Draft programme of work

Wednesday, 18 March

9–9.30 a.m.  Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
Venue: United Nations Conference Centre
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 Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

9.30–9.45 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
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 p.m. Lunch break

2–4 p.m. **Session III**

Presentation on the theme of the fifty-third session of the Commission (agenda item 5)

**Chair:** Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts

Presentation (tbc)

**General discussion**

4–4.15 p.m. Coffee break

4.15–5.30 p.m. **Session III**

Presentation on the theme of the fifty-third session (cont.)

**General discussion**

5.30 p.m. Reception

**Thursday, 19 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 2019 to March 2020), 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-second 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

**General discussion**

10.45–11 a.m. Coffee break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.  
**Session V**

**Statutory issues** (cont.)
- Proposed Programme Plan for 2021, presented by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division
- Proposed Programme Budget for 2021, presented by the Director of the Division of Administration

**General discussion**

12.30–2 p.m.  
Lunch break

2–4.30 p.m.  
**Session VI**

**Statutory issues** (cont.)
- Report on the first session of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology, presented by the Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division
- Report on the meeting of the third session of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender, presented by the Director of the Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division
- Report on the fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, presented by the Director of the Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division

**General discussion**

4.30–4.45 p.m.  
Coffee break

4.45–6.30 p.m.  
**Session VII**

**Statutory issues** (cont.)
- Report on the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts, presented by (tbc)
- 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

**General discussion**

Friday, 20 March

9–11 a.m.  
**Session VIII**

**Statutory issues** (agenda item 6) (cont.)
- 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
- 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 Vienna Programme of Action, presented by the Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division

**General discussion**

11–11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.15–11.45 a.m. **Date, venue and theme of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission** (agenda item 7)

11.45 a.m.–12 noon **Other matters** (agenda item 8)

12 noon –4 p.m. Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committee of Experts

12.30–2 p.m. Lunch break

4–6 p.m. **Session IX**

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

**Venue:** United Nations Conference Centre

**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:**

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