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**Twenty-Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior
Officials and Experts for Southern Africa**

**8-9 November 2023
Hotel 430, Gaborone, Botswana**

Provisional Programme of Work

DAY ONE:	Wednesday, 8 November 2023
08:00-09:00	Registration and Opening Video by UNECA
09:00-10:30	<p>Agenda item 1: Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECA Deputy Executive Secretary (Programmes), Ms. Hanan Morsy • UN Resident Coordinator Botswana, Mr. Zia Choudhury • AU-SARO Permanent Representative, Ambassador David Claude Pierre • SADC Secretariat Executive Secretary, His Excellency, Mr. Elias Mpedi Magosi • COMESA Secretariat Secretary General, Her Excellency, Ms. Chileshe Kapwepwe • Chair, Bureau of the twenty-eighth session of the ICSOE session, Mr. Jorge Fernando Jairoce, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Republic of Mozambique • Opening Statement by Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Republic of Botswana, Honourable Mr. Mmusi Kgafela <p>Facilitator: Ms. Eunice G. Kamwendo, Director, ECA Subregional Office for Southern Africa</p>
10:30-10:45	<p>Agenda item 2 Election of the Bureau Adoption of the Agenda/Programme of Work</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the twenty-eighth session of the ICSOE</p>
	Group Photo
10:45-11:15	<i>MEDIA BRIEFING/INTERVIEWS/PRESS CONFERENCE and TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK</i>
11:15-11:45	<p>Agenda item 3(a) Report on Economic and Social Conditions in Southern Africa – ECA/SRO-SA.</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Mzwanele Mfunwa, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-SA</p> <p>Moderator: Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE</p>
11:45-12:15	<p>Agenda item 3(b) Annual report on the work of ECA in Southern Africa – SRO-SA</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Henry Lubinda, Programme Management Officer, SRO SA</p> <p>Moderator: Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE</p>

12:15-13:00	<p>Agenda item 3(c) Report on the <i>Implementation of Regional and International Agendas and other Special Initiatives in the Sub region: Financing the SDGs in Southern Africa</i></p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Bineswaree Bolaky, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-SA</p> <p>Moderator: Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE</p>
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00-15:15	<p>Agenda item 4 Presentation of the Thematic Report on: <i>Accelerating Implementation of the AFCFTA for Inclusive Development in Southern Africa: Building on the RECs' FTAs, and Harnessing Technology and Innovation for Private Sector and Value Chains Development – ECA/SRO-SA</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Mzwanele Mfunwa, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-SA</p> <p>Moderator: Vice Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE</p>
15:15-16:30	<p>Agenda item 5 High-level Panel Discussion on: <i>Addressing the challenge of non-inclusive development in Southern Africa with a focus on multidimensional poverty situation, and inequality</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Sheila Bunwaree, Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities, University of Mauritius • Dr Donald Makoka, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Agricultural Research and Development, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources • Ms Shiphra Chisha, Director of Programmes, Graca Machel Trust • Dr Raymond Lekobane, Research Fellow-Human and Social Development Unit, Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA) • Dr Siphosami Malunga, Executive Director, Open Society Foundation-Africa <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mrs Bibi Fatwma Abdool Raman-Ahmed, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Mauritius.</p>
16:30-17:45	<p>Agenda item 6 High-level Panel Discussion on:</p>

	<p><i>Promoting the complementary Implementation of the AfCFTA and the RECs FTA in Southern Africa</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Phadza Butale, Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Botswana • Ms Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, The Trade Law Centre NPC (TRALAC) • Adv. Mthokozisi Xulu, President: South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Dr Christopher Onyango, Director of Trade and Customs, COMESA Secretariat <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Stephen Karingizi, the ECA consultant</p>
17:45-	CLOSE of DAY
18:00-18:30	UNECA-SADC MoU Signing Ceremony - with entertainment and light snacks

DAY TWO:	Thursday, 9 November 2023
09:00-10:15	<p>Agenda item 7 High-level Panel Discussion on: <i>The role of technology and innovation in promoting private sector and value chain development in Southern Africa</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nicholas Charalambides, Director, IMANI Development and SRO-SA consultant • Dr Christopher Guta, Consultant, Tayata Growth and Development Consulting and ex-Director of Malawi Industrial Research and Technology Center • Ms Kirstin Wiedow, Director and co-Founder FABLab-Namibia. • Mr Konani Rashamuse, Chief Director, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa. • Mr Mwenya Mulenga, Assistant Director, Ministry of Technology and Science, Zambia. <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr Cecil Masiga, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Technology and Knowledge, Botswana</p>

10:15-11:30	<p>Agenda item 8 High-level Panel Discussion on: <i>Enhancing sustainable agri-food systems and value addition through innovation and investment in renewable energy resources and technologies to accelerate inclusive development in Southern Africa</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Kudakwashe Ndhlukula, Executive Director, SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREE) • Dr. Pinkie Kebakile, Botswana Institute for Development Planning (BIDPA) • Ms Mmadima Nyathi, Director Agricultural Research, Statistics and Policy Development • Ms Banusi Mbaakanyi, Director, Icarbon Botswana, Business Development and Strategy • Representative, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Zimbabwe <p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Albert Makochekeka, Director, School of Business, University of Zimbabwe</p>
11:30-11:45	TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK
11:45-12:45	<p>Agenda item 9 Presentation of the recommendations of the AEGMs</p> <p>Presenter: Mr Oliver Maponga, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-SA</p> <p>Moderator: Vice Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE</p>
12:45-13:45	LUNCH BREAK
13:45-15:45	<p>Agenda item 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seminar on the 2023 Africa Sustainable Development Report Presenter: Ms Atkeyelsh Persson, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic and Governance Division, ECA (MDG ECA) 2. <i>Drafting of the outcome statement (For Secretariat)</i>
15:45-16:00	TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK
16:00-17:00	<p>Agenda item 11 Presentation and Adoption of the Outcome Statement of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE</p> <p>Agenda item 12 Host and Venue of the thirtieth session of the ICSOE Meeting (2024)</p> <p>Presenter: Rapporteur of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE</p>

17:00-17:15	Agenda item 13 Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director, ECA SRO-SA, Ms. Eunice Kamwendo• Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE