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AD HOC EXPERT GROUP MEETING

Theme:

***“Implications of ECOWAS potential expansion and the
African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)”***

25-26 June 2018, Benin Royal Hotel, Benin, Cotonou

PROPOSED AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

May 2018

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Opening ceremony;
2. Election of bureau and adoption of work programme;
3. Presentation of meeting objectives;
4. Examining of main results of ECA preliminary study on: “Implications of ECOWAS potential expansion and the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)”;
5. Presentations by experts on topics in close relation to: “Implications of ECOWAS potential expansion and the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)”;
6. Examining and adoption of the EGM conclusions and recommendations;
7. Closing ceremony.

PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

HOUR	INTERVENTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
MONDAY 25 JUNE		
08:30– 09:30	Participants registration	Secretariat
09:30– 9:45	Opening ceremony (agenda item point 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome remarks ○ Opening remarks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECA/SROWA Director ▪ Ministry in charge of Planning and Development, Benin
09:45– 10:30	Election of bureau and adoption of work programme (agenda item point 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction of participants ○ Election of Bureau ○ Adoption of work programme 	Meeting Bureau chair
10:30–10 :45	Coffee Break	Secretariat
10:45– 11:00	Meeting objectives and expected results (agenda item point 3)	ECA/SROWA
11:00–13:00	Presentation of preliminary results of the study on: “Implications of ECOWAS potential expansion and Africa Continental Free Trade Area (Agenda item point 4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theoretical framework and analysis methodology ○ Preliminary results ○ Discussions 	IFPRI ECA/SROWA
13 :00-14 :30	Lunch	Secretariat
14 :30-16 :00	AfCFTA Tariff line identification methodology and Economic Implications (Agenda item point 4)	ECA/ATPC
16 :00-16 :15	Coffee Break	Secretariat
16 :15-17 :00	Africa-Morocco-Arabic country trade relations: Lessons an Association success with ECOWAS (Agenda item point 5)	M. LAHOUAL KOUIDER
17 :00-17 :45	Experts’ presentations (Agenda item point 5)	Experts (To be specified)

HOUR	INTERVENTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2018		
09:00-09:45	Aid for Trade and connection to global value chains: Some lessons from ECOWAS on economic growth (Agenda item point 5)	Dr LAURENT OLOUKOI
09 :45-10 :30	Free trade between ECOWAS countries: the case of agro-food products (Agenda item point 5)	Dr ALAIN BABATOUNDE
10 :30-10 :45	Coffee Break	Secretariat
10 :45-11 :30	Experts' presentations (Agenda item point 5)	Experts (To be specified)
11 :30-13 :00	Meeting conclusions and recommendations Note drafting by the bureau with Secretariat support	Meeting Bureau
13 :00-14 :30	Lunch	Secretariat
14 :30-15 :30	Examining and adoption of the meeting conclusions and recommendations (Agenda item point 6)	Meeting bureau Chair
15 :30-16 :00	Closing ceremony remarks (Agenda item point 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECA/SROWA Director ▪ Ministry in charge of Planning and Development, Benin