

Annotated Agenda

Regional Policy dialogue on the Promotion and Implementation of Regional and National Industrialization Policies for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in Southern Africa and Sensitization of the Private Sector on National and Regional Policy Developments

Lilongwe, MALAWI

7th to 9th December 2022

Agenda Item #	Agenda Item Theme	Description/Annotation
1	Opening Session	The Minister of Trade and Industry (Malawi) will officially open the regional policy dialogue following remarks by Director SRO-SA, the United Nations Resident Coordinator (Malawi), the Chair of the Bureau of the 28 th ICSOE, and by the Representative of the Private Sector in Malawi.
2	Overview on the Policy Dialogue and Sensitization Meeting, Objectives and Expected Outcomes	The Secretariat will present a background to the Regional Policy Dialogue and the private sector sensitization meeting focusing on the overall and specific objectives, the format of the policy dialogue and deliberations and the expected outcomes and output.
3	Plenary Presentation of Findings and Recommendations of Analytical Studies and the Policy Briefs	The four policy briefs on (i) COVID-19: impacts, coping strategies and post COVID development in the region (ii) Regional Industrial Policy Domestication (iii) Alignment and harmonization of regional and national industrialization frameworks focusing on Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe and on (iv) harnessing the Potential of Special Economic Zones for Inclusive Industrialization in the region focusing on the policy prescriptions on each brief and the suggested way forward will be presented for review.
4	Introduction to Breakout Groups	The Secretariat will introduce the focus and modalities of group work, present some guiding questions and outline the expected outcomes from the policy dialogue as well as the immediate outputs. The modalities and expected outputs of the sensitization meeting will also be presented.
5	Breakout Group discussions of Policy Briefs and Plenary Presentation of Group Synthesis	Each of the focus groups will critically discuss the allocated policy brief with the aim of sharpening the policy directions as well as providing an action plan to take the work forward. Each Group will present the outcomes of discussions at plenary for the further interrogation by the rest of the meeting

		participants. The plenary adjusted outcomes of group work will constitute part of the outcomes of the policy dialogue. A discussant will lead the group discussions.
6	Sensitization of the Private Sector on Industrial Policy Developments in Southern Africa and on post-COVID recovery strategies	<p>This session will sensitize the private sector on policy developments in the industrial sector in the region as well as COVID and post COVID development issues. It will consist of four interrelated sections and sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) regional industrial policy developments, latest interventions (SADC and COMESA expositions); (ii) impact of COVID on the private sector (private sectors in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe presentations); (iii) national and regional responses to COVID and opportunities post COVID (SADC, COMESA, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe share interventions) and (iv) opportunities from the AfCFTA through national AfCFTA strategies (Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe share specific activities in the strategies offering opportunities the private sector strategies) following updates on the AfCFTA by ATPC
7	Closing Session	The Minister of Trade and Industry will officially close the regional policy dialogue and sensitization meeting following remarks and observations by the Dialogue's Chair and Chair of the 28 th ICSOE of Southern Africa, Mozambique and the Director of the ECA Sub regional Office for Southern Africa.