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**Economic Commission for Africa  
Committee of Experts of the Conference of African  
Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

Forty-fourth meeting  
Tangier, Morocco (hybrid), 28–30 March 2026

Agenda item 2  
**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda  
and programme of work**

## Draft programme of work

### Saturday, 28 March

- 12.15–12.30 p.m.<sup>1</sup>      **Opening of the forty-fourth meeting of the Committee of Experts and the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 1)
- Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Director of Treasury and External Finance, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Mohammed Tarik Bchir
- Statements:
- Chair of the outgoing Bureau
  - Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme Support), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Mama Keita
  - Director of Treasury and External Finance, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Mohammed Tarik Bchir
- 12.30–12.40 p.m.      **Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work** (agenda item 2)
- 12.40–1.40 p.m.      **Session I**
- Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa** (agenda item 3)
- Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- Presentation by the Director of the Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi
- General discussion
- 1.40–2 p.m.      Coffee break and opening of the knowledge fair

<sup>1</sup> All times are West Africa Time (UTC +1).



- 2–3.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 3.30–4.30 p.m. **Session II**  
**Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa** (agenda item 4)  
Chair: Chair of the Bureau  
Presentation by the Acting Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Melaku Desta  
General discussion

### **Sunday, 29 March**

- 9.30–11.30 a.m. **Session III**  
**Presentation on the theme of the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 5)  
Chair: Chair of the Bureau  
Presentation by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy  
General discussion
- 11.30–11.45 a.m. Coffee break and knowledge fair
- 11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Session IV**  
**Statutory issues** (agenda item 6)  
The following reports on statutory issues will be considered:
- Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa from March 2025 to February 2026, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi
  - 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
- 12.30–1.45 p.m. **Session V**  
**Statutory issues** (*continued*)  
Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- Report of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on its eleventh session and follow-up activities, introduced by the Chief of the Natural Resources and Food Systems Section, Climate, Food Security and Natural Resources Division, ECA, Nassim Oulmane
  - Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its African Union Development

Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi

1.45–2.15 p.m.

## **Session VI**

### **Statutory issues** (*continued*)

- Proposed programme plan and budget for 2027:
  - Summary of the proposed programme plan for 2027, introduced by the Director of the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Said Adejumobi
  - Summary of the proposed programme budget for 2027, introduced by the Director a.i. of the Administration and Conference Management Division, ECA, Mai-Ellen Russ

General discussion

2.15–3.30 p.m.

Lunch break

3.30–5 p.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 Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology on its fourth session, introduced by the Acting Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Melaku Desta
  - Report of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa on its eleventh meeting, introduced by the Director of the African Centre for Statistics, Samuel Annim
  - Report of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender on its sixth session, introduced by the Director of the Socioeconomic Development Division, Zuzana Schwidrowski

General discussion

5–5.15 p.m.

Coffee break and knowledge fair

5.15–5.45 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

5.45–6.45 p.m.

**Session IX**

**Statutory issues** (*continued*)

- Reports on the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa:
  - Reports of the intergovernmental committees of senior officials and experts for the subregions of Africa on their sessions, introduced by the Director of the Subregional Office for Southern Africa, ECA, Eunice Kamwendo
  - 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 Eastern Africa, ECA, Andrew Mold

General discussion

6.45–7.15 p.m.

**Session X**

**Statutory issues** (*continued*)

- Report on the implementation of the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034, introduced by the Acting Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Melaku Desta
- 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 Macroeconomics, Finance, Governance and Planning Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi

7.15–7.25 p.m.

**Other matters** (agenda item 8)

**Monday, 30 March**

9.30–10.30 a.m.

**Session XI**

Presentation on the report on progress made in the fulfilment of the second 10-year implementation plan (2024–2033) of Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union, introduced by the Head, Division of Programme Implementation and Coordination, African Union Development Agency–New Partnership for Africa’s Development, Mohamed Abdisalam

10.30–11.30 a.m.

**Session XII**

**Date, venue and theme of the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Africa (agenda item 7)**

General discussion

11.30 a.m.–noon

Coffee break and knowledge fair

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11.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m.	<b>Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committee of Experts</b>
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3.30 p.m.	Tangier city tour
3.30–4.30 p.m.	<b>Engagement of the Executive Secretary with delegations</b>
4.30–6 p.m.	<b>Session XIII</b> <b>Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee of Experts and consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions</b> (agenda item 9) Chair: Chair of the Bureau Introduction of the draft report by the Rapporteur of the Bureau
6–6.30 p.m.	<b>Closing of the forty-fourth meeting of the Committee of Experts</b> (agenda item 10) Chair: Chair of the Bureau Statements: <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>

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