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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
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| 09:00-10:30 | **Agenda item 1: Opening Session**  
  • 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  
  **Facilitator:** Ms. Eunice G. Kamwendo, Director, ECA Subregional Office for Southern Africa |
| 10:30-10:45 | **Agenda item 2**  
  Election of the Bureau  
  Adoption of the Agenda/Programme of Work  
  **Chair:** Chair of the twenty-eighth session of the ICSOE |
| 10:45-11:15 | **MEDIA BRIEFING/INTERVIEWS/PRESS CONFERENCE and TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK** |
| 11:15-11:45 | **Agenda item 3(a)**  
  **Presenter:** Mr. Mzwanele Mfunwa, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-SA  
  **Moderator:** Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE |
| 11:45-12:15 | **Agenda item 3(b)**  
  Annual report on the work of ECA in Southern Africa – SRO-SA  
  **Presenter:** Mr. Henry Lubinda, Programme Management Officer, SRO SA  
  **Moderator:** Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE |
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| 12:15-13:00| 3(c)        | **Agenda item 3(c)**  
*Report on the Implementation of Regional and International Agendas and other Special Initiatives in the Sub region: Financing the SDGs in Southern Africa*  
**Presenter:** Ms. Bineswaree Bolaky, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-SA  
**Moderator:** Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE |
| 13:00-14:00|              | **LUNCH BREAK**                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14:00-15:15| 4           | **Agenda item 4**  
*Presentation of the Thematic Report on:  
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*  
**Presenter:** Mr. Mzwanele Mfunwa, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-SA  
**Moderator:** Vice Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE |
| 15:15-16:30| 5           | **Agenda item 5**  
*High-level Panel Discussion on:  
Addressing the challenge of non-inclusive development in Southern Africa with a focus on multidimensional poverty situation, and inequality*  
**Panelists:**  
- 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  
**Moderator:** Mrs Bibi Fatwma Abdool Raman-Ahmed, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Mauritius. |
| 16:30-17:45| 6           | **Agenda item 6**  
*High-level Panel Discussion on:*  

### Promoting the complementary Implementation of the AfCFTA and the RECs FTA in Southern Africa

**Panelists:**
- 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

**Moderator:**
Mr. Stephen Karingizi, the ECA consultant

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**Panelists:**
- 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.

**Moderator:**
Mr Cecil Masiga, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Technology and Knowledge, Botswana
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| 10:15-11:30  | **Agenda item 8** High-level Panel Discussion on:  
**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**  
Panelists:  
- 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  
**Moderator:**  
Prof. Albert Makochekanwa, Director, School of Business, University of Zimbabwe |
| 11:30-11:45  | **TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK**                                                |
| 11:45-12:45  | **Agenda item 9**  
Presentation of the recommendations of the AEGMs  
**Presenter:** Mr Oliver Maponga, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-SA  
**Moderator:** Vice Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE |
| 12:45-13:45  | **LUNCH BREAK**                                                            |
| 13:45-15:45  | **Agenda item 10**  
**Presenter:** Ms Atkeyelsh Persson, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic and Governance Division, ECA (MDG ECA)  
2. *Drafting of the outcome statement (For Secretariat)* |
| 15:45-16:00  | **TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK**                                                |
| 16:00-17:00  | **Agenda item 11**  
Presentation and Adoption of the Outcome Statement of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE  
**Agenda item 12**  
Host and Venue of the thirtieth session of the ICSOE Meeting (2024)  
**Presenter:** Rapporteur of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE  
**Chair:** Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE |
## Agenda item 13  
Closing Session  
- Director, ECA SRO-SA, Ms. Eunice Kamwendo  
- Chair of the twenty-ninth session of the ICSOE