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Rwanda to host a regional meeting to discuss the road to social and economic recovery in East Africa

The UN Economic Commission for Africa in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning will convene the 25th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) from 27 to 29 October 2021

What and Where will the meeting be held?

This year's ICSOE meeting will discuss the theme: **“Strengthening resilience for a strong recovery and attracting investments to foster economic diversification and long-term growth in Eastern Africa”**. It will be organized in a hybrid format and attendants will be able to choose whether to participate in person at Kigali Convention Centre Kigali or virtually.

What is ICSOE?

The ICSOE is a regional meeting held annually to discuss key issues and challenges of the socio-economic development of the region; to share experience and peer learning, and to strengthen partnerships and cooperation between stakeholders.

The principle that guides the ICSOE discussions is that countries of the same region must determine their transformative agenda and strengthen their partnerships and cooperation to sustain regional integration and accelerate the pace of economic development.

Who organises the ICSOE?

The Host country jointly with UN Economic Commission for Africa through its Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa (SRO-EA) organizes the ICE meeting. SRO-EA is based in Kigali and covers 14 countries: Rwanda and covers Burundi, Comoros, D.R Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

Who are the participants of the ICE?

Senior Government Officials of the above-mentioned 14 countries served by the office as well as Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs). Development partners, research centres, media practitioners, private sector and civil society organisations will also be represented.

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