
Subregional Office for North Africa
Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa
Thirty-eighth meeting*

Subregional Office for West Africa
Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa
Twenty-sixth meeting*

Accra, 1–3 November 2023

Item 4 of the provisional agenda**

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Provisional programme of work

Wednesday, 1 November

8–9 a.m.

Registration of participants

9–10.30 a.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

Opening statements:

- Goodwill message: United Nations Resident Coordinator for Ghana, Charles Paul Iheanacho Abani
- Director General, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa, Kodjo Esseim Mensah-Abrampa
- Director General, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development, Mauritania, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa, Cheikhna Cheikh Ahmed Beddad
- Minister of Finance, Ghana, Ken Ofori-Atta
- Secretary General, Arab Maghreb Union, Taïeb Baccouche

* The thirty-eighth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa is being convened in conjunction with the twenty-sixth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa as their second joint session.

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- Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme Support), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Antonio Pedro

10.30–11.30 a.m. Health break and group photo

Ad hoc expert group meeting on the topic “Transition to renewable resources for energy and food security in North and West Africa” (agenda item 2)

11.30–11.45 a.m. Introduction to the sessions of the expert group meeting

- Director, Subregional Office for North Africa, Zuzana Schwidrowski
- Director, Subregional Office for West Africa, Ngoné Diop

11.45 a.m.–12.15 p.m. Impact and challenges of climate change in North and West Africa (Acting Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA, Nassim Oulmane)

Session 1: Rethinking energy security in the face of the challenges of climate change – the cases of Ghana and Morocco

12.15–1.00 p.m. Presentations

Moderator: Director General, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana, Mr. Mensah-Abrampa

- Deputy Director, Nuclear and Alternative Energy, Ministry of Energy, Ghana, Robert Sogbadji
- Director of Research, Strategic Intelligence Institute of Morocco, Ahmed Azirar

1.00–2.15 p.m. Health break

2.15–3 p.m. Discussion

Session 2: How can intra-African trade facilitate and accelerate the agricultural transition?

3–5 p.m. Presentations

Moderator: Coordinator, Community Development Programme, Economic Community of West African States, Abdoulaye Zonon

- Food security in Africa: trends and policies (Director, Subregional Office for North Africa, Ms. Schwidrowski)
- Food systems and macroeconomic framework in West Africa (Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for West Africa, Mamoudou Sebego)
- Impacts of the war on food security in Tunisia and mitigation plan (Economic Affairs Officer,

Subregional Office for North Africa, Samia Hamouda)

- Discussion
- 5–5.15 p.m. Health break
- 5.15–5.30 p.m. Closing of the expert group meeting

Thursday, 2 November

Second joint session of the Intergovernmental Committees of Senior Officials and Experts for North and West Africa (continued)

- 9–10 a.m. **Election of the Bureaux** (agenda item 3)
- Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa
 - Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa
- Adoption of the agenda and programme of work** (agenda item 4)
- Health break
- 10 a.m.–12.15 p.m. **Evolution of economic and social conditions in North and West Africa: review of subregional profiles** (agenda item 5)
- Review of the subregional profile for North Africa (Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for North Africa, Amandine Nakumuryango)
 - Review of the subregional profile for West Africa (Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for West Africa, Fabien Ngendakuriyo; and Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for West Africa, Carolina R Coutinho)
 - Discussion
- 12.15–1.15 p.m. **Review of the implementation of regional and international development agendas and special initiatives** (agenda item 6)
- Progress of North African countries towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for North Africa, Ms. Hamouda)
 - Review of the implementation of regional and international agreements and development agendas and special initiatives (Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for West Africa, Selamawit Mekonnen)

- Discussion
- 1.15–2.15 p.m. Health break
- 2.15–3.15 p.m. **Statutory issues** (agenda item 7)
 - Report on the activities of the Subregional Office for North Africa (October 2022–September 2023) and its programme of work for 2024 (Director, Subregional Office for North Africa, Ms. Schwidrowski)
 - Report on the activities of the Subregional Office for West Africa (October 2022–September 2023) and its programme of work for 2024 (Director, Subregional Office for West Africa, Ms. Diop)
 - Programme of work of the Economic Commission for Africa for 2024 (Director, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi)
 - Discussion
- 3.15–3.45 p.m. **Presentation of flagship initiatives across the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 8)
 - ECA support for members of the Commission in follow up to the key messages from the 2023 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Acting Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA, Mr. Oulmane)
 - Greening values chain in Africa through the African Continental Free Trade Area (Director, African Trade Policy Centre, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi (to be confirmed))
- 3.45–4 p.m. Health break

Friday, 3 November

- 8–10.45 a.m. **Preparation of draft recommendation documentation (secretariat)**
- 10.45–11.45 a.m. **Consideration and adoption of draft recommendations** (agenda item 9)
 - Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa
 - Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa

- 11.45–12 noon Health break
- 12 noon–12.15 p.m. **Date and venue of the third joint session** (agenda item 10)
- 12.15–12.30 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 11)
- 12.30–1 p.m. **Closing of the session** (agenda item 12)
- Vote of thanks
 - Closing remarks
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