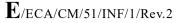
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Addis Ababa, 14 and 15 May 2018 Item 2 of the provisional agenda<sup>\*</sup> Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

## **Provisional programme of work**

## Monday, 14 May

8.15–9.15 a.m.	<b>Opening of the session</b> (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.	<b>Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work</b> (agenda item 2)

<sup>\*</sup> E/ECA/CM/51/1.

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 Nacílla 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) **Round table 1: African Continental Free Trade** 11 a.m.-12 noon 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,

Republic of Egypt, Sahar Nasr

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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:
	<ul> <li>Minister of Economy and Finance, Kingdom of Morocco, Mohammed Boussaid</li> </ul>
	• 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:
	<ul> <li>Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda, Hope Tumukunde Gasatura</li> </ul>
	• President and Chief Executive Officer, Trade and Development Bank, Admassu Tadesse
	• Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa, Bience Philomena

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	• Chief Economist, Afreximbank, Hippolyte Fofack
3.30–4 p.m.	<b>Presentation of the revised strategic</b> <b>framework 2018–2019</b> (agenda item 5)
4–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15–5.45 p.m.	<b>Consideration of recommendations and adoption of draft resolutions</b> (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.	<b>Consideration and adoption of the draft</b> <b>ministerial statement</b> (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