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Marrakech, Morocco, 25 and 26 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

Monday, 25 March

9–10 a.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

Moderator: Mark Eddo, Chief Executive Officer,
Mark Eddo Media

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau

Opening statements:

- Mustafa Yousif Holi, State Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Sudan, Chair of the outgoing Bureau
- Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, ECA

Statements by special guests:

- Duvvuri Subbarao, Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India
- Hala El-Said, Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, Egypt
- Omar Hilale, Vice President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council
- Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations

Official opening address: Mohamed Benchaaboun, Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco

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- 10–10.30 a.m. **Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work** (agenda item 2)
- 10.30–11 a.m. Coffee break
Group photograph
Press conference
- 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **High-level ministerial policy dialogue on the theme of the fifty-second session of the Commission: “Fiscal policy, trade and the private sector in the digital era: a strategy for Africa”** (agenda item 3)
Venue: Plenary Hall
Chair: Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, ECA
Lead speaker: Cesar Purisima, Former Secretary of Finance of the Republic of the Philippines
Panellists:
 - Goodwell Mateyo, President of the Chamber of Mines, Zambia
 - Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
 - Moctar Ould Djay, Minister of Finance, Mauritania
 - Amadou Ba, Minister of Economics, Finance and Planning, Senegal
 - Martina Garcia, Head of Emerging Markets Strategy, London Stock Exchange Group
 - Li Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
 - Hayat Essakati, Chief Executive Officer, Maroc4Invest
- 12.30–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
2019 Adebayo Adedeji Lecture
The digital transformation of Africa: hype or reality?
- 2.30 p.m.–5.45 p.m. **High-level round-table discussions** (agenda item 4)
- 2.30 p.m.–4 p.m. **Round table 1: Enhancing fiscal policy through digitization**
Venue: Plenary Hall
Chair: Jean-Claude Kassi Brou, President of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
Lead speaker: Mohamed Maait, Minister of Finance, Egypt

Panellists:

- Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance, Ethiopia
- Tawanda Sibanda, Partner, McKinsey
- Amel Saidane, President of Tunisia Startups
- Chuks Okoriekwe, Country Lead, Youth Alliance for Leadership and Development, Nigeria
- Natalie Jabangwe, Chief Executive Officer, EcoCash

4–4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

4.15–5.45 p.m.

Round table 2: Trade and private sector development in the digital era

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Ilyas Moussa Dawaleh, Minister of Economy and Finance, Djibouti

Lead speaker: Arancha Gonzalez, Executive Director, International Trade Centre

Panellists:

- Anna Ekeledo, Executive Director, AfriLabs
- Moulay Hafid Elalamy, Minister of Industry, Trade & New Technologies, Morocco
- Marie Françoise Marie-Nelly, Country Director for the Maghreb and Malta, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank
- Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary-General and Director, United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Africa
- Axel Emmanuel Gbaou, Artisan Chocolatier, Instant Chocolate

7.30 p.m.

Gala dinner

Venue: Salle Orion

Launch of *ECA – 60 Years in Step with African Development***Tuesday, 26 March**

9–11 a.m.

Consideration of recommendations and adoption of resolutions (agenda item 5)

Venue: Plenary Hall

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m.	Consideration and adoption of the ministerial statement (agenda item 6) Venue: Plenary Hall Chair: Chair of the Bureau
12.15–12.45 p.m.	Other matters (agenda item 7)
12.45–1 p.m.	Closing of the session (agenda item 8) Venue: Plenary Hall Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe• Chair of the Bureau
1–1.30 p.m.	Press conference
