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THEME

Bridging Eastern and Southern Africa: Connectivity, Trade and Investment for a More Integrated Continent

Agenda

1. Opening Session
2. Constitution of the Bureaus
3. Review and adoption of the agenda
4. Macroeconomic and social overview
   - 4.1. Eastern Africa
   - 4.2. Southern Africa
5. Theme presentation: bridging Eastern and Southern Africa: connectivity, trade and investment for a more integrated continent
6. Theme presentation of the 2026/7 economic report on Africa
7. Regional and international agendas and other special initiatives
8. State of regional integration in Eastern and Southern Africa: trends in trade facilitation
9. Ministerial segment: A conversation with the leaders
10. Energy connectivity, ICT and regional power market pooling in support of industrialization in Eastern and Southern Africa
11. From profitable banking to productive finance: reducing the cost of credit for investment in Eastern and Southern Africa
12. State of tourism in Eastern and Southern Africa
13. Presentation of the activity report of the SRO-EA and SRO-SA since the last sessions of the ICSOEs and programme of work for the remainder of the 2026 annual programme
14. Presentation of the 2027 CoM theme
15. Consideration of the draft outcome statement
16. Any other business
17. Closing of the joint meeting