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**TWENTY-THIRD (23rd) CONFERENCE OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF SENIOR
OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS (23rd ICE) FOR WEST AFRICA**

Virtual Meeting, 26-27 November 2020

Theme

**“Maximizing investments to achieve Optimum Demographic Dynamics in West
Africa in a COVID 19 era: The Imperative of Building Back Better”**

DRAFT AGENDA



TIMING	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE
	Thursday, November 26th, 2020	
9:50am-10:00am	Video on the Socio-Economic Context of West Africa in a Covid-19 era	
Session 1	Opening Ceremony Chair: Mr. Benedict Kolubah, Assistant Minister of Development Planning, Liberia President, Bureau of the ICE 22nd Session	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome remarks by the outgoing chair of the ICE Bureau (3mn) ○ Welcome address by Permanent Secretary, MBNP (3mn) ○ Remarks by Under Secretary General and ECA Executive Secretary ○ Remarks from the Representative the Government of Niger ○ Goodwill Message by the Resident Coordinator, Niger (3) ○ Goodwill Message by the representative of ECOWAS Commission (3mn) ○ Keynote/Opening Address by Hon. Minister of State, Ministry of Budget & National Planning of Federal Republic of Nigeria (10mn) ○ Cultural Entertainment (2mn) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Benedict Kolubah ▪ Mrs. Olusola O. Idowu ▪ Dr. Vera Songwe ▪ H.E, Madam Aichatou Kané ▪ Mrs. Khardiata Ndiaye Lo ▪ Dr Kofi Konadu Apraku, ECOWAS Commissioner for Economic Policy and Economic Research ▪ Prince Clem Ikanade Agba ▪ Unity Dance Troupe
10:30 am: 10:45am	Coffee break	



10:45am –11:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Election of the Bureau of the 23rd Session of the ICE ○ Statement by the elected Bureau Chair ○ Introduction of the delegates ○ Adoption of the agenda and the programme of meeting 	ECA/ Delegates
Session 2:	ECA Statutory Reports and Work Chair: Chair of 23rd Session of the Bureau	
11:00 a.m.-11:15	Report on the implementation of the Programme of Work of the ECA SRO-WA in 2019	ECA
11:15-11:50	Discussion	
11:50-12:10	Social and economic development in Africa and in the world in 2019 and the outlook in 2020 for West African economies	ECA
12:10-13:00	Discussion	
01:00 - 3 :00	Lunch break	
3:00 – 3:15	Report on the implementation of SDGs	ECA
3:15-3:40	Comments and Suggestions	Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on SDGs and other participants
3:40-4:00 pm	Discussion	
4:00 pm-4:15 pm	Coffee break	All Delegates
Session 3:	West Africa in a COVID 19 era: Situation, Policy measures, Actions and Prospects to build back better	
4.15 pm – 4:35 pm	Guest speaker: Professor Leonce Ndikumana, Distinguished Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts	
4:35pm-5:00pm	Discussion	



Friday, 27 November

10:00 am -11am	Round Table: Maximizing investments to achieve Optimum Demographic Dynamics in West Africa in a COVID 19 era: The Imperative of Building Back Better” Moderator: Ngone Diop, Director, SRO-WA	UNOWAS; ECA; ECOWAS; Nigeria Population Commission ; Member States – Think Tanks Prof. Obono, Univ. of Ibadan
11:00am - 11:15am	– Coffee break	All Delegates
Session 4	ECA Continental Initiatives	
11:15am -11:45 pm	Presentation and discussion of ECA’s flagship initiatives	ECA
Session 5	Special session on regional integration	
11:45 -12:15 pm	Presentations from RECs and West African Intergovernmental Organisations	ECOWAS WAEMU MRU Information from other IGOs
Session 6	Preparation and adoption of meeting reports & Closing	
12:15pm -12:45 pm	Review and adoption of the recommendations of the Webinar of think tanks and Experts on Generational economy and structural transformation in COVID 19 era	ECA, Delegates
12:45 -1:15 pm	Preparation of the ICE outcome statement by the Secretariat	ECA, ICE Bureau
1:15 – 1:45 p.m.	Review and adoption of the ICE outcome statement Date and place of the next ICE Meeting Miscellaneous	All Delegates
01:45pm – 2:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Ngone Diop, Director, SRO-WA Head of Delegation, Federal Republic of Nigeria
2:00 p.m. -2:40	Press conference	