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**Economic Commission for Africa**  
**Committee of Experts of the Conference of African**  
**Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**  
Forty-third meeting  
Addis Ababa, 12–14 March 2025

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

## Draft programme of work

### Wednesday, 12 March

9–9.30 a.m.**	<p><b>Opening of the forty-third meeting of the Committee of Experts and the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa</b> (agenda item 1)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe, Andrew Bvumbe</p> <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of the outgoing Bureau</li> <li>• Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme Support), ECA, Antonio Pedro</li> <li>• State Minister of Finance for Economic Cooperation, Ethiopia, Semereta Sewasew</li> </ul>
9.30–9.40 a.m.	<p><b>Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work</b> (agenda item 2)</p>
9.40–10.40 a.m.	<p><b>Session I</b></p> <p><b>Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa</b> (agenda item 3)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>Presentation by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Zuzana Schwidrowski</p> <p>General discussion</p>
10.40–11 a.m.	<p>Coffee break</p>

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\*\* All times are East African Time (UTC+3).



11 a.m.–12 noon	<p><b>Session II</b></p> <p><b>Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa</b> (agenda item 4)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>Presentation by the Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi</p> <p>General discussion</p>
12 noon–12.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session III</b></p> <p><b>Presentation on the theme of the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa</b> (agenda item 5)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>Presentation by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy</p>
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session III</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><b>Presentation on the theme of the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>General discussion</p>
3.30–3.45 p.m.	Coffee break
3.45–5.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session IV</b></p> <p><b>Statutory issues</b> (agenda item 6)</p> <p>The following reports on statutory issues will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa from March 2024 to February 2025, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi</li><li>• Report on the follow-up to the resolutions of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi</li></ul>
5.30 p.m.	Reception

## **Thursday, 13 March**

9–10 a.m.	<p><b>Session V</b></p> <p><b>Statutory issues</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p>
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- Report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its tenth session and follow-up activities, introduced by the Director of the Climate Change, Food Security and Natural Resources Division, ECA, Cosmas Ochieng
  - Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi
- 10–10.30 a.m. **Session VI**
- Statutory issues** (*continued*)
- Proposed programme plan and budget for 2026:
    - Summary of the proposed programme plan for 2026, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi
    - Summary of the proposed programme budget for 2026, introduced by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division of Administration, ECA, Mai-Ellen Russ Jarrett
- General discussion
- 10.30–11.30 a.m. **Session VII**
- Statutory issues** (*continued*)
- Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa:
    - Report of the Committee on Economic Governance on its second session, introduced by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Zuzana Schwidrowski
    - Report of the Statistical Commission for Africa on the work of its ninth session, introduced by the Officer-in-Charge of the African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Tinfissi-Joseph Ilboudo
- General discussion
- 11.30–11.45 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.45 a.m.–12.15 p.m. **Session VIII**
- Statutory issues** (*continued*)
- Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa:
    - Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, introduced by the Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, ECA, Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane

12.15–1.15 p.m.	<p><b>Session IX</b></p> <p><b>Statutory issues</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reports of the subregional intergovernmental committees of senior officials and experts on their sessions, introduced by the Director of the Subregional Office for North Africa, ECA, Adam Elhiraika</li> <li>- Oral report on the subregional preparatory meetings for the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, introduced by the Director of the Subregional Office for Central Africa, ECA, Jean Luc Mastaki Namegabe</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>General discussion</p>
1.15–2.45 p.m.	Lunch break
2.45–3.45 p.m.	<p><b>Session X</b></p> <p>Pre-recorded video: remarks by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Rabab Fatima</p> <p><b>Statutory issues</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024, introduced by the Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi</li> <li>• Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries: report on progress in implementation of priority areas in Africa, introduced by the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Zuzana Schwidrowski</li> </ul>
3.45–4 p.m.	Coffee break
4–4.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session XI</b></p> <p><b>Date, venue and theme of the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa</b> (agenda item 7)</p> <p>General discussion</p>
4.30–5 p.m.	<p><b>Other matters</b> (agenda item 8)</p> <p>General discussion</p>

## Friday, 14 March

9.30–10.30 a.m.	<p><b>Session XII</b></p> <p>Presentation on financing the second 10-year implementation plan (2024–2033) of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union, and the second priority action plan (2021–2030) under the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa, by the Head of Monitoring and Evaluation, African Union Development Agency, Simon Kisira</p>
10.30–11.30 a.m.	Engagement of the Executive Secretary with delegates
11.30 a.m.–12 noon	Knowledge fair and coffee break
12 noon–4.30 p.m.	Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committee of Experts
12 noon–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–4 p.m.	Africa Hall and Addis Ababa city tour
4–4.30 p.m.	Break
4.30–6 p.m.	<p><b>Session XIII</b></p> <p><b>Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee of Experts and consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions</b> (agenda item 9)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>Introduction of the draft report by the Rapporteur of the Bureau</p>
6–6.30 p.m.	<p><b>Closing of the forty-third meeting of the Committee of Experts</b> (agenda item 10)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy</li> <li>• Chair of the Bureau</li> </ul> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/>