Provisional programme of work

Monday, 27 March

9-11 a.m. Opening of the session (agenda item 1)
Moderator: Ms. Zeinab Badawi, Chair of the Royal African Society
Venue: Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD
Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau
Opening statements:
- Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa
- H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission
Statements by special guests:
- Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the United Nations General Assembly
Official opening address: H.E. Mr. Mahammed Boun Abdallah Dionne, Prime Minister of Senegal

11-11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.15-11.30 a.m. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 2)
11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.  **High-level ministerial policy dialogue on the theme of the tenth Joint Annual Meetings:** “Growth, inequality and unemployment”  (agenda item 3)

**Venue:** Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Amadou Ba, Minister of Economy, Finance, and Planning, Senegal

**Panellists:**
- H.E. Mr. Mahamudu Bawumia, Vice-President of Ghana
- H.E. Ms. Ingrid Olga Ghislaine Ebouka Babackas, Minister of Planning and Integration, Congo
- Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa

1.30-2.30 p.m.  **Lunch break**

2.30-6.45 p.m.  **High-level round-table discussions** (agenda item 4)

2.30-3.30 p.m.  **Round table 1: Strategies for sustainable and inclusive growth**

**Venue:** Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD

**Chair:** H.E Hon. Matia Kasaija, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda

**Lead discussant:** Mr. Ibrahim Ahmed Elbadawi, Managing Director, Economic Research Forum

**Panellists:**
- Prof. Lemma Senbet, Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium
- Ms. Fatima Haram Acyl, Former Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission
- H.E. Mr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission
- Mr. Logan Wort, Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum

3.30-4.30 p.m.  **Round table 2: Priorities for addressing inequalities at the national and regional levels**

**Venue:** Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD

**Chair:** H.E. Hon. Lucky Mulusa, M.P., Minister of National Development Planning, Zambia

**Lead discussant:** Prof. Avom Désiré, Professor of Economics, Dschang University, Cameroon
Panellists:

- H.E.Ms. Aissatou Boulama Kané, Minister of Planning, Niger
- Hon. Tom Alweendo, Minister in the Presidency, National Planning Commission, Namibia
- Mr. Aeneas Chuma, Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for ILO Africa
- Mr. Alberic Kacou, Vice-President, African Development Bank

4.30-4.45 p.m. Coffee break
4.45-5.45 p.m. **Round table 3: Policy approaches for promoting sustainable and inclusive employment**

Venue: Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD

Chair: H.E Mr. Miguel Engonga Obiang Eyang, Minister of Finance and Budget, Equatorial Guinea

Lead discussant: Prof. Frank Lisk, Centre for the Study of Globalization and Regionalization

Panellists:

- H.E. Hon. Obert Mpofu, M.P., Minister of Macroeconomic Planning and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe
- Mr. Ousmane Kane, former Minister and former Governor of the Central Bank of Mauritania
- Prof. John Lungu, Copperbelt University, Zambia
- Mr. Marcel Alain de Souza, President, ECOWAS Commission

5.45-6.45 p.m. 2017 Adebayo Adedeji lecture, delivered by H.E. Mr. Oluyemi Osinbajo, Vice-President of Nigeria

6.45 p.m. Reception

Venue: TBD

**Tuesday, 28 March**

9.30-9.40 a.m. Presentation on the African Union theme of the year: “Harnessing the demographic dividend through investments in youth”

9.40-9.50 a.m. Presentation of the outcome of the eighteenth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa

9.50-10.15 a.m. Statement by H.E. Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava, President of the Economic and Social Council

10.15-11.45 a.m. **Economic Commission for Africa statutory segment: consideration of recommendations and adoption of draft resolutions** (agenda item 5)

Venue: Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD
Chair: Chair of the Bureau

11.45-noon
Coffee break

Noon -1.30 p.m.
African Union Commission statutory segment: consideration of recommendations and adoption of draft resolutions (agenda item 6)
Venue: Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD
Chair: Chair of the Bureau

1.30-2.30 p.m.
Lunch break

2.30-3.30 p.m.
Consideration and adoption of the draft ministerial statement (agenda item 7)
Venue: Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD
Chair: Chair of the Bureau

3.30-4 p.m.
Other matters (agenda item 8)

4-4.30 p.m.
Closing of the session (agenda item 9)
Venue: Plenary Hall (Salle Ovale), CICAD

Statements:

- Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa
- H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission
- Chair of the Bureau

4.30-5 p.m.
Press conference