Draft programme of work

Theme: Enhancing the effectiveness of fiscal policy for domestic resources mobilization

Saturday, 6 June

14:00 – 15:00 hours Opening of the Conference

- Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the outgoing Bureau of the Conference.
- Opening remarks by Mr. Abdouli Janneh, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- Opening remarks by Mr. Jean Ping, Chairman of the African Union Commission
- Opening statement by a high-level representative of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt

15:00 – 15:15 hours Coffee/tea break

15:15 – 15:45 hours Election of the Bureau

15:45 – 16:00 hours Adoption of the draft agenda and programme of work

Session I: Ministerial policy debates

16:00 – 19:00 hours Panel 1: Implications of the global financial and economic crisis for Africa’s long-term development
• Introductory statement by His Excellency Dr. Youssef Boutros-Ghali, Minister of Finance, Arab Republic of Egypt

• Africa and the global economic crisis: challenges and opportunities - Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission

• Economic and social dimensions of the crisis, including the United Nations response - Mr. Sha Zukang, United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

• Addressing the impact of the crisis on food security, agriculture and sustainable development - Mr. Cyril Nwanze, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development

• Additional compensatory measures and development financing for African countries: Implications of the “Group of 20” April Declaration for Africa, including the role of the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank - Dr. Leonce Ndikumana, Research Director, African Development Bank

**General interactive discussion**

19:00 – 21:00 hours  Reception

**Sunday, 7 June**  Session I: Ministerial policy debates (continued)

08:30 – 11:00 hours  Panel 2: Fiscal policy and domestic resources mobilization: Africa’s policy options

• Reflections on effective fiscal policy for domestic resources mobilization in the context of the financial crisis – Prof. John Weeks, former Director, Development Policy Research Centre, University of London

• Fiscal policy formulation to address the long-term development and social impact of the crisis – Mr. Zia Qureshi, Senior Advisor, the World Bank

• Taxation, debt sustainability and domestic resources mobilization - Mr. Trevor Manuel, Minister of National Planning, Republic of South Africa

• The role of Official Development Assistance in enhancing domestic resources mobilization: the experience of Ethiopia – Ato Sufian Ahmed, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
• Good governance and domestic resources mobilization - Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, the South Centre

- General interactive discussion

11:00 – 11:15 hours Coffee/tea break

11:15 – 12:45 hours Session II: Consideration of the report and major recommendations of the meeting of the Committee of Experts of the 2nd Joint Annual Meetings of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development


13:30 – 15:00 hours Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:30 hours Joint Economic Commission for Africa-Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development side event on aid effectiveness

16:30 – 18:00 hours Session IV: Consideration and adoption of the draft Ministerial Policy Statement articulating Africa’s common position on the theme of the Conference and strategy for addressing the long-term impact of the global financial and economic crisis on Africa

18:00 – 18:15 hours Any other business

18:15 – 19:00 hours Closing of the Conference