

## Consolidated timetable

11–17 May 2022

Centre international de conférences Abdou Diouf (CICAD)

**WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2022**

### Meeting of the Committee of Experts

Venue: Salle ovale

9–9.30 a.m.	<b>Opening of the meeting</b> (agenda item 1)
9.30–9.45 a.m.	<b>Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work</b> (agenda item 2)
9.45–11 a.m.	<b>Segment I: Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa</b> (agenda item 3)
11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<b>Segment II: Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa</b> (agenda item 4)
12.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30–4 p.m.	<b>Segment III: Presentation on the theme of the fifty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Africa: “Financing Africa’s recovery: breaking new ground”</b> (agenda item 5)
4–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15–5.30 p.m.	<b>Segment III</b> (continued)
5.30 p.m.	Reception

**THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2022**

### Meeting of the Committee of Experts

Venue: Salle ovale

9–10.45 a.m.	<b>Segment IV: Statutory issues</b> (agenda item 6)
10.45–11 a.m.	Coffee break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<b>Segment V: Statutory issues</b> (agenda item 6)
12.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30–4 p.m.	<b>Segment VI: Statutory issues</b> (agenda item 6)
4–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15–6 p.m.	Segment VII: Statutory issues (agenda item 6)

**FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2022**

**Meeting of the Committee of Experts**

Venue: Salle ovale

9–10.30 a.m.	<b>Segment VIII: Statutory issues</b> (agenda item 6)
10.30–10.45 a.m.	Coffee break
10.45–11.15 a.m.	<b>Date, venue and theme of the fifty–fifth session of the Economic Commission for Africa</b> (agenda item 7)
11.15–11.30 a.m.	<b>Other matters</b> (agenda item 8)
11.30 a.m.–4 p.m.	<b>Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committee of Experts</b>
12.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
4–6 p.m.	<b>Segment IX: Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee of Experts; consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions</b> (agenda item 9)
6–6.30 p.m.	<b>Closing of the meeting</b> (agenda item 10)

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2022**

**Side events**

9–10.30 a.m.	<p><b>Side event 1: Launch of <i>Economic Report on Africa 2021: Addressing Poverty and Vulnerability in Africa during the COVID-19 Pandemic</i></b></p> <p>Organizers: Economic Commission for Africa (Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division; Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Development Division; and Macroeconomics and Governance Division)</p> <p>Venue: Side-event room A</p> <p>The purpose of the launch event is to share the key findings of <i>Economic Report on Africa 2021</i> in terms of addressing poverty and vulnerability during the COVID-19 pandemic. Policymakers and other stakeholders will receive evidence-based information on measures to address people's vulnerability to falling into poverty because of the pandemic and future shocks and how to hedge against risks to build forward better and resiliently.</p>
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### **Side event 2: Addressing the adaptation finance gap in Africa: a regional perspective on a global challenge**

Organizer: United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Venue: Side-event room B

This side event will bring together a panel of high-level representatives from Governments, international organizations, international financial institutions and the private sector to deliberate on policy strategies and lessons learned in addressing the adaptation financing gap in Africa. The panel discussion will touch on how to leverage COVID-19 recovery windows, international cooperation and multilateral climate funds to tackle this global challenge. While strong mitigation is the way to minimize the impact and costs in the long term, increased ambition in terms of adaptation is essential to avoid widening existing socioeconomic gaps and to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

### **Side event 3: Innovative financing of small and medium-sized enterprises for resilient recovery in Africa: a gender and youth perspective**

Organizers: Government of Senegal, United Nations Country Team in Senegal, Economic Commission for Africa (African Institute for Economic Development and Planning; Subregional Office for West Africa; Subregional Office for North Africa) and Youth Alliance for Leadership and Development in Africa

Venue: Side-event room C

This side event will bring together a panel of high-level representatives from the Government of Senegal, the Economic Commission for Africa, the private sector, and women and the youth representatives. The main objective is to present analysis and actionable policy recommendations on innovative ways of financing small and medium-sized enterprises, with a particular focus on creating jobs for women and young people. It will highlight innovative solutions and mechanisms for resilient recovery, for providing better access to financing and for promoting the inclusion of women and young people. During the side event, an ECA-developed West Africa business-linkage platform will be discussed with a view to defining the actions required to ensure its effective and sustainable functioning. The platform will be a cloud portal that facilitates automatic business linkages, resource-sharing, marketing referrals and resource-pooling. It will include a programme that facilitates the creation and deepening of linkages between foreign company affiliates and small and medium-sized enterprises from across and beyond West Africa, thereby making the latter more effective and sustainable.

### **Side event 4: Illicit financial flows in Africa: regional efforts to track, recover and return assets**

Organizer: Economic Commission for Africa (Macroeconomics and Governance Division)

Venue: Side-event room D

The main objective is to share the experiences of African countries in addressing the challenges related to illicit financial flows. The event will provide evidence-based information to policymakers and other stakeholders on the current state of legal frameworks for asset recovery and on their achievements and shortfalls. Participants will explore opportunities to broaden the scope of measures to recover assets lost through illicit financial flows.

2 p.m.–3.30 p.m.

**Side event 5: Impact of the crisis in Ukraine on development financing in Africa: examples from selected countries**

Organizers: Economic Commission for Africa (Subregional Office for Southern Africa), Government of Angola and Resident Coordinator Office in Angola

Venue: Side-event room A

The main objective will be to stimulate reflection on and discussion of the impact that the crisis will have on the sustainable development of African economies and their financing needs, using Angola, Mozambique and South Africa as examples. Participants will work to understand the channels through which the knock-on effects of the crisis will occur. They will also assess the expected gains and losses arising from the crisis and how those will vary according to the trade and economic profile of each country. Lastly, they will estimate the effects of the crisis on fiscal space, external balances and debt sustainability, to determine the optimal policy responses for African countries.

**Side event 6: Challenges in mobilizing the capital market to finance a sustainable energy transition**

Organizer: Kingdom of Morocco

Venue: Side-event room B

The objectives are to present green-finance achievements in Morocco, in particular those connected to the commitments made under the corresponding road map; to present the ambitions under the new commitments made by Morocco and their implications for the financial sector and the capital market at the national and continental levels; and to lead a reflection on the contribution of the capital market to the financing of a sustainable energy transition and sustainable economic recovery at the continental level.

4–5.30 p.m.

**Side event 7: Innovative financing in capital markets for recovery in Africa**

Organizers: Government of Senegal, African Securities Exchanges Association and Economic Commission for Africa (Private-Sector Development and Finance Division)

Venue: Side-event room D

The side event will provide a high-level platform for dialogue between the public and private sectors, including investors, on new developments and technological advancements in capital markets, as well as showcase how sovereign and strategic development funds can help to drive African development.

**SUNDAY, 15 MAY 2022**

**Side events**

9–10.30 a.m.

**Side event 8: Digital Earth Africa – Earth observations for sustainability in Africa**

Organizer: Economic Commission for Africa (African Centre for Statistics)

Venue: Online only

The event will showcase the development of Digital Earth Africa as a unique information resource for sustainable development across Africa and explain how Digital Earth Africa is being applied in areas such as national statistics, agriculture and water resources.

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

**Side event 9: Towards 10 per cent annual economic growth**

Organizers: Economic Commission for Africa (African Institute for Economic Development and Planning) and ECA Young Economist Network

Venue: Side-event room B

The objective of the side event will be to highlight the levers that should be activated to ensure inclusive and sustainable growth. Specifically, it will focus on identifying policy and economic interventions to achieve the 10 per cent growth target (based on the findings of research sponsored through the Young Economists Network) and on drawing conclusions to support the formulation of economic policies and the mobilization of financial resources.

**Side event 10: High-level event to launch ECA reports on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the private sector**

Organizers: United Nations Global Compact Office and Economic Commission for Africa (African Trade Policy Centre and Private-Sector Development and Finance Division)

Venue: Side-event room D

The main objectives are to present participants with the findings of the Commission's research on the implications of the African Continental Free Trade Area for demand for transport infrastructure and services; to provide them a platform for dialogue between key actors in the transport and logistics industries and investors; to launch the report on the African Continental Free Trade Area country business index and present the key findings on the index's roll-out in Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria and South Africa; and to present the benefits of the index and the Global Compact's Africa Strategy.

4–5.30 p.m.

**Side event 11: Financing social protection and accelerating coverage in times of crisis and beyond: options for a human-centred recovery**

Organizers: International Labour Office and Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

Venue: Side-event room A

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4–5.30 p.m.

**Side event 12: Financing African development through sustainable and innovative mechanisms – public-private partnerships, cryptocurrencies, remittances and diaspora investments**

Organizers: International Organization for Migration and Economic Commission for Africa (African Institute for Economic Development and Planning)

Venue: Side-event Room D

The main objective is to improve participant knowledge and explore innovative ways to harness the potential of development financing. Participants will discuss trends, challenges and opportunities relating to sustainable-development-financing options, in particular innovative financial tools such as public-private partnerships, cryptocurrencies, remittances and diaspora investments. They will examine the use of a sustainable performance index in evaluating the contribution of companies to sustainable development on the basis of three dimensions (environmental, social and governance) as well as stakeholder satisfaction, which will allow for relevant conclusions to be drawn for a given company and/or country. Finally, they will share experiences and outline key recommendations for creating an enabling policy and regulatory environment.

7 p.m.

**Ministerial dinner dialogue (by invitation only)**

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza

Theme: **Fireside chat on the theme of “Affordable liquidity for Africa”**

## MONDAY, 16 MAY 2022

### Ministerial session

Venue: Salle ovale

7.45–9.15 a.m.	<b>Breakfast working segment</b> Dealing with crisis: A new global financing architecture
9.30–10 a.m.	<b>Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work</b> (agenda item 2)
10–10.30 a.m.	<b>Opening of the session</b> (agenda item 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statements by the host</li> <li>• Statements by the special guests</li> </ul>
10.30–11.30 a.m.	<b>Presidential panel on financing Africa's recovery</b> (agenda item 3)
11.30 a.m.–noon	Coffee break / Press stakeout / Group photo
Noon–1.30 p.m.	<b>High-level ministerial policy dialogue: Can the development ambition of billions to trillions be achieved?</b> (agenda item 4)
1.30–3 p.m.	Lunch break <b>Spotlight on governors: Monetary policy in crisis times – did special drawing rights help?</b>
3–4.30 p.m.	<b>High-level round-table discussions</b> (agenda item 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round table 1: Financing green growth and the African Continental Free Trade Area</li> </ul>
4.30–5.30 p.m.	<b>Special event: 2022 Adebayo Adedeji Memorial Lecture</b> Role of higher education and human-capital development in the transformation of Africa
5.30–7 p.m.	<b>High-level round-table discussions</b> (agenda item 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round table 2: Future of health and economic resiliency in Africa</li> </ul>
7 p.m.	Reception

## TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2022

### Ministerial session

Venue: Salle ovale

8–9.30 a.m.	<b>High-level round-table discussions</b> (agenda item 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round table 3: Accelerating implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and Our Common Agenda</li> </ul>
9.30–11 a.m.	<b>Consideration of recommendations and adoption of resolutions</b> (agenda item 6)
11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m.	<b>Consideration and adoption of the ministerial statement</b> (agenda item 7)
12.15–12.45 p.m.	<b>Other matters</b> (agenda item 8)
12.45–1 p.m.	<b>Closing of the session</b> (agenda item 9)