Draft Programme of Work

Theme: Promoting high-level sustainable growth to reduce unemployment in Africa

Thursday, 25 March

9.30 – 10.30 a.m.  Opening of the meeting

10.30 – 10.45 a.m. Election of the Bureau

10.45 – 11 a.m.  Adoption of the draft agenda and programme of work

11 – 11.15 a.m.  Coffee/Tea Break

11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  Session I: Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa

12.30 – 1.30 p.m.  Session II: Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa

1.30 – 2.45 p.m.  Lunch Break

2.45 – 4.45 p.m.  Session III: Africa Regional Review of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and African Common Position on MDGs
4.45 – 5 p.m. Coffee/Tea Break

5 – 7 p.m.

**Session IV: Follow-up to the outcomes of major UN and AU Conferences and Summits, including the 2009 Joint Annual Meetings of the AUC and ECA**

a. *Report on the outcome of the Africa regional review of Progress in the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010*

b. *Progress report on the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development*

c. *Progress report of the 10th Regional Consultation Mechanism of United Nations agencies working in Africa in support of the African Union and its NEPAD programme*

d. *Climate change and development*

e. *Progress report on the implementation of the 2004 Ouagadougou Declaration on Employment and Poverty Alleviation and similar commitments*

f. *Strategy for the harmonization of statistics and implementation of the African Charter on Statistics*

7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Reception

**Friday, 26 March**

9.30 – 10.45 a.m. **Session V: Presentation and discussion on the theme of the Conference: Promoting high-level sustainable growth to reduce unemployment in Africa**

10.45 – 11 p.m. Coffee/Tea Break

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Session V (continued): Presentation and discussion on the theme of the Conference: Promoting high-level sustainable growth to reduce unemployment in Africa**

1 – 2.30 p.m. Lunch Break

2.30 – 3.30 p.m. **Session V (Continued): Presentation and discussion on the theme of the Conference: Promoting high-level sustainable growth to reduce unemployment in Africa**

3.30 – 3.45 p.m. Coffee/Tea Break

3.45 – 6 p.m. **Session VI: Statutory issues**

- *Presentation and consideration of the ECA Annual Report, 2010*
• Presentation and consideration of ECA’s proposed biennial programme of work, 2012-2013 and ECA Business Plan, 2010-2012
• Presentation and consideration of ECA’s Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2008-2009
• Presentation and consideration of the document entitled “Recent organizational changes in ECA: Note by the Executive Secretary”
• Presentation and consideration of the independent external evaluation report on ECA’s Sub-regional Offices (SROs)
• Presentation and consideration of the report on the repositioning of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)
• Presentation and consideration of the progress report on the implementation of the Africa-EU Joint Strategy and First Action Plan

Saturday, 27 March

9.30 – 10.30 a.m. Session VI (continued): Statutory issues

10.30 – 10.45 a.m. Coffee/Tea Break

10.45 – 11.15 a.m. Any other business

11.15 a.m. – Sunday Recess/Preparation of the draft report by the secretariat

Sunday, 28 March

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Side Events

• Financial regulatory models in the knowledge economy for sustainable socio-economic development (Plenary Hall)

2 – 5 p.m. Parallel Side Events

• Illicit Financial Flows from Africa: Hidden Resources for Development (Rukuru)
• Presentation on IDEP: New Directions in Capacity Building for Development Planning and Economic Management in Africa (Crossroads Auditorium)

5 – 7 p.m. Session VII: Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee of Experts and draft resolutions

7 – 7.30 p.m. Closing of the meeting

• Closing remarks by Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, AUC
• Closing remarks by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, ECA
• Wrap-up by the Chairperson of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts