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**Economic Commission for Africa
Committee of Experts of the Conference of African
Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**
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Marrakech, Morocco, 20–22 March 2019

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and
programme of work**

Draft programme of work

Wednesday, 20 March

- 8.30–9 a.m. **Opening of the meeting** (agenda item 1)
- Venue: Plenary Hall
- Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts
- Statements:
- Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts
 - Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
 - Representative of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco
- 9–9.45 a.m. **Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work** (agenda item 2)
- 9.45–11 a.m. **Session I**
- Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa** (agenda item 3)
- Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts
- Presentation by the Director of the Macroeconomic and Governance Division
- General discussion
- 11–11.15 a.m. Coffee break

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- 11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Session II**
Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa (agenda item 4)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts
Presentation by the Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division
General discussion
- 12.30–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–4 p.m. **Session III**
Presentation on the theme of the fifty-second session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development: “Fiscal policy, trade and the private sector in a digital era: a strategy for Africa” (agenda item 5)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts
Presentation by the Director of the Macroeconomic and Governance Division
General discussion
- 4–4.15 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.15–5.30 p.m. **Session III**
Presentation on the theme of the fifty-second session (cont.)
General discussion
- 5.30 p.m. Reception

Thursday, 21 March

- 9–10.45 a.m. **Session IV**
Statutory issues (agenda item 6)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts
The following statutory issues will be considered:
- Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of ECA (covering the period April 2018 to March 2019), presented by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division
 - Report on the follow-up by the Economic Commission for Africa to the resolutions of the fifty-first session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Annual Meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, presented by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Results and Oversight Division
 - Report on the fourth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, presented by the Director of the Technology,

Climate Change, and Natural Resource
Management Division

	General discussion
10.45–11 a.m.	Coffee break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Session V
	Statutory issues (cont.)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the review of the intergovernmental structure of the Economic Commission for Africa, presented by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division • ECA 2020 Programme Plan and Budget, presented by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division and Director of the Division of Administration
	General discussion
12.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30–4 p.m.	Session VI
	Statutory issues (cont.)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa, presented by the Director of the African Centre for Statistics • Report on the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts, presented by the Director of the Subregional Office for Southern Africa
	General discussion
4–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15–6 p.m.	Session VII
	Statutory issues (cont.)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, presented by the Director of the African Institute of Economic Development and Planning • Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, presented by the Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division • Financing railway stock to be presented by the Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division
	General discussion

Friday, 22 March

9–10.30 a.m.	Session VIII
	Statutory issues (agenda item 6) (cont.)

- Progress made in the implementation of the priority areas of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 (Istanbul Programme of Action), presented by the Director of the Macroeconomic and Governance Division
- Report on the mid-term review of the Vienna Programme of Action, presented by the Director of the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

General discussion

10.30–10.45 a.m.

Coffee break

10.45–11.15 a.m.

Date, venue and theme of the fifty-third session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (agenda item 7)

11.15–11.30 a.m.

Other matters (agenda item 8)

11.30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committee of Experts

12.30–2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

4–6 p.m.

Session IX

Consideration and adoption of the draft report on the meeting of the Committee of Experts and consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions (agenda item 9)

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts

Presentation of the draft report by the rapporteur of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts

6–6.30 p.m.

Closing of the meeting (agenda item 10)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts

Statements:

- Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts