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Item 4 of the provisional agenda*

**Consideration and adoption of the agenda
and programme of work**

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

The Chair of the outgoing Bureau will deliver the opening statement, which will be followed by welcoming remarks from the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Claver Gatete.

A presentation will be given, in which an overview will be provided of the terms of reference of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender, which guide the Committee's work.

2. Expert group meetings

Initially, the Director of the Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, Zuzana Schwidrowski, will present the objectives, working methods and expected outcomes of the two expert group meetings.

(a) Expert group meeting on subprogramme 6 – gender equality and women's empowerment

The expert group meeting will comprise a presentation, followed by a discussion.

(b) Expert group meeting on subprogramme 9 – poverty, inequality and social policy

The first element of the expert group meeting will be a presentation, after which a discussion will be held.

3. Election of the Bureau

Consultations will be held, which will be based on clear guidelines to ensure that each subregion is represented in the Bureau elected for the sixth session. Thereafter, the Bureau will be elected.

4. Consideration and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda and draft programme of work of the sixth session of the Committee will be presented by the Chair, discussed and adopted.

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5. Reports to the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender – reporting and discussion

(a) Subprogramme 9 – poverty, inequality and social policy

The presentation and subsequent discussion will be focused on the analytical and policy work on social policy and urbanization carried out under subprogramme 9. The policies influenced, results achieved, lessons learned and challenges faced in implementing the subprogramme will be highlighted, and the activities planned for the 2026–2027 biennium will be outlined.

(b) Subprogramme 6 – gender equality and women’s empowerment

The presentation and subsequent discussion will be focused on the work carried out under subprogramme 6 and the main results achieved over the past two years. The policies influenced, results achieved, lessons learned and main challenges faced in implementing the subprogramme and in supporting members of the Economic Commission for Africa in the advancement of gender equality and women’s empowerment will be highlighted, and the activities planned for the 2026–2027 biennium will be outlined.

6. General discussion on the theme of the sixth session “From informal employment to sustainable livelihoods: emerging technologies as pathways for an equitable transition ”

(a) Presentation of the issues paper

During the presentation, critical findings will be highlighted and policy options will be proposed to frame the discussion.

(b) Discussion

Following the presentation, the Committee will have the opportunity to discuss and consider ways in which emerging technologies can be used as pathways to achieve an equitable transition for the people of Africa from informal employment to sustainable livelihoods. The Committee will engage in and provide a critical analysis of the broader social, gender and development policies, strategies and measures that can guide the use of emerging technologies to ensure sustainable livelihoods for the people of the continent.

7. Briefing on the Second World Summit for Social Development

During the briefing, it will be emphasized that the Second World Summit for Social Development, the first such conference since the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen in 1995, will be convened against a backdrop of rising inequality, climate challenges, technological transformations and demographic change. For Africa, the Second Summit presents an opportunity to advance people-centred development, address commitments made in 1995 that have heretofore gone unmet and strengthen social protection systems.

8. Consideration and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the sixth session

The Committee will consider the conclusions and recommendations to be adopted at the sixth session.

9. Closing of the session

The major outcomes of the session will be highlighted, with attention drawn to the future directions and work of the Committee.
