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Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*  
**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and**  
**programme of work**

### Draft programme of work

#### Monday, 4 March

9.30–10.30 a.m.**	<b>Opening of the ministerial segment</b> (agenda item 1)
.	National anthem
.	Master of Ceremonies, Permanent Secretary for Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion
.	Remarks by the Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Matabeleland North Province
.	Remarks by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau
.	Remarks by the Deputy Chairperson for the African Union Commission
.	Remarks by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ECA
.	Introduction of the guest of honour by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion
.	Official address by the President of Zimbabwe
.	Vote of thanks by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion
10.30–11 a.m.	Group photo with the ministers and tea break
11–11.15 a.m.	<b>Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work</b> (agenda item 2)

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\*\* All times are Central African Time (UTC+2).



- 11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Dialogue on the theme of the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 3)
- Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- Presentation by the secretariat**
- High-level discussion**
- 12.30–1.30 p.m. **Keynote address: 2024 Adebayo Adedeji Memorial Lecture**
- Senior Vice-President for Research, Technology and Society, Google, and Co-Chair, High-level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence
- High-level discussion**
- 1.30–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–4.20 p.m. **High-level round-table discussions** (agenda item 4)
- Round table 1: global financial architecture reforms to address the intersection of debt, climate and development in Africa**
- Chair: Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA
- Panellists:
- Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
  - Minister for Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe
  - Secretary of State for Business Development, Cabo Verde
  - Minister for Economic Affairs, Planning and Cooperation, Senegal
- 4.20–5 p.m. Coffee break
- 5–6.20 p.m. **High-level round-table discussions (cont.)**
- Round table 2: technology for development in Africa: crafting a path to inclusive technological advancement**
- Chair: Executive Secretary, ECA
- Presentation on tax on technology by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist of ECA
- Panellists:
- Minister of Information Communication Technology and Courier Services, Zimbabwe
  - Minister of Information and Communications Technology and Innovation, Rwanda

- Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning, Kenya
  - Senior Director and Chief Strategy and Growth Officer, Smart Africa
  - Senior Vice-President for Research, Technology and Society, Google
- 6.20–6.50 p.m. Press conference
- 7 p.m. Reception

## Tuesday, 5 March

- 9–10.20 a.m. **High-level round-table discussions** (agenda item 4) (cont.)
- Round table 3: green trade and the future of Africa: navigating climate action, the African Continental Free Trade Area and global supply chains in the transition to sustainability**
- Chair: Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme Support), ECA
- Panellists:
- Commissioner General for Planning, Comoros
  - Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation
  - Minister of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia
  - Minister of State for Planning, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 10.20–10.45 a.m. Coffee break
- 10.45 a.m.–1 p.m. **Consideration of recommendations and adoption of resolutions** (agenda item 5)
- Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–3.30 p.m. **Consideration and adoption of the ministerial statement** (agenda item 6)
- Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- 3.30–4.30 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 7)
- 4.30–4.45 p.m. **Closing of the ministerial segment and the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 8)
- Statements:
- Executive Secretary, ECA
  - Chair of the Bureau
- 5–5.30 p.m. Press conference
- 5.30 p.m. River cruise (subject to weather conditions and the conclusion of the session)