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Central & Eastern Africa

Strengthening Resilience, Economic Growth and Diversification in  
a Context of Instability and Shocks: The role of Special Economic  
Zones, Innovative Financing and the African Continental Free  
Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Savoy Hotel, Seychelles  
15 - 18 November 2022

# PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

## DAY 1 - Tuesday 15 November 2022

8:00 – 09:00                      **Registration**  
09h00 – 10h00                   **Opening Session**

### Welcoming remarks

- UN Resident Coordinator, Mauritius and Seychelles
- Outgoing Bureau Chair Eastern Africa: Rwanda
- Outgoing Bureau Chair Central Africa: Republic of Congo
- Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- Guest of Honour, Honorable Naadir HASSAN, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Trade, Seychelles

### 10h00 – 10h30 Constitution of both Bureaus, Review and Adoption of the Agenda

**Chair:** Seychelles

In this session, the 2 new Bureaus of the ICSEO will be constituted. These new Bureaus will guide participants on the review and adoption of the agenda.

### 10h30 – 11h00 Health Break

#### 11h00 – 13:00 **Session 1 : Macroeconomic and Social Overview**

**Chair :** Bureau SRO-CA & Bureau SRO-EA

**11h00-11h20 :** Presentation on Macroeconomic and Social Overview of Eastern Africa

**11h20-11h40 :** Presentation on Macroeconomic developments in Central Africa in 2020-2021 and forecasts for 2022-2025

**11h40-12h30 :** Country interventions (10 countries 5 minutes each)

**12h30-13h00 :** Discussion

**13h00- 13h10: Theme Presentation of the 2023 Economic Report on Africa:** Impact of global economic shocks on Africa and how to build resilience

**13h10-13h30:** Discussion

### 13h30 – 14h30 : Lunch Break

#### 14h30– 16h00 : **Session 2 : Innovative financing in Eastern Africa: FinTech, Crypto Currency and Islamic Finance**

**Moderator :** Ms. Mama Keita, Director, Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**14h30-15h00 : Presentation —** Prof. Issouf Soumaré

**15h00-15h45 :** Panel Discussions

- **Panelist 1:** Honorable Naadir HASSAN, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Trade, Seychelles
- **Panelist 2:** Hon Prof. Njuguna Ndungu, Cabinet Secretary for The National Treasury and Planning, Government of Kenya
- **Panelist 3:** SE. Mze Abdou Mohamed Chanfiou. Ministres des Finance, du Budget et du Secteur Bancaire. Union des Comores ;
- **Panelist 4:** Ms. Veronica Maina. Principal Economist, Ministry of Finance and Planning Tanzania or Mr. Lawrence Mafuru ; The Deputy Permanent Secretary on Economic Management ;
- **Panelist 5 :** Mr. Patrick Hitayezu. The Government Chief Economist, Rwanda

**15h45-16h30 :** Discussion

## 16h30 – 16h45 Health Break

16h45-17h15 : Panel Discussions

### **Panel 2 (20 min): Private sector and Researchers**

- Panelist 6: Ms. Agatha Nyanguthii Maina Juma, Head of Public Private Dialogue Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KPSA).
- **Panelist 7** : Mme Choukri Abdillahi Mohamed. CEO de l'Institut ISCAE - Co-fondatrice et Présidente d'honneur de la CJED, Fondatrice et Preseidente de l'association Business Women. Djibouti ;

17h15-18h00 : Discussion

## DAY 2 Wednesday 16 November 2022

08h30-13h00 : **Session 3 : State of Play for the effective implementation of the AfCFTA**

08h30-10h30 : **Panel 1: Presentations:**

**Presentation 1 (20 min)** — Prudence Sebahizi and Emmanuel Mbarga, AfCFTA Secretariat. State of play of the implementation of the AfCFTA. Opportunities and challenges. Updates on the Guided trade initiative

**Presentation 2 (15 min)** — Robert Lisinge, Director ai, Private sector Division, ECA. The Transport sector and the AfCFTA (an enabler of trade and an opportunity to develop RVCs and foster industrialization)

**Presentation 3 (15 min)** — Mactar Seck or JP, Chief of section Technology, Climate change and Natural resource Division (The ATEX platform as a tool to connect demand to supply and foster trade and investment under the AfCFTA)

**Presentation 5 (15 min)** — Sekou F. Doumbouya, International consultant on trade negotiations and agreements. (Highlights of The AfCFTA strategy for ECCAS. Opportunities, challenges and recommendations)

**Presentation 6 (15 min)** — Andrew Mold, Chief of trade and Regional integration Section, SRO-EA (Highlights of The AfCFTA strategy for EAC. Opportunities, challenges and recommendations)

Q&A session (40 minutes)

## 10h30-10h45 Health-Break

### **10h45-11h15 : Panel 2, Policymakers (30 minutes)**

Panelist 1 : Hon. Minister Kuol Athian Mawien. Minister of Trade

Panelist 2. Mr. Justus Omae Nyarandi. Executive Secretary. Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority

Panelist 3 : Mme Juliette. Engoue, Director of Trade and Competition, CEMAC Commission

Panelist 4 Jacob Kotcho, Director of the Common Market, ECCAS

Presentation 5: Moubarak Lo. Director General of the Economic prospective Bureau of Senegal and Senior Fellow at the Policy Centre for the New South

Q&A session (11h15-11h45)

### **11h45- 12h15: Panel 3, Private sector, CSOs/ Women and Youth, Researchers : 30 min**

Panelist 6 : Mr John Bosco Kalisa, CEO of EABC

Panelist 7: Ms. Hele Retta Ayele. Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectorial Association (ECCSA)

Panelist 8 : Anthony Mwenge, CEO, PASGR

Panelist 9: Mr. Ivan Atuyambe. Director, YouLead Africa, training Centre for Development Cooperation.

Panelist 10. Mme Faiznat Mze Issilame. Junior Chamber international Comoros

**Q&A session (12h15-13h00)**

**13h00 – 14h00 Lunch Break**

**14h00-16h15 : Session 4: Working Paper on “New Generation Special Economic Zones for Economic Diversification and Industrialization in Central Africa”**

**Moderator:** Jean luc Mastaki, Director a.i, Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**14h00-14h40 : Presentation — Dr. Sylvestre Ossiala /Philémon Roger Roger Essono Obam**

**14h40-15h30:** Panel Discussions

- Panelist 1: Philémon Roger Essono Obam, Top Excellence Engineering
- Panelist 2: Houria El Hanaoui, Tanger Med Engineering
- Panelist 3: John M. Ulimwengu, International Food Policy Research Institute
- Panelist 4: UNIDO Expert
- Panelist 5: Senior official - Gabon delegation

**15h30- 16h15 Discussion**

**16h15-16h30 Health-Break**

**16h30 – 18h00 : Session 5 : Ad Hoc Group of Experts meeting on promoting a new generation of special economic zones in Central Africa; definition of the framework and the roadmap**

**Moderator:** Adama ekberg coulibaly, Chief sub regional initiatives, Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**16h30-17h10 : Presentation — François Serrres**

**17h10-17h30:** Panel Discussions

- Panelist 1: Moubarak Lo, Director General of the economic prospective Bureau of Senegal
- Panelist 2: Me Atangana Fouda Jean Bosco, Directeur des affaires juridiques, CEMAC
- Panelist 3: Babissakana, President of the Pan-African Project Management Conference
- Panelist 4: Emmanuel Mbarga, AfCFTA Secretariat

**17h30 – 18h00 Discussion**

**DAY 3 Thursday 17 November 2022**

**08h30- 13h00 Session 6a : Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on “Fostering Economic Diversification through the Tourism Sector: Exploring Opportunities for Urban Tourism in Eastern Africa”**

**08h30-09h00 : Presentation—Consultant : Jim Ayorekire (30 minutes )**

**09h00-09h45 : Panel**

- Seychelles Tourism Ministry
- Presenter: Jim Ayorekire

- Urban Tourism
- South Africa, Djibouti, Uganda, Zanzibar
- Gabon, Senior official from Ministry of Tourism
- Sao Tome and Principe Senior official from Ministry of Tourism

**09h45- 10h30 Discussion**

**10h30 – 10h45 Health Break**

**10h45- 13h00 Session 6b : Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on “Fostering Economic Diversification through the Tourism Sector: Exploring Opportunities for Urban Tourism in Eastern Africa**

**Moderator :** Anthony Mveyange (à confirmer)

**10h45-11h00 : Presentation—Consultant :** Pius Odunga (15 minutes )

**11h00-11h15 : Presentation—CEO TRI, Kenya:** David Gitonga (15 minutes )

**11h15-11h45 : Panel**

- Mr Simon Kiarie – Principal Tourism Officer East Africa Community
- Mr David Gitonga – CEO Kenya Tourism Research Institute
- Dr Carmen Nibigira – Tourism and Conservation Expert, Burundi

**11h45-13h00 : Discussion**

**13h00 – 14h15 Lunch Break**

**14h15 – 16h15 : Session 7 : Challenges and opportunities of a Consortium on the evaluation and valuation of natural capital in Central Africa**

**Moderator :** President of the Bureau ICSOE-CA

**14h15-14h30 :** Presentation by Adama Ekberg Coulibaly, Chief Subregional Initiatives, SRO-CA

**14h30-15h30 :** Panel and pledges

- Panelist 1: RECs (CEMAC, CEEAC, COPIL, CEPGL, EAC)
- Panelist 2: Technical and financial partners (BDEAC;UNECA;WFP (Nyasha Mtengwa); FAO; UNDP )
- Panelist 3: Member States (Gabon, Chad, Sao Tome and principe, Seychelles, Comores)
- Panelist 4: Private sector (Gabon, Sao tome; Seychelles; Chad, Cameroun)
- Panelist 5: Civil society (HE Daniel Ngassiki, Ex Banker, Innovative finance thinker, author of Infitique inclusive; Nebiyeleul Gesse, Expert, natural capital assets, ...)

**15h30-16h15 :** Discussion

**16h15 Health Break**

**DAY 4 : Friday 18 November 2022**

**08h30-08h45 Session 8 : Presentation of the outcomes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)**

**08h45-09h15:** Discussion

**09h15-10h10 : Session 9 : Presentation of the activity report of the SRO-CA & SRO-EA since the last session of the ICSOE and programme of work for the remainder of the 2022 annual program.**

**09h15-09h35 :** Presentation by Central Africa

**09h35-10h10 :** Questions & Answers

**10h10-10h25 Health Break**

**10h25-11h10 Session 9 continued** : Presentation of the activity report of the SRO-CA & SRO-EA since the last session of the IC SOE and programme of work for the remainder of the 2022 annual program

**10h25-10h45** : Presentation by Eastern Africa

**10h45-11h10** : Questions & Answers

**11h10-11h30 Session 10: Proposal for the theme, date and venue of the next IC SOE**

Theme sponsors & partners: ARSO; UNIDO

**11h30-11h40 Session 11: Any Other Business**

**11h40-13h00 Session 12: Review and adoption of the statement of resolutions and recommendations of the work of the joint meeting of ICES**

**13h00 -13h30:** Closing of the joint meeting

**13h30-15h00 Lunch Break and Press Conference**