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Notification

Fifty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Africa

Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Dakar, 11–17 May 2022

1. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa, the present document serves as a notification that the meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Africa will be held in Dakar from 11 to 17 May 2022.
2. The ministerial segment will be preceded by a preparatory meeting, the fortieth meeting of the Committee of Experts, which will open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 May 2022. The Conference of Ministers will open at 9 a.m. on Monday, 16 May 2022.
3. The Committee of Experts will meet from 11 to 13 May 2022. The Conference of Ministers will take place on 16 and 17 May 2022.
4. The provisional agendas for the meetings of the Conference of Ministers and the Committee of Experts are attached to the present notification.
5. The fifty-fourth session of the Commission will focus on the theme, “Financing Africa’s recovery: breaking new ground”. Development financing gaps have widened significantly since the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. For Africa, annual Sustainable Development Goal expenditures are expected to rise by \$154 billion annually as a consequence of the pandemic and by an additional \$285 billion over the next five years to ensure an adequate response to COVID-19. The unprecedented scale of the impact of the pandemic demands inventive approaches that break new financing ground and provide sustainable options to scale up public financing, crowd in private sector financing on favourable terms, leverage climate financing and facilitate trade finance. The Conference will feature deliberations on measures that promote innovative financing tools, including how to leverage special drawing rights, and will build consensus on how to support Governments in enhancing synergies between domestic and external financing from both public and private sources.
6. The plenary meetings of the Conference of Ministers will commence with a high-level policy dialogue on the theme for 2022, which will be followed by plenary meetings on a series of sub-themes. High-level panellists from within and outside of Africa will guide the discussion, which will be informed by the recent findings contained in the concept note and technical background materials and will be aimed at building consensus on priority areas for action.
7. It is anticipated that inspiring discussions will arise from a number of side events, to be held in parallel, which are scheduled to take place on 14 and 15 May 2022. The events will be limited to 90 minutes each.

8. Delegations are requested to submit to the Secretary of the Commission, by 11 April 2022, the names of accredited representatives and, as appropriate, alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the session.
9. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers must be submitted to the Executive Secretary prior to the first meeting of the session. Please send a copy of the credentials by 10 May 2022 to the Secretary of the Commission at eca-soc@un.org and submit the original on site at the conference centre.
10. Participants should register online and attach their letter of accreditation. Online registration for the session will be available on the dedicated website at: <http://uneca.org/cfm2022> beginning in April 2022. Information on the session will also be available on the website.
11. On-site registration will also take place between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from 9 to 17 May 2022 at the designated registration site, where pre-registered participants will be able to pick up their badges.
12. The provisional and annotated agendas, the programme of work, a detailed information note, technical and working papers for the meetings, and other relevant documentation will be issued in due course. To access documents prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to visit the above-mentioned website and download any copies required.
13. Communications concerning the fifty-fourth session of the Conference of Ministers should be addressed to:

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