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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda
and programme of work****Annotated provisional agenda****1. Opening of the forty-second meeting of the Committee of Experts and the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Africa**

The opening will be presided over by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts, until a new Bureau is elected. Opening statements will be delivered by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, a Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and a representative of the Government of Zimbabwe.

2. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work**Documentation**

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/COE/42/1)

Draft programme of work (E/ECA/COE/42/3/Rev.3)

The composition of the new Bureau will be announced following consultations. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, three Vice-Chairs and one Rapporteur, to be elected on the basis of equitable geographic representation. The composition of the Bureau of the previous sessions is set out in the annex to the present document. The incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings following brief remarks. As in past sessions, the Committee of Experts may decide to establish an ad hoc working group to assist in the compilation of the draft report and the formulation of draft resolutions. The working group would have 10 members, comprising 2 members from each of the five subregional groups, which are normally drawn from the outgoing and incoming bureaux. The working group would be chaired by the first Vice-Chair of the Bureau. The Committee will also be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda and the draft programme of work, subject to such amendments as are deemed necessary.

* E/ECA/COE/42/1.



3. Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa

Documentation

Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa (E/ECA/COE/42/4)

Under this agenda item, a representative of the secretariat will introduce the overview of economic and social developments in Africa in 2023, highlighting recent developments in the global economy and their implications for Africa. The introduction will be followed by a general discussion on the main policy issues and recommendations contained in the report.

4. Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa

Documentation

Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa (E/ECA/COE/42/5)

Under this agenda item, a representative of the secretariat will introduce the report on progress on regional integration in Africa and will highlight major challenges and constraints. The introduction will be followed by a general discussion on significant issues brought to the attention of the Committee by the secretariat.

5. Presentation on the theme of the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Africa

Documentation

Issues paper: financing the transition to inclusive green economies in Africa: imperatives, opportunities and policy options (E/ECA/COE/42/6-E/ECA/CM/56/4)

A representative of the secretariat will give a brief presentation to introduce the theme of the fifty-sixth session, “Financing the transition to inclusive green economies in Africa: imperatives, opportunities and policy options”, drawing on the issues paper, which is focused on mobilizing green and development finance to enable the transition in Africa to climate-resilient and inclusive green economies and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union. It will also include key strategies to: leverage private sector investment; facilitate effective domestic resource mobilization; ensure sustainable debt practices; use green bonds; and adopt the Sustainable Budgeting Approach.¹ Policy options that encompass reforming the global financial architecture, boosting private sector participation, exploring innovative financial tools, implementing the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area and fostering regional and global cooperative initiatives will also be considered. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion.

¹ For more information on the Sustainable Budgeting Approach, see United Nations Environment Programme and University of Oxford, “Sustainable Budgeting Approach (SBA) to finance inclusive green economy (IGE): a practical approach for policymakers to understand and effectively trade-off the development, environmental and social consequences of fiscal policy options”, summary background paper prepared for the eighth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Brazzaville, March 2022.

6. Statutory issues

Under this agenda item, a representative of the secretariat will introduce documents prepared on various statutory issues relating to its work and that of its subsidiary organs. The Committee of Experts may wish to consider and provide recommendations to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for further guidance and action, as appropriate. In 2024, the following statutory reports will be brought to the attention of the Committee:

(a) **Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa from April 2023 to February 2024**

Documentation

Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa from April 2023 to February 2024 (E/ECA/COE/42/7)

The report contains highlights relating to the main achievements of ECA during the reporting period, from April 2023 to February 2024, and a synoptic overview of the major events and activities undertaken in response to the broad mandate of ECA to foster economic and social development in Africa.

The Committee is invited to review the report and provide guidance and comments on the activities of the secretariat.

(b) **Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

Documentation

Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (E/ECA/COE/42/8)

The document contains summaries of the progress made in the implementation of the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development during the fifty-fifth session of the Commission:

- (i) Resolution 2023/1. Enhancing energy security and ensuring a just energy transition in Africa;
- (ii) Resolution 2023/2. Data and statistics;
- (iii) Resolution 2023/3. Digital transformation for a secure, inclusive and sustainable common future;
- (iv) Resolution 2023/4. Accelerating sustainable development through regional integration and trade;
- (v) Resolution 2023/5. Accelerating food systems transformation in Africa;
- (vi) Resolution 2023/6. Climate finance mobilization to accelerate a green recovery;
- (vii) Resolution 2023/7. Advancing the sustainable debt coalition initiative in Africa and beyond;
- (viii) Resolution 2023/8. Great Blue Wall initiative;
- (ix) Resolution 2023/9. 2024 programme plan and budget;
- (x) Resolution 2023/10. African Institute for Economic Development and Planning;
- (xi) Resolution 2023/11. African High-level Working Group on the Global Financial Architecture;

(xii) Resolution 2023/12. Draft resolution for adoption by the Economic and Social Council;

(xiii) Resolution 2023/13. Strengthening the cooperation between the Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union Commission to address development challenges in Africa.

The Committee may wish to review the progress made and provide the secretariat with further guidance for the effective implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

(c) Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa

Documentation

Report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its ninth session and follow-up activities (E/ECA/COE/42/9)

Report of the Intergovernmental Committees of Senior Officials and Experts for North and West Africa on their second joint session (E/ECA/COE/42/10)

Report of the Intergovernmental Committees of Senior Officials and Experts for Central and East Africa on their second joint session (E/ECA/COE/42/11)

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for Southern Africa on its twenty-ninth session (E/ECA/COE/42/12)

Oral report on the subregional preparatory meetings for the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Report of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology on its third session (E/ECA/COE/42/13)

Report of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender on its fifth session (E/ECA/COE/42/14)

Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (E/ECA/COE/42/15)

The Committee may wish to review the reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of ECA. It may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, and to provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the subsidiary bodies.

(d) Proposed programme plan and budget for 2025

Documentation

Proposed programme plan for 2025 and programme performance in 2023: summary, and proposed programme budget for 2025 (E/ECA/COE/42/16)

The report contains the following elements:

- (i) Summary of the proposed programme plan of ECA for 2025;
- (ii) Summary of the proposed programme budget of ECA for 2025.

The two sections of the report will be presented separately, back-to-back. The Committee is invited to take note of report, with a view to the endorsement of the proposed programme and budget.

(e) Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme

Documentation

Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme (E/ECA/COE/42/17)

Oral report on financing the second 10-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063 and the second priority action plan of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa

The Committee may wish to review the report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme and to provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the programme. It may also wish to comment on the presentation made by the representative of the African Union Development Agency on financing the plans.

(f) Report on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024

Documentation

Report on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 (E/ECA/COE/42/18)

The Committee may wish to review the report on the midterm review of the Vienna Programme of Action within the African context. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

(g) Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries: report on progress in implementation of priority areas in Africa

Documentation

Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries: report on progress in implementation of priority areas in Africa (E/ECA/COE/42/19)

The Committee may wish to review the report on the progress made in the implementation of the priority areas of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in Africa. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

7. Date, venue and theme of the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa

Documentation

Date, venue and theme of the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa (E/ECA/COE/42/20/Rev.1)

The fifty-seventh session of the Commission will be held in Addis Ababa in March 2025, unless the Conference of Ministers decides otherwise.

The Committee may also wish to consider the theme proposed by the secretariat for the fifty-seventh session and to provide comments thereon, with a view to endorsing it for submission to the Conference of Ministers for approval.

8. Other matters

The Committee may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

9. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee of Experts and consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its meeting, in which it will set out major recommendations and draft resolutions based on issues discussed and conclusions reached during the meeting. The report will then be submitted to the Conference of Ministers for its consideration.

10. Closing of the forty-second meeting of the Committee of Experts

A representative of the secretariat will make brief closing remarks. The Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts will summarize the main outcomes of the deliberations and declare the meeting closed.

Annex

Members of the Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development elected during previous sessions of the Economic Commission for Africa

<i>Year (venue)</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2001 (Algiers)	Algeria (NA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Gabon (CA)	Mali (WA)	South Africa (SA)
2002 (Johannesburg)	South Africa (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Ghana (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Sudan (NA)
2003 (Addis Ababa)	South Africa (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Ghana (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Sudan (NA)
2004 (Kampala)	Uganda (EA)	Niger (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Zambia (SA)
2005 (Abuja)	Nigeria (WA)	Egypt (NA)	Congo (CA)	Lesotho (SA)	Ethiopia (EA)
2006 (Ouagadougou)	Burkina Faso (WA)	Congo (CA)	Libya (NA)	Burundi (EA)	Swaziland (SA)
2007 (Addis Ababa)	Ethiopia (EA)	Swaziland (SA)	Cameroon (CA)	Tunisia (NA)	Liberia (WA)
2008 (Addis Ababa)	Ethiopia (EA)	Chad (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Swaziland (SA)
2009 (Cairo)	Egypt (NA)	Chad (CA)	Zimbabwe (SA)	Benin (WA)	Kenya (EA)
2010 (Lilongwe)	Malawi (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Cameroon (CA)	Morocco (NA)
2011 (Addis Ababa)	Guinea (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Central African Republic (CA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)
2012 (Addis Ababa)	Gabon (CA)	Libya (NA)	Swaziland (SA)	Eritrea (EA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)
2013 (Abidjan)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Kenya (EA)	Algeria (NA)	Lesotho (SA)	Cameroon (CA)
2014 (Abuja)	Nigeria (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)

2015 (Addis Ababa)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Egypt (NA)	Gabon (CA)	South Africa (SA)	Guinea (WA)
2016 (Addis Ababa)	South Africa (SA)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Uganda (EA)
2017 (Dakar)	Senegal (WA)		Chad (CA)	Kenya (EA)	South Africa (SA)
2018 (Addis Ababa)	Sudan (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Lesotho (SA)	Senegal (WA)
2019 (Marrakech)	Morocco (NA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Togo (WA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)
2020 (online)	Morocco (NA)	Ethiopia (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Togo (WA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)
2021 (Addis Ababa)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Madagascar (EA)	Zambia (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Morocco (NA)
2022 (Dakar)	Senegal (WA)	Madagascar (EA)	Zimbabwe (SA)		Equatorial Guinea (CA)
2023 (Addis Ababa)	Uganda (EA)	South Africa (SA)	Morocco (NA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	Senegal (WA)

Abbreviations: CA, Central Africa; EA, East Africa; NA, North Africa; SA, Southern Africa; WA, West Africa.