The 24th Session of the Inter-Governmental Committee of Experts (ICE) (Senior Government Officials) of Southern Africa

Theme: *Blue Economy, Inclusive Industrialization and Economic Development in Southern Africa*

18 – 21 September 2018
Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK
DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 18 September 2018

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 10:00 Agenda Item 1: Opening Session

- Opening Remarks (ECA)
- Remarks (Chair of 23rd ICE Bureau)
- Remarks (UN RC)
- Remarks (AUC)
- Keynote Address (Government of Mauritius)

10:00 - 10:30 MEDIA BRIEFING/INTERVIEWS and TEA/COFFEE BREAK

10:30 - 10:45 Agenda Item 2
Election of the Bureau and Adoption of the Agenda/Programme of Work

10:45 - 11:30 Agenda Item 3 (a)
Report on Economic and Social Conditions in Southern Africa - ECA/SRO-SA

11:30 - 12:00 Agenda Item 3 (b)

12:00 - 12:30 Agenda Item 3 (c)
Report on the Implementation of Regional and International Agendas and Other Special Initiatives in the Sub region: Progress and Status of the Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) - ECA/ATPC

12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:30 Agenda Item 4
Presentation of an Issues paper on: Blue Economy, Inclusive Industrialization and Economic Development in Southern Africa

15:30 - 15:50 Discussants

16:00 - 16:30 Open discussions

16:30 - 17:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK
DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

09:00 - 10:30 Agenda Item 5 (a)  
Panel Discussion: The Private Sector and the Blue Economy: production, investments and accelerated economic growth, poverty reduction and development

10:30 - 11:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 13:00 Agenda Item 5 (b)  
Panel Discussion: The role of landlocked and land-linked countries in the Blue Economy

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:30 Agenda Item 5 (c)  
Panel Discussion: Strengthening collaboration in the Blue Economy sector amongst coastal countries

15:30 - 16:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

18:30 - 21:00 Ministerial/High Level Roundtable (Cocktail hosted by the Government of Mauritius)

DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

08:00 - 18:00 Agenda Item 6  
Joint SADC-UNECA AEGM: The Role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Industrialization Process in Southern Africa

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:30 Opening Session and Election of the Bureau

09:30 - 10:30 Presentation of a report on: The Role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Industrialization Process in Southern Africa

10:30 - 11:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 11:30 Discussants
11:30 - 13:00 Open discussions
13:00 - 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**
14:00 - 17:30 AEGM (continued)
17:30 - 18:00 Closure of AEGM

**DAY FOUR: FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2018**

10:00 - 10:30 **Agenda Item 7**
Presentation, review and adoption of the Outcome Statement (The Pointe aux Piments Communiqué)

10:30 - 11:00 **Agenda Item 8**
Host/venue and date of the next ICE Meeting (2019)

11:00 - 12:00 **Agenda Item 9**
Closing Ceremony

- Statement of appreciation by Delegates
- Closing remarks by ECA
- Official closing statement by the 24th ICE Host (Mauritius)

13:00 – 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00 – 17:00 Site/Industrial Visit(s)