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Accelerating implementation of priority reforms
to invigorate the private sector in central Africa
at the midpoint of the decade of diversification
(2021-2030).

13 – 15 OCTOBER 2026, Yaoundé – Cameroon

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, 13 October 2026

08:00 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 10:00	Opening Ceremony Opening Remarks • Outgoing Chair of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for Central Africa • United Nations Resident Coordinator, Cameroon • Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) • Opening statement by the Government of the Republic of Cameroon
10:00 – 10:40	Family photograph and welcome reception.
10:40 – 11:00	Constitution of the Bureau, consideration and adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
11:00 – 13:00	Session 1: Macroeconomic and Social Overview of Central Africa
11:00 – 11:20	Presentation on socio-economic developments in Central Africa.
11:20 – 12:00	Interventions by invited experts
12:00 – 13:00	Plenary discussions.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 17:30	Session 2: Ad Hoc Experts Group Meeting
	• Presentation of the thematic paper • Review of the midpoint assessment of the Diversification Decade • Challenges in implementing priority reforms • Expert discussions and recommendations
17:30	End of the first day's proceedings.

Day 2: Wednesday, 14 October 2026

09:00 – 11:00	Session 3: High-Level Panel on the Theme of the ICSEO Ministerial interventions, representatives of the private sector, regional institutions and development partners.
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break.
11:30 – 13:00	Continuation of panel discussions and general debate
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00	Session 4: Status of the Effective Implementation of the AfCFTA in Central Africa • Progress achieved • Constraints and opportunities for businesses • Discussions
16:00 – 16:20	Coffee break.
16:20 – 17:30	Presentation of the main conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Experts Group Meeting
17:30	End of the second day's proceedings.
Day 3: Thursday, 15 October 2026	
09:00 – 10:00	Session 5: Presentation of the activity report and recent initiatives of the Subregional Office for Central Africa.
10:00 – 10:45	Session 6: Presentation on ECA initiatives, recent events, risks and intervention prospects in Central Africa.
10:45 -11:00	Coffee break.
11:00 -11:30	Session 7: Presentation on the theme, date and venue of the next session of the ICSOE
11:30 – 11:45	Session 8: Any other business
11:45 - 12:00	Session 9: Evaluation of the meeting.
12:00- 12:30	Session 10: Presentation of the summary of the main conclusions and recommendations of the ICSOE
12:30 -13:00	Closing of the Meeting • Closing remarks • Vote of thanks by the ICSOE Bureau • Official closing of the 42nd Session of the ICSOE
13 :00 – 13 :45	Press conference