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**Economic Commission for Africa
Committee of Experts of the Conference of African
Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**
Thirty-ninth meeting

Addis Ababa (hybrid), 17–19 March 2021

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and
programme of work**

Draft programme of work

Wednesday, 17 March

11–11.30 a.m.	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1) Venue: United Nations Conference Centre/Hybrid Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts• Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe• Representative of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
11.30–11.45 a.m.	Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 2)
11.45 a.m.–1 p.m.	Session I Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (agenda item 3) Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts Presentation by Hopestone Chavula , Officer-in-Charge, Macroeconomic Analysis Section of the Macroeconomic and Governance Division General discussion
1–1.15 p.m.	Health break

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- 1.15–2 p.m. **Session II**
Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (agenda item 4)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts
Presentation by **Stephen Karingi**, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division
General discussion
- 2–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–6 p.m. **Session III**
Presentation on the theme of the fifty-third session of the Commission (agenda item 5)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts
Presentation by **Stephen Karingi**, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division
General discussion

Thursday, 18 March

- 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Session IV**
Statutory issues (agenda item 6)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee 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 2020 to March 2021), presentation by **Said Adejumobi**, Director, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division
 - Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the fifty-second session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, and the resolutions of the extraordinary meeting of the Bureau of the Economic Commission for Africa, held at the ministerial level in April 2020, presentation by **Daya Bragante**, Chief, Corporate Policy Planning, Monitoring and Reporting Section, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division
- General discussion**
- 12.30–12.45 p.m. Health break
- 12.45–2.15 p.m. **Session V**
Statutory issues (agenda item 6) (continued)
- Recent organizational changes in the ECA secretariat: note by the Executive Secretary,

presentation by **Said Adejumobi**, Director,
Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division

- Proposed programme plan for 2022, presentation by **Daya Bragante**, Chief, Corporate Policy Planning, Monitoring and Reporting Section, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division
- Proposed programme budget for 2022, presentation by **Carlos Haddad**, Director, Division of Administration

General discussion

2.15–3.15 p.m.

Lunch break

3.15–5.15 p.m.

Session VI

Statutory issues (agenda item 6) (continued)

- Report on the first session of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology, presentation by **Francis Ikome**, Chief, Regional Integration Section, Regional Integration and Trade Division
- Report on the third session of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender, presentation by **Edlam Abera Yemeru**, Chief, Urbanization Section, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division
- Reports on the fifth and sixth sessions of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, presentation by **Nassim Oulmane**, Chief, Green and Blue Economy Section, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division

General discussion

5.15–5.30 p.m.

Health break

5.30–7.30 p.m.

Session VII

Statutory issues (agenda item 6) (continued)

- Report on the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committees of Senior Officials and Experts, presentation by **Ngone Diop**, Director, Subregional Office for West Africa
- Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, presentation by **Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane**, Director, African Institute of Economic Development and Planning
- Report on the Fifth Conference of Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration and the proceedings and outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa, presentation by **William Muhwava**, Chief, Demographic and Social Statistics Section, and **Tinfissi-Joseph Ilboudo**, Chief, Statistical Development, Data

Innovation and Outreach Section, African Centre for
Statistics

General discussion

Friday, 19 March

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Session VIII

Statutory issues (agenda item 6) (continued)

- Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, presentation by **Demba Diarra**, Chief, Standards and Quality Assurance Section, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division
- Progress made in the implementation of the priority areas of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 (Istanbul Programme of Action), presentation by **Bartholomew Armah**, Officer-in-Charge, Macroeconomic and Governance Division
- Report on the Vienna Programme of Action for the Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024, presentation by **Francis Ikome**, Chief, Regional Integration Section, Regional Integration and Trade Division

General discussion

1–1.15 p.m.

Health break

1.15–1.45 p.m.

Date, venue and theme of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission (agenda item 7)

1.45–2:15 p.m.

Other matters (agenda item 8)

2.15–3 p.m.

Lunch break

3–4 p.m.

Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committee of Experts

4–6 p.m.

Session IX

Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee of Experts, and consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions (agenda item 9)

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts

Presentation of the draft report by the rapporteur of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts

6.15–6.45 p.m.

Closing of the meeting (agenda item 10)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts

Statements:

- Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe
 - Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts
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