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**Economic Commission for Africa**  
**Conference of African Ministers of Finance,**  
**Planning and Economic Development**  
Fifty-eighth session  
Tangier, Morocco (hybrid), 2 and 3 April 2026

Agenda item 2

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and  
programme of work**

**Draft programme of work****Thursday, 2 April**

- 7.30–9 a.m.<sup>1</sup> Breakfast meeting between ministers of finance and the Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Claver Gatete
- 9.30–10.30 a.m. **Opening of the ministerial segment** (agenda item 1)
- National anthem
- Moderator: former news anchor, British Broadcasting Corporation, Anne-Marie Dias Borges
- Remarks by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Nadia Fettah
- Remarks by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mahamoud Ali Youssouf
- Video: remarks by the Director General of the World Trade Organization, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (special guest)
- Pre-recorded video: remarks by the President of the General Assembly, Annalena Baerbock
- Remarks by the Executive Secretary of ECA, Claver Gatete
- Official address on behalf of the Head of Government of Morocco by the Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Nadia Fettah
- 10.30–11 a.m. Group photo, opening of the knowledge fair and coffee break

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



- 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-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 3)  
Chair: Chair of the Bureau  
**Overview of current global economic trends, related challenges and their implications for Africa**  
Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy  
Presentation on the theme of the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa, by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, Hanan Morsy  
**Keynote address: 2026 Adebayo Adedeji Memorial Lecture**  
Former Minister of Finance, South Africa, Trevor Manuel  
**High-level discussion**
- 1.30–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–3.30 p.m. **Dialogue on the theme of the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 3) (*continued*)  
Chair: Chair of the Bureau  
**Launch of the 2026 edition of the Economic Report on Africa**  
Presenter: Director, Macroeconomic Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi  
**High-level discussion**
- 3.30–5 p.m. **High-level round-table discussions** (agenda item 4)  
Round table 1: Leveraging technology for economic growth and transformation  
Moderator: former news anchor, British Broadcasting Corporation, Anne-Marie Dias Borges  
Panellists:
  - Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Nadia Fettah
  - Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Sudan, Gibril Ibrahim
  - Governor, Bank of Tanzania, Emmanuel Tutuba
  - Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme, Ahunna Eziakonwa

5–5.30 p.m.	Coffee break
5.30–6 p.m.	Press conference
7 p.m.	Reception

## Friday, 3 April

8.45–9 a.m.	Participants take their seats
9–10.30 a.m.	<p><b>High-level round-table discussions</b> (agenda item 4) (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><b>Round table 2: Empowering the Africa of the future: advancing the development of digital public infrastructure, data centres and sovereignty</b></p> <p>Moderator: former news anchor, British Broadcasting Corporation, Anne-Marie Dias Borges</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice-President and Minister of Finance, Botswana, Ndaba Gaolathe</li> <li>• Minister of Communications and Digital Transformation, Mozambique, Américo Muchanga</li> <li>• Minister for Finance, United Republic of Tanzania, Khamis Mussa Omar</li> <li>• Special Envoy for Technology, Kenya, Ambassador Philip Thigo</li> <li>• Head of Sub-Saharan Africa, GSM Association, Angela Wamola</li> <li>• Chief Executive Officer of Co-location, Cassava Technologies, Adil El Youssefi</li> </ul>
10.30 a.m.–noon	<p><b>Launch of the Sustainable Health Financing Initiative</b> (agenda item 5)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p> <p>Presenter: Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECA, Aboubakri Diaw</p> <p>Discussion</p>
Noon–12.30 p.m.	Press conference, knowledge fair and coffee break
12.30–2.30 p.m.	<p><b>Consideration of recommendations and adoption of resolutions</b> (agenda item 6)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p>
2.30–4 p.m.	Lunch break
4–5 p.m.	<p><b>Consideration and adoption of the ministerial statement</b> (agenda item 7)</p> <p>Chair: Chair of the Bureau</p>

5–5.15 p.m.

**Other matters** (agenda item 8)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

5.15–5.30 p.m.

**Closing of the ministerial segment and the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 9)

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

Statements:

- Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete
  - Chair of the Bureau
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