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35th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior  
Officials and Experts for Central Africa (ICE)

*Digital Transformations and Economic Diversification in  
Central Africa: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities*

MALABO | 23 - 27 September 2019

**PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME**

*Monday, September 23, 2019*

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**08:00 - 09:00** Registration of participants

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

**Ms. Maria Coloma Edjang Bengono**, Mayor, Municipality Malabo Central, Guinea Equatorial

**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**

**Moderator:** Ms. NIKWIGIZE Novella, Journalist

**H.E. Mr. Rufino Ovono Ondo**, Minister of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications, Equatorial Guinea

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

**Mr. Ondeke Marcel**, Vice-president, Banque de Développement des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (BDEAC)

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

**Mr. Jean-Francois Le Bihan**, Director, Public Policy, Sub-Saharan Africa, GSM Association (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**  
**Moderator:** Ms. NIKWIGIZE Novella, Journalist

**Mr Innocent Asimwe Mudenge**, Division Manager, Digital Cluster Coordination and Community Development, Rwanda Information Society Authority (RISA)

**Guinee Equatorial**, TBC

**Dr. Eric Tutu Tchao**, Department of Computer Engineering, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana

**Mr. Ibrahim Mamma**, Programme Management Officer, African Digital Centre of Excellence, African Centre for Statistics, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

**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*

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**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

**Moderator:**

**Rapporteur:**

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

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Laura Paez, Chef, Section Market Institutions, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA

**Moderator:**

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

**Moderator:** Mr. Alain Betu, GSMA

**Rapporteur:**

**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*

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**09:00 - 10:30** Special Events: “The status of structural transformation in Central Africa: challenges and opportunities” (*Agenda Item 7*)  
**Moderator:** Mr. Antonio Pedro, Directeur, BSR-AC, CEA

**10:30 - 10:45** **Coffee break**

**10:45 - 11:15** Presentation of the report of activities of the SRO/AC since the 34<sup>th</sup> 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*)  
**Moderator:** Mme. NIKWIGIZE Novella, Journalist

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*Thursday, September 26, 2019*

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**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*)

**Moderator:**

**Rapporteur:**

**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*)

**Moderator:**

**Rapporteur:**

**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*

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**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