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**Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender**  
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Item 3 of the provisional agenda\*  
**Consideration and adoption of the agenda  
and programme of work**

### Provisional programme of work

#### Thursday, 2 November 2023

(prearranged)	Registration
<b>9–9.20 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening of the session</b>
9–9.15 a.m.	Opening statement: Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender
9.15–9.20 a.m.	Welcoming remarks: Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
<b>9.20–9.50 a.m.</b>	<b>Election of the Bureau</b>
<b>9.50–10 a.m.</b>	<b>Consideration and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (chaired by the incoming Chair of the Bureau)</b>
<b>10–11 a.m.</b>	<b>Reports to the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender</b>
10–10.30 a.m.	Introduction to the work of the Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division
10.30–10.45 a.m.	Report to the Committee on the activities of subprogramme 9 – poverty, inequality and social policy
10.45–11 a.m.	Report to the Committee on the activities of subprogramme 6 – gender equality and women’s empowerment
11–11.30 a.m.	Tea and coffee break
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Discussion
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
<b>2–3 p.m.</b>	<b>Parallel sessions</b>
	Parallel session 1: Presentation and discussion on the sub-theme “Digital technical and vocational

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education and training: enhancing the skills of women and girls across Africa”

Parallel session 2: Presentation and discussion on the sub-theme “Reducing poverty through skills development”

Parallel session 3: Presentation and discussion on the sub-theme “Reviewing the *Africa Voluntary Local Review Guidelines* as a tool to foster the adaptation of the Sustainable Development Goals to the local level”

3–3.45 p.m. Report from the parallel sessions  
3.45–4.15 p.m. Tea and coffee break  
4.30–5.30 p.m. Discussion  
5.30–6 p.m. Concluding comments: Chair of the Bureau

### **Friday, 3 November 2023**

**9–11 a.m. General discussion on the theme of the fifth session “Building new social contracts in Africa: choices to fulfil development aspirations”**

9–9.15 a.m. Keynote address: Commissioner, Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission, Mohammed Belhocine

9.15–9.30 a.m. Presentation of the issues paper on the theme of the fifth session: Representative of ECA

9.30–10.30 a.m. Breakout sessions on the theme of the fifth session

10.30–11 a.m. Reports from the breakout sessions

11–11.30 a.m. Discussion on the way forward

11.30 a.m.–noon Tea and coffee break

Noon–12.30 p.m. Drafting of conclusions and recommendations of the fifth session

12.30–2 p.m. Lunch break

**2–3 p.m. Consideration and adoption of conclusions and recommendations of the fifth session**

3–3.30 p.m. Tea and coffee break

3.30–4.30 p.m. Presentation of the main conclusions and recommendations of the fifth session

4.30–5.45 p.m. Discussion and adoption

**5.45–6 p.m. Closing of the session**

Closing remarks: Chair of the Bureau

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