



**TWENTY-FOURTH CONFERENCE OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF SENIOR
OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS (24th ICE) FOR WEST AFRICA**

**Hybrid Meeting,
Banjul, The Gambia, 10-11 November 2021**

Theme

**Leveraging the AfCFTA Implementation to Building Forward
Resilient and Sustainable Economies in West Africa in a COVID-19
Era**

DRAFT AGENDA

TIMING	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE
	Wednesday, November 10 th 2021	



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9:20 am – 09:30 am	INTRODUCTORY VIDEO	ECA/SRO WA
SESSION 1	OPENING CEREMONY	
09:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>Chair: Mr. ADEOSUN, David T. Director, Macroeconomic Analysis Min. of Budget & National Planning, Abuja, Nigeria. President of outgoing Bureau of the ICE 23th Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome remarks by the outgoing chair of the ICE Bureau (5mn) ○ Goodwill Message by the Resident Coordinator (5 min), ○ Remarks by Under Secretary General and ECA Executive Secretary (5 min) ○ Remarks from ECOWAS Representative (5mn) ○ Opening Address by Hon. Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia (10mn) 	<p>Mr. David Adeosun</p> <p>Ms Seraphine Wakana</p> <p>Dr. Vera Songwe</p> <p>Honorable Tei Konzi, ECOWAS Commissioner, Trade, Customs and Free Movement</p> <p>Honorable MAMBURY NJIE.</p>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Coffee break	All participants
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Election of the Bureau of the 24th Session of the ICE ○ Statement by the elected Bureau Chair ○ Introduction of the delegates ○ Adoption of the agenda and the programme of meeting 	ECA/ Delegates
SESSION 2	ECA STATUTORY REPORTS AND WORK	
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<p>Chair: Chair of 24th Session of the Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on the implementation of the Programme of Work of the ECA SRO-WA in 2020-2021 	Mr Privat Denis Akochaye, Knowledge manager Officer, ECA/SRO WA
10:45 am – 11:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social and economic development in 2020 and the outlook in 2021 for West African economies 	Mr Bakary Dosso, Chief, Demographic Dynamics for Development section, ECA/SRO WA
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Discussions	All Delegates
11:30 am – 11:45	Chair: Chair of 24 th Session of the Bureau	Mr Mamoudou Sebege, Economist,



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am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2021 Report on the implementation of SDGs 	ECA/SRO WA
11:45 am – 12:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation of the SDGs: Perspective from the Gambia 	Mr Alagie Fadera, Directorate of Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs Ms Aissata De, UNDP Representative Resident in the Gambia
12:00 am – 12:30	<i>Discussions</i>	All Delegates
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch break	All participants
SESSION 3	MAKING AfCFTA WORKS FOR WEST AFRICA: LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL AND SUB REGIONAL STRATEGIES AND PROSPECTS	
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Panel discussions AfCFTA: Status of play and Regional Perspectives <p>Facilitator: Mr Amadou Diouf, Chief Sub-regional Initiatives Section, ECA/ SRO WA</p>	Ms Mahlet Girma, ECA/ATPC Mr Francis Ikome, Chief, Regional Integration section Ms Rose Kabran, Director of Trade, UEMOA Mr Abdourahmane Diallo, Manager Targeted Interventions Trade & Business Development, ITFC/IDB
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AfCFTA Country Experiences sharing, and lessons learnt <p>Moderator: Prof. Abdoulaye Seck, Senior Trade Expert, University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar Senegal</p>	The Gambia Côte d'Ivoire Sierra Leone Senegal Nigeria Guinea Burkina Faso Niger Togo
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Coffee break	All participants
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Discussions</i>	All Delegates



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Thursday, November 11th, 2021		
9:00 am -11:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Round table on the Theme of the 24th ICE and Launch of 'Made in West Africa' Initiative <p><i>Leveraging the AfCFTA Implementation to Building Forward Resilient and Sustainable Economies in West Africa in a COVID-19 Era</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Ngone Diop, Director, ECA/SRO-WA</p>	<p>Honorable Minister - Mr. Seedy Keita, Minister of Trade – The Gambia</p> <p>Honorable Tei Konzi, ECOWAS Commissioner, Trade, Customs and Free Movement</p> <p>Ms Seraphine Wakana, UN RC / The Gambia</p> <p>Ms Fatoumata Fofana, Executive Secretary, AfCFTA National Strategy Committee, Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>Ms Colette Stephanie Forogo, Africa Top Initiative, Agrobusiness, Food and Beverage Processing</p> <p>Mr Joseph B. Acheampong, Co-Founder CEO Blossom Academy, Ghana</p>
11:00 – 11:15 am	Coffee Break	All participants
SESSION 4	ECA CONTINENTAL INITIATIVES	
11:15 am -12:15 pm	<p>Presentation on ECA's flagship initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECA's COVID19 Responses ○ Deployment of IRPT Tools in West Africa to support the implementation of SDGs (MGD) ○ IDEP: ECA capacity development programmes ○ Key messages from the Africa region 7th Forum on sustainable development <p>Facilitator: Mr Bakary Dosso, Chief, Demographic Dynamics for Development section, ECA/SRO WA</p>	<p>ECA/ Office of the Executive Secretary</p> <p>Prof. Tadele Agaje, ECA/MGD</p> <p>ECA/IDEP</p> <p>Mr Nassim Omame, ECA/ TCND</p>
SESSION 5	PANEL DISCUSSION ON ACCELERATING REGIONAL INTEGRATION FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF WEST AFRICA. UPDATES ON KEY MILESTONES	
12:15 -1:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ REC/ IGOs interventions <p>Facilitator: Mr. Mamoudou Sebege, Economist/ ECA/SRO WA</p>	<p>ECOWAS: Vision 2050</p> <p>UEMOA</p> <p>MRU</p> <p>Others IGOs</p>
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Lunch break	All participants
SESSION 6	PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF MEETING REPORT ON THE KEY MESSAGES AND	



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	RECOMMENDATION & CLOSING	
02:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Review and adoption of the recommendations of the Pre-ICE Event	ECA, Delegates
02:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Preparation of the ICE outcome statement by the Secretariat	ECA, ICE Bureau
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Review and adoption of the ICE outcome statement○ Date and place of the next ICE Meeting○ Miscellaneous	All Delegates
04:30pm – 04:45 pm	Closing Remarks	Ms Ngone Diop, Director, SRO-WA Mr Abdoulie Jallow, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia
04:45 pm – 5:30 pm	PRESS CONFERENCE	