Annotated provisional agenda

I. Opening of the session

1. The Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the ninth session of the Committee on Sustainable Development will preside over the official opening of the session. The outgoing Chair will introduce members of the outgoing Bureau and speakers for the opening of the meeting and will then deliver the opening Statement. Ms. Fatima Denton, Director of the Special Initiatives Division, will make a statement on behalf of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

II. Organizational matters

(a) Election of the Bureau of the tenth session of the Committee on Sustainable Development

2. The session will be suspended for a short break after the opening, during which the heads of delegation will confer to elect a Bureau of five members – one chair, three vice-chairs and one rapporteur, who will be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation from the five subregions of Africa. Account will also be taken of the countries represented in the previous Bureaux. The outgoing Chair will present the outcome of the consultations and invite the elected Chair of the tenth session of the Committee on Sustainable Development to assume his or her place on the podium and preside over the deliberations.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

3. The Chair of the tenth session of the Committee will introduce the provisional agenda and programme of work and invite participants at the session to consider adopting them.

III. Introduction and objectives of the session

4. The secretariat will provide an overview of the objectives, format, expected outcomes and outputs of the session, to help the Committee arrive at a common understanding of the work and deliberations.
IV. Presentation and discussions on the parliamentary report: Progress in the implementation of the 2016–2017 work programme of the Economic Commission for Africa subprogramme on innovations, technologies and the management of Africa’s natural resources; and priorities of the subprogramme for the 2018–2019 biennium

5. The presentation and discussions on this agenda item are expected to lead to clear guidance and direction on modalities to enhance implementation of the work programme for the 2016–2017 biennium and to refine priorities for the 2018–2019 strategic framework.

6. There will be six presentations that will provide insights into the work streams of the subprogramme on innovations, technologies and the management of Africa’s natural resources, outlining the main planned outputs, activities carried out, and achievements in the implementation of the work programme for the 2016–2017 biennium and priority areas for the 2018–2019 work programme. General discussions will follow and main issues and recommendations will be synthesized.

V. Theme, dates and venue of the eleventh session of the Committee on Sustainable Development

7. The secretariat will present proposals on the theme, dates and venue for the eleventh session of the Committee for its consideration. The Committee will deliberate on the proposals with a view to reaching agreements on them.

VI. Other matters

8. Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to consider any other matters that may be brought to its attention.

VII. Closing of the session

9. Ms. Denton and the Chair of the Bureau of the tenth session of the Committee will make closing statements.