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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, 17 March**

7.30–9 a.m.**	Engagement with ministers of finance by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Hanan Morsy
9.30–10.30 a.m.	Opening of the ministerial segment (agenda item 1) National anthem Master of Ceremonies: (to be determined) Remarks by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion of Zimbabwe, Mthuli Ncube Remarks by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, [name] (to be confirmed) Remarks by the Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete Official address by the Prime Minister/President/Minister of Finance of Ethiopia
10.30–11 a.m.	Group photo and coffee break
11–11.15 a.m.	Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 2)
11.15 a.m.–1.30 p.m.	Dialogue on the theme of the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa (agenda item 3)

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



Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Keynote address: 2025 Adebayo Adedeji Memorial Lecture

[Speaker's position, organization, name – to be determined]

1.30–3 p.m.

Lunch break

3–3.30 p.m.

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

Launch of the *Economic Report on Africa, 2025*

Director, Macroeconomic Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Zuzana Schwidrowski

High-level discussion

3.30–4.50 p.m.

High-level round-table discussions (agenda item 4)

Round table 1: the nexus between the African Continental Free Trade Area and infrastructure development

Chair: (to be determined)

Panellists:

- (to be determined)
- (to be determined)
- (to be determined)
- (to be determined)

4.50–5.15 p.m.

Coffee break

5.15–6.25 p.m.

High-level round-table discussions (agenda item 4) (continued)

Round table 2: promoting cross-border investment, instant payment systems and digital inclusivity in Africa

Chair: (to be determined)

Panellists:

- (to be determined)
- (to be determined)
- (to be determined)
- (to be determined)

6.25–6.30 p.m.

Break

6.30–7 p.m.

Press conference

7 p.m.

Reception

Tuesday, 18 March

- 9–10.25 a.m. **High-level round-table discussions** (agenda item 4) (*continued*)
- Round table 3: special economic zones as drivers of the development of regional value chains in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area**
- Chair: (to be determined)
- Panellists:
- (to be determined)
 - (to be determined)
 - (to be determined)
 - (to be determined)
- 10.25–10.45 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-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 8)
- Statements:
- Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete
 - Chair of the Bureau
- 5.30 p.m. Cocktail reception
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