Provisional programme of work

Thursday, 23 March

9-9.30 a.m.  Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
Venue: Amphithéatre, King Fahd Palace Hotel
Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committees of Experts
Statements:
• Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committees of Experts
• H.E. Mr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner of Economic Affairs, African Union Commission
• Ms. Giovanie Biha, Deputy Executive Secretary, Knowledge Delivery, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
• H.E. Mr. Birima Mangama, Minister of Budget, Senegal

9.30-9.45 a.m.  Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 2)

9.45-10.45 a.m.  Session I: Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa (agenda item 3)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts
Presentation: Mr. Adam Elhiraika, Director, Macroeconomic Policy Division, ECA
General discussion

10.45-11.45 a.m. Session II: Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa (agenda item 4)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts
Presentation: Dr. Rene Kouassi, Director, African Union Commission
General discussion

11.45-noon Coffee break

Noon-1 p.m. Session III: Statistical development in Africa: achievements, challenges and perspectives (agenda item 5)
Venue: Adriana, King Fahd Palace Hotel
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts
Presentation: African Union Commission
General discussion

1-2 p.m. Lunch break

2-4.30 p.m. Session IV: Presentation on the theme of the tenth Joint Annual Meetings: “Growth, inequality and unemployment” (agenda item 6)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts
Presentation on the theme of the tenth Joint Annual Meetings
General discussion

4.30-4.45 p.m. Coffee break

4.45-6.30 p.m. Session V: Statutory issues of the Economic Commission for Africa (agenda item 7)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts
The following statutory issues will be considered:

- Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa (covering the period April 2016 to March 2017)
- Report on follow-up to the resolutions of the ninth Joint Annual Meetings
- Review of the intergovernmental structure of the Economic Commission for Africa pursuant to resolution 943 (XLIX)

General discussion

6.30 p.m. Reception
Friday, 24 March

9-10.30 a.m.  **Session V (continued)**  
Venue: Amphithéâtre, King Fahd Palace Hotel  
- Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019  
- Report on the Committee on Statistics  

General discussion

10.30-noon  **Session V (continued)**  
- Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning  
- Report on the second session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development  
- Progress in the implementation of the priority areas of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020  

General discussion

Noon-12.15 p.m.  Coffee break

12.15-1.45 p.m.  **Session VI: Statutory issues of the African Union Commission** (agenda item 8)  
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts  
Presentations: Department of Economic Affairs, African Union Commission  
The following statutory issues will be considered:  
- Pan-African Investment Code  
- African Inclusive Markets Centre of Excellence  
- Revised Pan-African Stock Exchange  

General discussion

1.45-2.45 p.m.  Lunch break

2.45-4.30 p.m.  **Session VI (continued)**  
- Report of the Committee of Ten Finance Ministers on the 0.2 per cent levy on imports for financing the Union  
- Commodities strategy  
- Continental free trade area  
- Productivity issues in Africa  

General discussion

4.30-4.45 p.m.  Coffee break

4.45-6.15 p.m.  **Session VI (continued)**
- Report of the annual meeting of directors general of national statistics offices in Africa
- Agenda 2063: implementation report – validation, monitoring and evaluation framework and domestic resource mobilization strategy
- Harnessing the demographic dividend through investment in children
- Report of the eighth meeting of the African Union Subcommittee of Directors General of Customs

General discussion

6.15-6.30 p.m. Date, venue and theme of the eleventh Joint Annual Meetings (agenda item 9)

6.30-7 p.m. Other matters (agenda item 10)

Saturday, 25 March

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committees of Experts

4-6 p.m. Session VII: Consideration and adoption of the draft report on the meeting of the Committees of Experts; consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions (agenda item 11)

Venue: Amphithéatre, King Fahd Palace Hotel

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts

Presentation of the draft report by the Rapporteur of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts

6-6.30 p.m. Closing of the meeting (agenda item 12)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts

Statements:

- H.E. Mr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission
- Ms. Giovanie Biha, Deputy Executive Secretary, Knowledge Delivery, ECA
- Chair of the Bureau