



United Nations  
**Economic Commission for Africa**  
Southern Africa Office

Virtual High-Level Policy Dialogue for Southern Africa  
**Theme:** Financing Africa's Recovery: Breaking New Ground

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

20th April 2022

10:00-10:15

**Opening Session**

- Welcome remarks: Ms. Eunice G. Kamwendo, Director, ECA SRO-SA
- Opening remarks: Dr. McDonald Mafuta Mwale, Secretary to the Treasury and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs (Malawi)

**CHAIR OF THE MEETING: MR. RHINO MCHENGA, CHAIR OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ICSOE BUREAU**

10:15-10:45

**Session I: Presentation on highlights of the *Issues Paper*:  
“Financing Africa’s Recovery: Breaking New Ground”**

Presenter: (15 minutes)

- Mr. Bartholomew Armah, Director: Macroeconomics and Governance Division, ECA

*Q & A (15 minutes)*

10:45 -12:45

**Session II: Policy Issues and Key Questions for Discussion**

10:45-11:05

**What measures should African countries put in place to crowd-in private sector financing? What type of technical support do Governments need?**

Discussant (5 minutes):

- Mr. Mtho Xulu, President: South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Respondents (5 minutes each):

- Botswana Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Namibia Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development

*Open discussion (5 minutes)*

11:05-11:25

**How should African countries utilize their Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)?**

Discussant: (5 minutes)

- World Bank/IMF-Zambia (5 minutes)

Respondents: (5 minutes each)

- Zambia Ministry of Finance and National Planning
- Zimbabwe Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

*Open discussion (5 minutes)*

11:25-11:45

**What measures are African countries putting in place to mobilize climate financing? What type of technical support do Governments need?**

Discussant: UNEP/SADC Secretariat (5 minutes)

Respondents: (5 minutes each)

- Lesotho Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture
- Mauritius Ministry of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management
- Mozambique Ministry for Coordination of Environmental Action

*Open discussion (5 minutes)*

11:45-12:45

**Which of the proposed financing measures in the *Issues Paper* resonate well with African countries? What are the experiences and lessons learned regarding the financing measures?**

*Interactive session by all countries and partners, including responding to questions above*

12:45-12:55

**Session III: Summary of key issues and recommendations**

*The Chair summarizes the key issues and recommendations*

12:55-13:00

**Closing Session**

- Remarks by Ms. Eunice G. Kamwendo, Director, SRO-SA
- Closing remarks by the Chair, Mr. Rhino Mchenga