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Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure,
Industry and Technology**

Second session

Addis Ababa (online), 8 and 9 March 2022

Item 3 of the provisional agenda*

**Consideration and adoption of the agenda
and programme of work**

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

The second session will be held online on 8 and 9 March 2022 and will open at 12.00 p.m. East African Time (UTC +3). It will begin with statements by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, representatives of the secretariat (Economic Commission for Africa) and representative of the host Government. The Chair of the outgoing Bureau will preside until the election of the incoming Bureau.

2. Election of the Bureau

Following consultations among member States through the deans of the five regions, member States will elect the incoming Bureau, which will be responsible for the session's deliberations in collaboration with the secretariat. As is the tradition, the Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, three vice-chairs and one rapporteur. After the election of the new Bureau, the incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings. A table indicating the previous members of the Bureau is attached as an annex.

Documentation

No documentation is required.

3. Consideration and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The Committee will consider and adopt the agenda and the programme of work.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/CPRTIIT/2/1)

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ECA/CPRTIIT/2/2)

Provisional programme of work (E/ECA/CPRTIIT/2/3)

* E/ECA/CPRTIIT/2/1.



4. Presentation of reports by the secretariat

The secretariat will present progress reports on the work undertaken in the past two years on private-sector development, regional integration, trade, infrastructure, industry and technology. The presentations will be followed by a general discussion, which will lead to policy recommendations for member States.

(a) Developments in sustainable energy and infrastructure in Africa in the post-coronavirus-disease era

Documentation

This report will focus on innovative efforts and initiatives to support regional integration in infrastructure and energy, with particular emphasis on private-sector financing of infrastructure and public-private partnerships, with a view to for better and inclusive financing. (E/ECA/xxxxxxx)

(b) Accelerating Africa's economic transformation in the post-coronavirus-disease era through productive investments and services trade liberalization within the African Continental Free Trade Area framework

Documentation

This report will outline developments in economic transformation, productive investments and trade in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area. (E/ECA/xxxxxxx)

(c) Advancing science, technology and innovation policies on emerging technologies for economic growth in the post-coronavirus-disease era

Documentation

This report will focus on designing science, technology and innovation policies that enable African countries to harness emerging technologies that can drive innovation and boost competitiveness. The report will provide member States with information on efforts to advance policymaking in this domain and to harness the potential of emerging technologies to guide the development of their countries along a sustainable trajectory. (E/ECA/xxxxxxx)

5. Presentation on the theme of the session, “Africa’s economic development in the post-coronavirus-disease era: the role of regional integration, infrastructure and technology”

The secretariat will present an issues paper on the theme of the session, which focuses on the role of regional integration, infrastructure and technology in African economic development.

Documentation

Issues paper (E/ECA/CPRTIIT/2/4)

6. General discussion on the theme

A general discussion on the theme will be led by panellists from the regional economic communities, the African Union Commission, the Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank and the African Export-Import Bank.

7. Review of the 2020 and 2021 programme plans relating to private sector development, regional integration, trade,

infrastructure and technology, as well as the priorities of the 2022 programme plan

The secretariat will provide an overview of the programme plans of the Economic Commission for Africa for 2020 and 2021, covering aspects relating to the work of the Private Sector Development and Finance Division, the Regional Integration and Trade Division, and the Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division. The presentation will be followed by a discussion of the performance and achievements of those programme plans, along with the priorities set out in the 2022 programme plan.

Documentation

No documentation is required.

8. Consideration and adoption of the report on the session

The Committee may wish to consider and adopt the report of the second session, which will summarize the views expressed during its deliberations. In addition, the Committee may wish to endorse the recommendations that emerge from the discussions.

9. Closing of the session

A representative of the member States will read a statement as a vote of thanks. This will be followed by closing remarks by the Chair, who will highlight the main outcomes of the session.

Annex

Members of the Bureau of the Committee on Regional Cooperation and Integration,** 1999-2017

<i>Year</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>1st Vice-Chair</i>	<i>2nd Vice-Chair</i>	<i>3rd Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
1999	Malawi (Southern Africa)	Burkina Faso (West Africa)	Central African Republic (Central Africa)	Tunisia (North Africa)	Uganda (East Africa)
2002	Senegal (West Africa)	Equatorial Guinea (Central Africa)	Kenya (East Africa)	Malawi (Southern Africa)	Morocco (North Africa)
2003	Algeria (North Africa)	Burkina Faso (West Africa)	Cameroon (Central Africa)	Ethiopia (East Africa)	United Republic of Tanzania (East Africa)
2005	Uganda (East Africa)	Morocco (North Africa)	South Africa (Southern Africa)	Burkina Faso (West Africa)	Cameroon (Central Africa)
2007	Sudan (North Africa)	Rwanda (East Africa)	Nigeria (West Africa)	Chad (Central Africa)	Malawi (Southern Africa)
2009	Ethiopia (East Africa)	South Africa (Southern Africa)	Ghana (West Africa)	Gabon (Central Africa)	Egypt (North Africa)
2011	Cameroon (Central Africa)	Gambia (West Africa)	Tunisia (North Africa)	Eswatini (Southern Africa)	Eritrea (East Africa)
2013	Benin (West Africa)	Algeria (North Africa)	Malawi (Southern Africa)	Uganda (East Africa)	Gabon (Central Africa)
2015	Sudan (North Africa)	Namibia (Southern Africa)	Kenya (East Africa)	Congo (Central Africa)	Nigeria (West Africa)
2017	South Africa (Southern Africa)	Uganda (East Africa)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (Central Africa)	Mali (West Africa)	Egypt (North Africa)

Members of the Bureau of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology, 2019–present

<i>Year</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>1st Vice-Chair</i>	<i>2nd Vice-Chair</i>	<i>3rd Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2019	Djibouti (East Africa)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (Central Africa)	Sierra Leone (West Africa)	Libya (North Africa)	Zambia (Southern Africa)

** The remit of the former Committee on Regional Cooperation and Integration was transferred to the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology, which was formed pursuant to resolution 966(LII) of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (see E/ECA/CM/52/2, annex II).