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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and
programme of work**

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The opening session will be presided over by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts, until a new Bureau is elected. Opening statements will be delivered by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and a representative of the Government of Senegal.

2. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/COE/40/1)

Draft programme of work (E/ECA/COE/40/2/Rev.3)

The composition of the new Bureau will be announced following consultations. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, three Vice-Chairs and one Rapporteur, to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. The composition of the Bureau of the previous sessions is set out in the annex to the present document. The incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings following brief remarks. As in the previous session, the Committee of Experts may decide to establish an ad hoc working group to assist in the compilation of the draft report and the formulation of draft resolutions. The group will have 10 members composed of 2 members from each of the five subregional groups, normally drawn from the outgoing and incoming bureaux. The working group will be chaired by the first Vice-Chair of the Bureau. The Committee will also be invited to consider and adopt the draft provisional agenda and programme of work, subject to such amendments as deemed necessary.

* E/ECA/COE/40/1.



3. Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/4)

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present an overview of economic and social developments in Africa in 2021. The presentation will highlight recent developments in the global economy and their implications for Africa. This will be followed by a general discussion on the main policy issues and recommendations highlighted in the presentation.

4. Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/5)

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present a progress report on the status of regional integration in Africa, including highlights of key challenges and constraints. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion on key issues noted by the secretariat.

5. Presentation on the theme of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/6)

The secretariat will give a brief presentation to introduce the theme of the fifty-fourth session, “Financing Africa’s recovery: breaking new ground”, drawing on the issues paper, which is focused on the continent’s financing landscape and contains an evaluation of the challenges and opportunities associated with enhancing the quality and scale of African development financing to support an enduring recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will also give a brief presentation on the outcomes of the dialogues held across the five subregions on the theme of the session. The presentations will be followed by a general discussion.

6. Statutory issues

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give presentations on various statutory issues relating to its work and its subsidiary organs. The Committee of Experts may wish to consider and provide recommendations to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for further guidance and action, as appropriate. In 2022, the following statutory reports will be brought to the attention of the Committee:

(a) Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa (covering the period April 2021–March 2022)

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/7)

The report highlights the main achievements of ECA during the reporting period, from April 2021 to March 2022. It provides a synoptic overview of the major events and activities undertaken in response to the broad mandate of ECA to foster economic and social development in Africa.

The Committee of Experts is invited to review the report and provide guidance and comments on the activities of the secretariat.

(b) Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/8)

The document contains summaries of the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development during the fifty-third session of the Commission:

Resolution 972 (LIII). African Continental Free Trade Area

Resolution 973 (LIII). Data and statistics

Resolution 974 (LIII). Civil registration and vital statistics

Resolution 975 (LIII). Sustainable industrialization and diversification of Africa in the digital era in the context of the coronavirus disease pandemic

Resolution 976 (LIII). Coronavirus disease vaccines

Resolution 977 (LIII). Economic Commission for Africa support for least developed countries in the context of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Resolution 978 (LIII). Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024

Resolution 979 (LIII). African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

Resolution 980 (LIII). Special drawing rights

Resolution 981 (LIII). 2022 programme plan and budget

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the progress made and provide the secretariat with further guidance for the effective implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

(c) Medium-term programme framework (2022–2025), proposed programme plan for 2023 and update on the strategic framework of the Economic Commission for Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/16)

The report contains a summary of the medium-term programme framework of the Commission for the period 2022–2025. The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the proposed programme framework with a view to endorsing it.

(E/ECA/COE/40/9)

The report contains a summary of the proposed programme plan of ECA for 2023. The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the proposed programme plan with a view to endorsing it.

(E/ECA/COE/40/17)

The note by the Executive Secretary provides an update on the strategic framework of ECA to highlight its alignment with the key proposals contained in the report of Secretary General, “Our Common Agenda” (A/75/982). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of it and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

(d) Proposed programme budget for 2023

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/10)

The report contains a summary of the programme budget of ECA for 2023. The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the proposed programme budget with a view to endorsing it.

(e) Progress report on the transformation and modernization of national statistical systems in Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/12)

The document sets out the progress made thus far in the operationalization of the African group on transformation and modernization of official statistics and short-term prospects for its work. The Committee is invited to take note of the findings of the report and provide the secretariat with further guidance.

(f) Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender on its fourth session (E/ECA/CSPPG/4/13)

Report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its seventh session (E/ECA/RFSD/2021/15)

Reports on the sessions of the subregional Intergovernmental Committees of Senior Official and Experts (ECA/CA/ICSOE/37, ECA/EA/ICSOE/25, ECA/SRO-NA/ICSOE/36/5/Rev.1, ECA/SA/ICSOE/XXVII/2021/8.1 and ECA/WA/ICE/24/01D)

Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (E/ECA/COE/40/11)

Report of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology on its second session (E/ECA/CPRTIIT/2/9)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of ECA. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, and to provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the subsidiary bodies.

(g) Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/13)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme and provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the programme.

(h) Report on the midterm review of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024: focus on Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/14)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on the midterm review of the Vienna Programme of Action within the African context. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

7. Date, venue and theme of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/40/15/Rev.1)

The fifty-fifth session of the Commission will be held in Addis Ababa in March 2023, unless the Conference of Ministers decides otherwise.

The Committee of Experts may also wish to consider the theme proposed by the secretariat for the fifty-fifth session and to provide comments thereon, with a view to endorsing it for submission to the Conference of Ministers for approval.

8. Other matters

The Committee of Experts may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

9. Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee of Experts; consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions

The Committee of Experts will consider and adopt a draft report on its meeting, setting out major recommendations and draft resolutions based on the agenda of the meeting for submission to the Conference of Ministers.

10. Closing of the meeting

The secretariat will make brief closing remarks. The Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts will summarize the main outcomes of the deliberations and declare the meeting closed.

Annex

Members of the Bureau of the Commission

<i>Year (Venue)</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2001 (Algiers)	Algeria (NA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Gabon (CA)	Mali (WA)	South Africa (SA)
2002 (Johannesburg)	South Africa (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Ghana (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Sudan (NA)
2003 (Addis Ababa)	South Africa (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Ghana (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Sudan (NA)
2004 (Kampala)	Uganda (EA)	Niger (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Zambia (SA)
2005 (Abuja)	Nigeria (WA)	Egypt (NA)	Congo (CA)	Lesotho (SA)	Ethiopia (EA)
2006 (Ouagadougou)	Burkina Faso (WA)	Congo (CA)	Libya (NA)	Burundi (EA)	Swaziland (SA)
2007 (Addis Ababa)	Ethiopia (EA)	Swaziland (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Tunisia (NA)	Liberia (WA)
2008 (Addis Ababa)	Ethiopia (EA)	Chad (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Swaziland (SA)
2009 (Cairo)	Egypt (NA)	Chad (CA)	Zimbabwe (SA)	Benin (WA)	Kenya (EA)
2010 (Lilongwe)	Malawi (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Cameroon (CA)	Morocco (NA)
2011 (Addis Ababa)	Guinea (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Central African Republic (CA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)
2012 (Addis Ababa)	Gabon (CA)	Libya (NA)	Swaziland (SA)	Eritrea (EA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)
2013 (Abidjan)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Algeria (NA)	Lesotho (SA)	Cameroon (CA)
2014 (Abuja)	Nigeria (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)

2015 (Addis Ababa)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Egypt (NA)	Gabon (CA)	South Africa (SA)	Guinea (WA)
2016 (Addis Ababa)	South Africa (SA)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Uganda (EA)
2017 (Dakar)	Senegal (WA)		Chad (CA)	Kenya (EA)	South Africa (SA)
2018 (Addis Ababa)	Sudan (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Lesotho (SA)	Senegal (WA)
2019 (Marrakech)	Morocco (NA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Togo (WA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)
2020 (Virtual)	Morocco (NA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Togo (WA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)
2021 (Addis Ababa)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Madagascar (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Morocco (NA)