



**THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS
FOR CENTRAL AFRICA (ICE)**

*Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
23 - 27 September 2019*

**" DIGITAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND ECONOMIC
DIVERSIFICATION IN CENTRAL AFRICA: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES "**

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

Monday, September 23, 2019

08:00 - 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 - 10:00 Opening Ceremony (*Agenda Item 1*)

Mr. Antonio Pedro, Director, Sub Regional Office for Central Africa, ECA, United Nations

Mr. Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Equatorial Guinea

Mr. Past President of the ICE and Head of the Delegation of the Republic of Chad

H.E. Mr. César A. Mba Abogo, Minister of Finance, Economy and Planning, Republic of Equatorial Guinea

10:00 - 10:30 **Coffee break**

10:30 - 10:45 Election of the Bureau of the ICE (*Agenda Item 2*)

10:45 - 11:00 Adoption of the agenda and work programme of the meeting (*Agenda Item 3*)

11:00 - 13:00 Presentation and discussion of the working document: "Digital Transformations and Economic Diversification in Central Africa: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities" (*Agenda Item 4*)

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 - 16:00 High Level Dialogue on the Digital Economy in Central Africa (*Agenda Item 5*) - **Panel 1**

H.E. Mr. Rufino Ovono Ondo, Minister of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications, Equatorial Guinea, and Central African Champion for Itinerance and Single Regional Network, Equatorial Guinea

Mr. Lacina Koné, Executive Director, Smart Africa

Mr. Jean-Jacques Massima-Landji, Representative, International Telecommunication Union, Central Africa and Madagascar

Ms. Reine Mbang Essobmadje, CEO Evolving Consulting and President Economic Commission (GICAM)

Mr. Kennedy Kipkemboi, Regulatory Specialist, Mobile Money, M4D, GSMA

16:00 - 16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15 - 17:30 High Level Dialogue on the Digital Economy in Central Africa (*Agenda Item 5*) - **Panel 2**

Ms. Josephine Nyiranzeyimana, Government Chief Information Officer (CIO), Rwanda Information Society Authority, Rwanda

Mr. Champion on digital transformations, Israel

Mr. Mactar Seck, Economist, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Mr. Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, Section of Science Policies, Technologies and Innovations, Division of Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Mr. Alain Nkoyock, PhD, Chief, Software Products for Member States (SPMS), Enterprise Application Center Vienna (EAC-VN), Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

09:00 - 12:30 Parallel Thematic Groups (*Agenda Item 6*)

Thematic Group 1: Towards enabling ecosystems for public-private partnership for digital transformation in Central Africa

Thematic Group 2: E-commerce and economic diversification in Central Africa

Thematic Group 3: Technological innovations for the economic diversification in Central Africa

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 16:00 Parallel Thematic Groups (*Continuation*)

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:30 Restitution of the work of the parallel thematic groups (*Continuation*)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

09:00 - 10:30 Special Events: “The status of structural transformation in Central Africa: challenges and opportunities” (*Agenda Item 7*)

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 11:15 Presentation of the report of activities of the SRO/AC since the 34th session of the ICE and work programme for the remainder of the biennial programme 2018-2019 (*Agenda Item 8*)

11:15 - 11:45 Presentation of the annual progress report on regional and international agendas and other special initiatives in the subregion: Integration of Agenda

2030 and Agenda 2063 into national planning frameworks in Africa Central
(*Agenda Item 9*)

11:45 – 12:15 Launch of the Economic Report on Africa (2019) "Fiscal Policy for Financing Sustainable Development in Africa" and presentation of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Tool for Agenda 2063 and the Agenda 2030 (*Agenda Item 10*)

12:15 - 12:45 Presentation of the annual report on sub-regional initiatives (*Agenda Item 11*)

12:45 - 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 - 17:30 Demonstration Hub "Digital economy in Central Africa: experiences and prospects" (*Agenda Item 12*)

Government-Education-Employment-Culture-Health-Finance-Trade-Digital Identity-Training-
Management-Data-Agriculture-Manufacture

Thursday, September 26, 2019

09:00 - 13:00 Ad Hoc Experts Group Meeting 1 "Facilitating the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through Development Planning: Evidence from Central African Countries" (*Agenda Item 13*)

09:00 - 13:00 Ad Hoc Experts Group Meeting 2 "Impact of the Continental Free Trade Area on Central African Countries: Evaluation from a Computable General Equilibrium Model" (*Agenda Item 14*)

10:00 - 10:30 **Coffee break**

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 - 16:00 Presentation and discussion of the conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Experts Group Meeting 1 «Facilitating the achievement of sustainable development objectives through development planning: Evidence of Central African countries» (*Agenda Item 13 - Continuation*)

16:00 - 16:30 **Lunch break**

16:30 - 17:30 Presentation and discussion of the conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc meeting of Experts 2 «Impact of the Continental Free Trade Area on the countries of Central Africa: Evaluation based on a computable general equilibrium model (*Agenda Item 14 - Continuation*)

Friday, September 27, 2019

09:00 - 10:00 Theme, date and place of the next meeting of the ICE (*Agenda Item 15*)

10:00 - 10:15 Other business (*Agenda Item 16*)

10:15 - 10:30 **Coffee break**

10:30 - 12:00 Review and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the ICE (*Agenda Item 17*)

12:00 - 12:30 Closing of the ICE (*Agenda Item 18*)

Mr. Antonio Pedro, Director of the United Nations ECA, Sub Regional Office for Central Africa.

HE Mr César A. Mba Abogo, President of the ICE and Minister of Finance, Economy and Planning of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea