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Economic Commission for Africa, Sub-Regional Offices for Central and East Africa

Club du Lac Tanganyika - Bujumbura, Burundi  
26 – 29 September 2023

### Theme:

Establishing Central and East Africa as Sources of Quality Products and Investment Destinations of Choice, to Accelerate Industrialization and Economic Diversification, and to Strengthen Food Security

## PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME



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### Day 1

08:00 – 09:00 : Registration of participants

09:00 – 10:00 : Opening ceremony

#### Opening remarks

- The Mayor of Bujumbura, the Economic Capital City, **Mr. Jimmy Hatungimana**
- Outgoing President of the East Africa Bureau: **Seychelles**
- Outgoing President of the Central Africa Bureau: **Gabon**
- Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), and Chief Economist of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), **Dr. Hanan Morsy**
- Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Burundi, **H.E. Audace Niyonzima**,
- Guest of Honour: Prime Minister of the Republic of Burundi **H.E. Gervais Ndirakobuca**,

10:00 - 10:30 : Constitution of the Bureaus, review and adoption of the agenda

#### Chair: Seychelles

During this session, the two new ICSOE Bureaus will be constituted. The new Bureaus will guide participants in the review and adoption of the agenda.

**Press Briefing**  
**Photos of VIPs**  
**Group Photo**

10 :30 – 11 :00: Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00: Session 1: **Macro-economic Overview**

**Chair: ICSOE Bureau-EA, H.E. Audace Niyonzima**, Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Burundi

#### **Speakers:**

**11:00 - 11:20** : Presentation on the macroeconomic panorama of Central and Eastern Africa  
– **Andrew Mold** and **Mamadou Bal**

**11:20 - 13:00** : Discussion

**13:00 - 13:30** : *Launch of the sub-regional profile of East Africa-* **Dr. Hanan Morsy**  
*an H.E. Audace Niyonzima*

13 :30 – 14:45 : Lunch break

14:45 – 17:00: Session 2: **High-level dialogue on quality improvement to accelerate industrialization and economic diversification, strengthen food security in Central and East Africa**

**Chair: ICSOE Bureau-CA**

**Moderator: Jean-Luc Mastaki**, Director, Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa  
the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**Speakers:**

**14:45 - 15:15** : Presentation. Quality, determinants, benchmarking, and catch-up options.  
**Léonard Ambassa**, International Consultant.

**15:15 - 15:45** : Presentation. State of food insecurity, Food safety, SPS and codex  
Alimentarius - **Cyprien Biaou** and **Blaise Ouattara**, FAO

**15:15 - 16:00** : Panel Discussion

**H.E. Sanctus Niragira**, Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Burundi

**Hermogene Nsengimana**, Secretary General of ARSO

**Dr. Victor Djemba**, Head of the Africa Division of the United Nations Industrial Development  
Organization (UNIDO).

**PissangTchangai Dademanao**, FAO Representative, Burundi

**Dr. Hanan Morsy**, Deputy Executive Secretary , United Nations Economic Commission for  
Africa (ECA)

**S.E. Mr Jeronimo Carlos OSA OSA NSANG**, Vice-Minister of Trade, Industry and Business  
Promotion, Equatorial Guinea

**M. KOLYANG Palébélé**, Chairman of PAFFO/PROPAC (Pan-African Organization of  
Agricultural Producers / Regional Platform of Farmers' Organizations of Central Africa)

**16 :00 – 16 :15 : Coffee break**

**Session 2: Continued**

16:15 - 16:45 : Panel Discussion - Continued

**S.E. Jacqueline Lydia MIKOLO**, Madame la Ministre du Développement des PME, de l'Artisanat  
et du Secteur Informel, République du Congo

**S.E. Jose Mpanda**, Minister of Agriculture, DR Congo

**Dr Hanan Morsy Deputy Executive Secretary (DES)**, and Chief Economist of ECA

**S.E Tabuna Honoré**, Commissioner, Agriculture, food Security and Environment, CEEAC

**16:45 - 17:30: Plenary discussion**

## Day 2

**08:30 - 10:30 : Session 3: High level dialogue: Strengthening intra-regional food trade to improve food security in Central and East Africa: unlocking opportunities and meeting challenges**

**Chair:** ICSOE Bureau-EA

**Moderator:** **Mama Keita**, Director, Sub-Regional Office for East Africa, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**Speakers:**

**08:30 - 08:45 :** Presentation: Regional agricultural trade to tackle growing food insecurity in Central and East Africa – **Andrew Mold** and **Simone Kuete Assah**

**08:45 - 9:30 :** Panel discussions

- **H.E. Marie Chantal Nijimbere**, Minister of Trade, Industry, Transport and Tourism, Burundi, TBC
- **Hon Jean- Chrysostome Ngabitsinze**, Minister of of Trade and industry, Rwanda,
- **SE H.E. Jose Mpanda Kabangu** : Minister of Agriculture, DR Congo.
- **Hon Francis Mwembesa**, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
- **Dr. Hanan Morsy**, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA
- **Dademanao Pissang Tchangai** : Representative of de la FAO au Burundi.
- **Shebani Kwalo**, Export Group Trading
- **Nicodemus Ndeti**, Director, G5 Logistics Group Ltd
- **Emmanuel Harelimana**, General Manager-Garden Fresh

**09:45 – 10:30: Plenary Discussion**

**10 :30 – 10 : 45 : Coffee break**

**10:45 - 12:45: Session 4: High-level dialogue on regional commodity exchanges as a means of stimulating investment, production, and industrialization by Africa.**

**Chair:** **H.E. Marie Chantal Nijimbere**, Minister of Trade, Industry, Tourism and Transport, Burundi

**Moderator:** Mama Keita, Director, Sub-Regional Office for East Africa, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

**Speakers:**

**10:45 - 11:15 :** Presentation. Regional commodity exchange. **Professor Issouf Soumaré.**

**11:15 - 12:00:** Panel Discussion

- **Hon. Dr Jean-Chrysostome Ngabitsinze**, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda,

- **Edoh Kossi Amenouwe**, CEO, Regional Stock Exchange
- **John Bosco Kalisa**, CEO - The East African Business Council (EABC)
- **Sonia Essobmadje**, Chief, Innovative finance and capital markets
- **Pascal Yembiline**, AfDB Burundi Country Manager
- **Joshua Rugema**, Chief Executive Officer, East Africa Exchange (EAX)
- **Saidi Zaina Chihabiddine Sitti Djaouharia**, President—Employers Organisation of Comoros

12:00 - 12:45 : Plenary Discussion

### 12:45 - 13:15 : Special session: Launch of Burundi Tourism Investment Guide Officiated by:

- **HE Marie Chantal Nijimbere**, Minister of Trade, Industry, Transport and Tourism, Burundi
- **Dr. Hanan Morsy**, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA

13:15 - 14:15 : Lunch Break

### 14:15 - 16:15: Session 5: High-level dialogue on strengthening the attractiveness of Central and Eastern Africa to promote investments for diversification, industrialization, and food security

Chair: ICSOE-CA Bureau

**Moderator:** **Adama Ekberg Coulibaly**, Head of Sub-Regional Initiatives, SRO-CA, UNECA

#### Speakers:

**14:15 - 14:45** Presentation. Benchmarking, determinants of investment and reform quality – A new look at the evidence. **Professor Christian Otchia - Université de Nagoya, Japon**

14:45 - 15:00: Presentation. Foreign Direct Investment and Special Economic Zones (SEZs): Lessons from the experience of the newly industrialized countries of South East Asia -- **Bertrand Ngnie. International Consultant.**

#### Panel Discussion

- **Jean Claude Kessous**, International Consultant, Environnement des Affaires
- **Sékou Doumbouya**, International Consultant, Trade and Investment
- **Didace Ngendakumana**, CEO Burundian Development Agency

15 :45 - 16:00 : Coffee Break

#### Panel discussion – continued

- **H.E. OMANA BITIKA**, Vice-Ministre du plan, RDC.
- **S.E. Madame Félicité KO NGANA**, Vice-Président, Conseil Economique et Social , République de la Centre Afrique (RCA).
- **Beyina Gregoire**, Directeur de l'Industrie, des Mines et du Tourism , Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC).
- **Charles Kahuthu**, CEO & Coordonnateur Régional, Chambre de Commerce, Industrie, Agriculture de l'Afrique de l'Est.

16:30 – 17:00 : Plenary Discussion

### Day 3

08:30 – 10:30 : Session 6: **Status of effective implementation of the AfCFTA in Central and Eastern Africa**

**Chair: ICSOE- East Africa Bureau**

**Moderator: Andrew Mold**, Chief Trade and Regional Integration section, SRO-EA

**08:30 - 09:00** : Experiences sharing on AFCFTA implementation by AfCFTA Secretariat and the RECs

**Speakers:**

- **Emmanuel Mbarga**, Regional Adviser, AFCFTA Secretariat
- **Osman Mohammed Babikir**, Director, Economic Cooperation and Regional Integration Division, IGAD
- **Jacob Kotcho**, Director, Common Market Division, ECCAS
- **Marie-Angelique Umulisa**, **Principal Trade Officer**, EAC

**09:00 - 09:30** : Experiences sharing on AFCTA implementation by private sector

**Speakers:**

- **John Bosco Kalisa**, CEO East Africa Business Council
- **Shebani Kwalo**, Export Group Trading
- **Celestin Tawamba**, President Central Africa Employers Union (UNIPACE)

**09:30 - 10:30** : Plenary Discussions

**10 : 30 – 10 :45 : Coffee break**

10:45 - 12:45 : Session 7: **Towards building bridges to strengthen collaborative frameworks in quality infrastructure**

**Chair: ICSOE-EA Bureau**

**Moderator: Adama Ekberg Coulibaly**, Head of Sub-Regional Initiatives, Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**Speakers:**

**10:45 - 11:05** : Presentation. One Market One standard. Some construction blocks and solutions. **Mr. Mark BAGABE**. International Consultant. Quality systems Management and food safety.

**11:05 -11:25** : Presentation. One Market One Standard: Some construction blocks and solutions. **Mr. Lassane KABORE**. Director of industry and private sector,

**11:25-12:05:** Panel Discussion

- **Severin Sindayikengera**, CEO Burundian Agency for Standardization and Quality Control
- **Beyina Gregory**, Director of Industrial Development, Mines and Tourism, CEMAC
- **Yves Ariat**, International Consultant, Quality Infrastructure
- **Aka Kouassi**, Technical Advisor, ACP Infrastructure Development Programme Quality, UNIDO
- **Heba Hammad Radi Hammad**, General Manager of Standards, Egyptian Organization of Standards
- **Dr. A Raj**, CEO, Quality Council of India
- **Tak Leong CHEONG**, Director, Enterprise Syngapore

**12:05 - 12:45 :** Plenary Discussion

**13:00 - 14 :00 : Lunch break**

**14:00-16:00 : Session 8: Presentation of the offices of SRO-CA and SRO-EA, activity reports since ICSOE 2022**

Chair: ICSOE-CA Bureau

**Speakers:**

- 14:00 - 14:20 :** Presentation of the Activity Report and recent initiatives, Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa- **Sandrine Koissy-Kpein**, Economic Policy Officer, SRO-CA
- 14:20 - 14:40:** Presentation of the Activity Report and recent initiatives, Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa- **Emelang Leteane**, Head of Sub-Regional Initiatives, SRO-EA

**14:40 - 16:00 :** Plenary Discussion

**16: 00 - 16:15 : Coffee break**

**16:15 -16:30 :** Presentation. Theme of annual Conference of Ministers (COM2024).  
**Adam Elhairika**, Directeur, Division de la Macro-économie et gouvernance

**16:30-16:45 :** Plenary discussions

**16:45 - 17:00:** Presentation of the Sustainable Development Report for Africa – Progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Central Africa and East Africa. **Bartholomé Armah**, Head of the section in charge of development planning, Macroeconomics and Governance Division

**17:00 -17:30 :** Plenary discussions

## Day 4

**08:30 - 12:30 : Session 9: Closing**

**Chair: ICSOE Central Africa Bureau**

**08:30 - 09:00** : Presentation of the Theme, date, and venue of the next ICSOE meeting.  
**Adama Ekberg Coulibaly**, Head of Sub-Regional Initiatives, SRO-CA, UNECA

**09:00 - 09:15** : Any other business

**09:15 - 11:00** : Review and adoption of the report of the joint ICSOE meeting

**11 :00 - 11 : 30 : Coffee break – Group photo**

**12h00 – 12h30** : Closing of the joint meeting 2023

- United Nations Resident Coordinator, Burundi
- New President of the SRO-EA Bureau/New President of the SRO-CA Bureau
- SRO-CA Representative/ SRO-EA Representative
- Representative of the Government of Burundi

**12:30 - 13:00** : Press Conference

**13:00 - 14:00 : Lunch break**

**14:00** : Site Visit



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