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 27TH ICSEO BUREAU


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