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Committee on Private Sector Development,
Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure,
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Fourth session
Addis Ababa (hybrid), 18 and 19 November 2025

Item 3 of the provisional agenda*
**Consideration and adoption of the agenda
and programme of work**

Draft programme of work**Tuesday, 18 November 2025**

- 10–10.30 a.m.** **Opening of the session** (agenda item 1)
Moderator: To be confirmed
Opening statements:
- Chair of the outgoing Bureau
 - Representative of the African Union
 - Representative of the African Development Bank
 - Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa, Claver Gatete
 - Representative of the Government of the host country
- 10.30–11.15 a.m. **Election of the Bureau** (agenda item 2)
- 11.15–11.30 a.m. **Consideration and adoption of the agenda and
programme of work** (agenda item 3)
- 11.30–11.45 a.m. **Break (photo)**
- 11.45 a.m.–1 p.m. **Presentation of reports by the secretariat** (agenda
item 4)
- (a) Deepening regional integration in Africa: enabling
regional value chains through the Agreement
Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area
for innovation, diversification and economic
transformation
- Discussion**
- (b) Frontier technologies: catalysts for innovation,
regional integration and sustainable development
- Discussion**
- (c) Harnessing energy and transport for economic and
social transformation in Africa

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	Discussion
1–2.30 p.m.	Break
2.30–2.50 p.m.	Presentation on the theme of the session: “Leveraging frontier technologies and innovation to advance regional integration for sustainable and inclusive growth” (agenda item 5)
2.50–4 p.m.	General discussion on the theme (agenda item 6) Panellists: • Representative of the regional economic communities • Representative of the African Union Commission • Representative of the Economic Commission for Africa • Representative of the African Development Bank • Representative of the African Export-Import Bank • Representative of an African State
4–4.30 p.m.	Break
4.30–5 p.m. (continued)	General discussion on the theme
5–5.15 p.m.	Closing

Wednesday, 19 November 2025

9 a.m.–2 p.m.	Preparation of the report on the session by the secretariat
2–2.50 p.m.	Review of the 2024 and 2025 programme plans relating to private sector development, regional integration, trade, infrastructure, industry and technology, and the priorities of the 2026 programme plan (agenda item 7)
2.50–3.15 p.m.	Discussion
3.15–3.45 p.m.	Break
3.45–4.45 p.m.	Consideration and adoption of the report on the session (agenda item 8)
4.45–5 p.m.	Closing of the session (agenda item 9)
