Digital technical and vocational

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education and training: enhancing the skills of women and girls across Africa”

Parallel session 2: Presentation and discussion on the sub-theme “Reducing poverty through skills development”

Parallel session 3: Presentation and discussion on the sub-theme “Reviewing the *Africa voluntary local review guidelines* as a tool to foster the adaptation of the Sustainable Development Goals to the local level”

3–3.45 p.m.	Report from the parallel sessions
3.45–4.15 p.m.	Tea and coffee break
4.30–5.30 p.m.	Discussion
5.30–6 p.m.	Concluding comments: Chair of the Bureau

Friday, 3 November 2023

9–11 a.m.	General discussion on the theme of the fifth session “Building new social contracts in Africa: choices to fulfil development aspirations”
9–9.15 a.m.	Keynote address: Commissioner, Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission, Mohammed Belhocine
9.15–9.30 a.m.	Presentation of the issues paper on the theme of the fifth session: Representative of ECA
9.30–9.45 a.m.	Discussion: Representatives of members of ECA
9.45–10 a.m.	General discussion
10–10.30 a.m.	Breakout sessions on the theme of the fifth session
10.30–11 a.m.	Reports from the breakout sessions
11–11.30 a.m.	Tea and coffee break
11.30 a.m.–noon	Discussion on the way forward
Noon–12.30 p.m.	Drafting of conclusions and recommendations of the fifth session
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3 p.m.	Consideration and adoption of conclusions and recommendations of the fifth session
3–3.30 p.m.	Tea and coffee break
3.30–4.30 p.m.	Presentation of the main conclusions and recommendations of the fifth session
4.30–5.45 p.m.	Discussion and adoption
5.45–6 p.m.	Closing of the session
	Closing remarks: Chair of the Bureau