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Fifty-fifth session

Addis Ababa (hybrid), 20 and 21 March 2023

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and
programme of work****Draft programme of work****Monday, 20 March**

9.30–10.30 a.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)Moderator: Journalist and broadcaster, British
Broadcasting Corporation, Lerato Mbele

Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau

Venue: Grand Ballroom (Abyssinia)

Opening statements:

- Chair of the outgoing Bureau
- Executive Secretary a.i., Economic
Commission for Africa (ECA), Antonio
Pedro

Official opening address

- Minister of Finance, Ethiopia, Ahmed
Shide

Group photo

10.30–10.45 a.m.

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the
agenda and programme of work** (agenda
item 2)

10.45–11 a.m.

Coffee break

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Dialogue on the theme of the fifty-fifth session
of the Economic Commission for Africa**
(agenda item 3)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

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Presentation by Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy

Keynote address: Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining, African Union Commission, Albert Muchanga

High-level round-table discussion

1–2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

2.30–3.30 p.m.

2023 Adebayo Adedeji Memorial Lecture (agenda item 4)

Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa, and Head, United Nations Office for West Africa, Mohamed Ibn Chambas

Theme: “Governance, the social contract and economic development in Africa: looking back and projecting into the future”

3.30–4.30 p.m.

High-level round-table discussions (agenda item 5)

Round table 1: Policies and interventions to foster resilience and reduce poverty and inequality amid global shocks

Chair: Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy

Panellists:

- Governor, Bank of Mauritius, Harvesh Kumar Seegolam
- Minister for Planning, Niger, Abdou Rabiou
- Minister of Finance, Ethiopia, Ahmed Shide
- Minister of Finance and the Budget, Central African Republic, Hervé Ndob
- Under-Secretary-General, United Nations, and Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, Winnie Byanyima
- Executive Secretary a.i., ECA, Antonio Pedro

4.30–5.30 p.m.

Round table 2: Socioeconomic implications of climate change and opportunities for leveraging green finance

Chair: Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA, Jean-Paul Adam

Panellists:

- Framing remarks (by video): Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, Jukka Petteri Taalas

- Minister of Finance, Egypt, Mohamed Maait
- Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin, Congo, Arlette Soudan-Nonault
- Vice-President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank, Hassatou Diop N'Sele
- Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations, and Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme, Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
- Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy
- Secretary of State for Business Development, Cabo Verde, Adalgisa Barbosa Vaz

5.30–6.30 p.m.

Round table 3: Harnessing the African Continental Free Trade Area for economic resilience and inclusion

Chair: Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi

Panellists:

- Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning, Rwanda, Claudine Uwera
- Chief Executive Officer, AfricaNenda, Robert Ochola
- Chief Operating Officer, African eTrade Group, Treasure Maphanga
- President and Chief Executive Officer, Igire Coffee Company, Brigitte Harrington
- African Union Special Envoy for the African Medicines Agency, Michel Sidibé
- Director, African Union-African Continental Free Trade Area Relations and Trade Policy, African Export-Import Bank, Yusuf Daya

6.30–7 p.m.

Press conference

7 p.m.

Reception

Venue: Skylight Hotel

Tuesday, 21 March

- 9–11 a.m. **Consideration of recommendations and adoption of resolutions** (agenda item 6)
Venue: Grand Ballroom (Abyssinia)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- 11–11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m. **Consideration and adoption of the ministerial statement** (agenda item 7)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- 12.15–12.45 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 8)
- 12.45–1 p.m. **Closing of the session** (agenda item 9)
Venue: Grand Ballroom (Abyssinia)
Statements:
 - Executive Secretary a.i., ECA, Antonio Pedro
 - Chair of the Bureau
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
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