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Agenda item 1 Opening ceremony

1. The opening of the 4th Joint session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) for Central and Eastern Africa will be chaired by the outgoing Chair of the 40th session of the ICSOE for Central Africa, the representative of Cameroon.
2. Opening remarks will be delivered by: the outgoing Chair of the ICSOE Bureau for Central Africa; the outgoing Chair of the ICSOE Bureau for East Africa; and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the ECA. The Gabonese Minister of Economy, Finance, Debt, Participations, and the Fight Against the High Cost of Living, will open the session and deliver the opening address.

Agenda item 2 Appointment of officers, review, and adoption of the agenda

3. This session will be chaired by Gabon. During this session, the two new ICSOE bureaus will be established. The new bureaus will guide participants in reviewing and adopting the work program.

Agenda item 3 Socioeconomic overview of Central and East Africa and key findings of the ICSOE background paper

4. This session will be moderated by Gabon, and co-chaired by representatives of the ICSOE Bureaus for Central and Eastern Africa. The ECA secretariat will make a presentation on the macroeconomic and social overview of Central and Eastern Africa and the key findings and recommendations of the ICSOE thematic paper. The moderator will invite the audience to ask follow-up questions and make other relevant contributions.

Agenda item 4 Presentation of annual activities from Central and East Africa Subregional Offices

5. This session will be chaired by the ICSOE Eastern Africa Bureau. The ECA secretariat will make a summary of the key activities and recent initiatives of the Central and East Africa Subregional Offices. The moderator will invite participants to ask follow-up questions.

Agenda item 5 Presentation of key recommendations of the 4th joint ICSOE

6. This brief session chaired by the ICSOE Eastern Africa Bureau will summarize the key points of the 4th Joint session of the ICSOE. A more detailed report of the proceedings and recommendations of the event will be e-mailed to participants a few days later for their comments and contributions with a view to adopting and finalizing the document.

Agenda item 6 Closing

7. This session which, will be chaired by the Central Africa Bureau will make proposals on the theme, date, and venue of the next ICSOE.