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Planning and Economic Development**
Fifty-first session

Addis Ababa, 14 and 15 May 2018
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

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

Provisional programme of work

Monday, 14 May

8.15–9.15 a.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

Moderator: Chief Executive Officer, Mark Eddo
Media, Mark Eddo

Venue: Conference Room 1, United Nations
Conference Centre

Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Minister of
Finance, Republic of Senegal

Opening statements:

- Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Minister of Finance, Republic of Senegal
- Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Vera Songwe

Statements by special guests:

- Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat
- Governor, Central Bank of Ireland, Philip Lane

Official opening address: Prime Minister of the
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Abiy
Ahmed

Group photo session

9.15–9.30 a.m.

Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 2)

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9.30–10.45 a.m.

High-level ministerial policy dialogue on the theme of the fifty-first session: “African Continental Free Trade Area: creating fiscal space for jobs and economic diversification” (agenda item 3)

Venue: Conference Room 1, United Nations Conference Centre

Chair: Executive Secretary, ECA, Vera Songwe

Lead speaker: Tolani Senior Professor of Trade Policy, Cornell University and Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, Professor Eswar Prasad

Panellists:

- Governor, Central Bank of Ireland, Philip Lane
- Minister of Finance, Republic of Ghana, Ken Ofori-Atta
- Secretary of State for Budget, Republic of Angola, Aia-Eza Nacilla Gomes da Silva
- Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission, Albert Muchanga

10.45–11 a.m.

Coffee break

11 a.m.–3 p.m.

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

11 a.m.–12 noon

Round table 1: African Continental Free Trade Area: transforming Africa

Venue: Conference Room 1, United Nations Conference Centre

Chair: Minister of Finance, Republic of Senegal, Amadou Ba

Lead speaker: Vice President and Treasurer, International Finance Corporation, Jindong Hua

Panellists:

- Minister of Finance, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Abraham Tekeste
- Secretary-General, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Sindiso Nwengya
- Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Maimunah Mohd Sharif
- Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation, Arab Republic of Egypt, Sahar Nasr

12 noon–1 p.m.

Round table 2: African Continental Free Trade Area: fiscal space and financial sustainability for Africa

Venue: Conference Room 1, United Nations Conference Centre

Chair: Minister of Economy and Finance, Republic of Djibouti, Ilyas Dawaleh

Lead speaker: Special Envoy, African Union Peace Fund and Former President, African Development Bank, Donald Kaberuka

Panellists:

- Minister of Economy and Finance, Kingdom of Morocco, Mohammed Boussaid
- Minister of Planning, Republic of the Niger, Aichatou Boulama Kané
- Professor of Economics, University of Warwick, Herakles Polemarchakis

1–2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

2018 Adebayo Adedeji Lecture in honour of the late Professor Calestous Juma of the Harvard Kennedy School, delivered by the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research, Technology and Innovation, Senegal, Mary Teuw Niane, on the theme: “Envisioning a science, technology and innovation future for Africa in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063”.

Slide presentation on the fourth industrial revolution

2.30–3.30 p.m.

Round table 3: Private sector and the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area

Venue: Conference Room 1, United Nations Conference Centre

Chair: Minister of Economy and Finance, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Moctar Ould Djay

Lead speaker: Chairman, Rail Working Group, Howard Rosen

Panellists:

- Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda, Hope Tumukunde Gasatura
- President and Chief Executive Officer, Trade and Development Bank, Admassu Tadesse
- Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa, Bience Philomena Gawanas

- Chief Economist, Afreximbank,
Hippolyte Fofack

3.30–4 p.m.

Presentation of the revised strategic framework 2018–2019 (agenda item 5)

4–4.15 p.m.

Coffee break

4.15–5.45 p.m.

Consideration of recommendations and adoption of draft resolutions (agenda item 6)

Venue: Conference Room 1, United Nations Conference Centre

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

5.45–6.15 p.m.

Press conference

6.15 p.m.

Reception

Venue: Exhibition Course, United Nations Conference Centre

Tuesday, 15 May

9.30–10.30 a.m.

Consideration and adoption of the draft ministerial statement (agenda item 7)

Venue: Conference Room 1, United Nations Conference Centre

Chair: Chair of the Bureau

10.30–11 a.m.

Other matters (agenda item 8)

11–11.15 a.m.

Closing of the session (agenda item 9)

Venue: Conference Room 1, United Nations Conference Centre

Statements:

- Executive Secretary, ECA, Vera Songwe
 - Chair of the Bureau
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