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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

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

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The opening session will be presided over by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts, until a new Bureau is elected. Opening statements will be delivered by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and a representative of the Government of Morocco.

2. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/COE/38/1/Rev.1)

Provisional programme of work (E/ECA/COE/38/INF/1/Rev.4)

The composition of the new Bureau will be announced following consultations. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, three Vice-Chairs and one rapporteur, to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. The composition of the Bureau of the previous sessions is set out in the annex to the present document. The incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings following brief remarks. As in the previous session, the Committee of Experts may decide to establish an ad hoc working group to work on the draft report and resolutions. The group will have 10 members composed of two members from each of the five subregional groups, normally drawn from the outgoing and incoming Bureaux. The working group will be chaired by the first Vice-Chair of the Bureau. The Committee will also be invited to consider and adopt the draft provisional agenda and programme of work, subject to such amendments as deemed necessary.

*E/ECA/COE/38/1/Rev.1.

3. Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/2)

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present an overview of economic and social developments in Africa in 2018. The presentation will highlight recent developments in the global economy and their implications for Africa. It will include an analysis of trends in the subregions and regional economic performances, including trends in social development and the continent's growth prospects, links between structural change and social development, and risks and uncertainties associated with the medium-term growth performance of Africa. This will be followed by a general discussion on the main policy issues and recommendations highlighted in the presentation.

4. Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/3)

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present a progress report on the status of regional integration in Africa, including highlights of key challenges and constraints. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion on key issues noted by the secretariat.

5. 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"

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/15)

The secretariat will give a brief presentation to introduce the theme of the fifty-second session, drawing on the issues paper. The paper focuses on the centrality of fiscal policy to improve resource mobilization and competitiveness, leveraging the role of technology. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion.

6. Statutory issues

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give presentations on various statutory issues relating to its work and its subsidiary organs. The Committee of Experts may wish to consider and offer recommendations to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for further guidance and action, as appropriate. In 2019, the following statutory reports will be brought to the attention of the Committee:

(a) Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa (covering the period April 2018 to March 2019)

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/14)

The report highlights the main achievements of ECA during the reporting period from April 2018 to March 2019. It provides a synoptic overview of the major events and activities undertaken in response to the broad mandate of ECA to foster economic and social development in Africa.

The Committee of Experts is invited to review the report and provide guidance and comments on the activities of the secretariat.

(b) Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the fifty-first session of the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, and other ministerial recommendations of relevance to the Commission

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/4)

The document includes summaries of the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions adopted at the fifty-first Annual Meetings of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development:

Resolution 956(LI): African Institute for Economic Development and Planning;

Resolution 957(LI): Review of the intergovernmental structure of the Economic Commission for Africa;

Resolution 958(LI): Implementation of international migration programmes in Africa;

Resolution 959(LI): Revised strategic framework and biennial programme plan of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 2018-2019;

Resolution 960(LI): Harnessing the potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area and creating fiscal space for jobs and economic diversification;

Resolution 961(LI): Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the progress made and provide the secretariat with further guidance for the effective implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

(c) 2020 Programme Plan and Budget of the Economic Commission for Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/12)

This report provides the programme plan for the programmes of ECA for 2020. The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the programme plan with a view to endorsing it.

(d) Report on the review of the inter-governmental structure of the Economic Commission for Africa pursuant to resolution 957(LI)

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/5)

The document sets out the findings and recommendations of the review of the intergovernmental structure of ECA, as mandated in resolution 957(LI). The Committee is invited to take note of the findings of the report, with a view to endorsing the recommendations.

(e) Report on the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa and reports by the subsidiary bodies

Documentation

Report on the Sixth Statistical Commission (E/ECA/STATCOM VI/11)

Report on the fourth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development pursuant to resolution 961(LI) (E/ECA/COE/38/10)

Reports on the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ECA/WA/ICE/21/01D, ECA/SA/ICE/XXIV/2018/8, ECA/NA/ICE/33/5, ECA/EA/ICE/22, ECA/CA/ICE/XXXIV/18)

Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development pursuant to resolution 956(LI) (E/ECA/COE/38/8)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on the subsidiary bodies of ECA and the reports submitted by those bodies. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, and to provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the subsidiary bodies of ECA.

(f) Report on the United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/6)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on the United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme and provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the programme.

(g) Report on financing railway rolling stock: a new solution for Africa

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/15)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on financing railway rolling stock in Africa. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the progress report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

(h) Progress 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)

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/7)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the progress report on the implementation of the priority areas of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the progress report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

(i) Report on the midterm review of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024: A focus on the Africa Region

Documentation

(E/ECA/CRCI/10/9)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the Report on the Midterm review of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024: A focus on the Africa Region. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

7. Date, venue and theme of the fifty-third session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Documentation

(E/ECA/COE/38/16)

The fifty-third session of the Conference of Ministers will be held in Addis Ababa in March 2020, unless the Conference of Ministers decides otherwise.

The Committee of Experts may also wish to consider the theme proposed by the secretariat for the fifty-third session and to provide comments thereon, with a view to endorsing it for submission to the Conference of Ministers for approval.

8. Other matters

The Committee of Experts may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

9. Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee of Experts; consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions

The Committee of Experts will consider and adopt a draft report of its meeting setting out major recommendations and draft resolutions based on the agenda of the meeting for submission to the Conference of Ministers.

10. Closing of the meeting

The secretariat will make brief closing remarks. The Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts will summarize the main outcomes of the deliberations and declare the meeting closed.

Annex

Members of the Bureau of the Commission

Year (Venue)	Chair	First Vice-Chair	Second Vice-Chair	Third Vice-Chair	Rapporteur
2001 (Algiers)	Algeria (NA)	Tanzania (EA)	Gabon (CA)	Mali (WA)	South Africa (SA)
2002 (Johannesburg)	South Africa (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Ghana (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Sudan (NA)
2003 (Addis Ababa)	South Africa (SA)	Cameron (CA)	Ghana (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Sudan (NA)
2004 (Kampala)	Uganda (EA)	Niger (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Zambia (SA)
2005 (Abuja)	Nigeria (WA)	Egypt (NA)	Congo (CA)	Lesotho (SA)	Ethiopia (EA)
2006 (Ouagadougou)	Burkina Faso (WA)	Congo (CA)	Libya (NA)	Burundi (EA)	Swaziland (SA)
2007 (Addis Ababa)	Ethiopia (EA)	Swaziland (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Tunisia (NA)	Liberia (WA)
2008 (Addis Ababa)	Ethiopia (EA)	Chad (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Swaziland (SA)
2009 (Cairo)	Egypt (NA)	Chad (CA)	Zimbabwe (SA)	Benin (WA)	Kenya (EA)
2010 (Lilongwe)	Malawi (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Cameroon (CA)	Morocco (NA)
2011 (Addis Ababa)	Guinea (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Central African Republic (CA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)
2012 (Addis Ababa)	Gabon (CA)	Libya (NA)	Swaziland (SA)	Eritrea (EA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)
2013 (Abidjan)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Algeria (NA)	Lesotho (SA)	Cameroon (CA)
2014 (Abuja)	Nigeria (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)
2015 (Addis Ababa)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Egypt (NA)	Gabon (CA)	South Africa (SA)	Guinea (WA)
2016 (Addis Ababa)	South Africa (SA)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Uganda (EA)

2017 (Dakar)	Senegal (WA)		Chad (CA)	Kenya (EA)	South Africa (SA)
2018 (Addis Ababa)	Sudan (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Lesotho (SA)	Senegal (WA)
