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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

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

Draft annotated agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The opening session will be presided over by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts, until a new Bureau is elected. Opening statements will be delivered by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and a representative of the Government of Ethiopia.

2. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Documentation

Provisional agenda E/ECA/COE/37/1

Provisional programme of work E/ECA/COE/37/INF/1

The composition of the new Bureau will be announced following consultations by the heads of delegation. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, three Vice-Chairs and one rapporteur, to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. The geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions is set out in the annex to the present document. The incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings following brief remarks. As proposed at the previous session, the Committee of Experts may decide to establish an ad hoc working group to work on the draft report and resolutions. The group will have 10 members drawn from the outgoing and incoming Bureaux. The working group will be chaired by the first Vice-Chair of the Bureau. The Committee will also be invited to consider and adopt the draft provisional agenda and programme of work, subject to such amendments as deemed necessary.

3. Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/2/Rev.1

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present an overview of economic and social developments in Africa in 2017. The presentation will highlight

* E/ECA/COE/37/1.

recent developments in the global economy and their implications for Africa. It will include an analysis of trends in subregional and regional economic performances, including trends in social development and the continent's growth prospects, links between structural change and social development, and risks and uncertainties associated with the medium-term growth performance of Africa. It will also examine the underlying policy initiatives and options for dealing with emerging issues and longer-term challenges. This will be followed by a general discussion on the main policy issues and recommendations highlighted in the presentation.

4. Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/3

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present a progress report on the status of regional integration in Africa, including highlights of key challenges and constraints. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion on key issues noted by the secretariat, with a view to refining policies and strategies for accelerating the integration process.

5. Presentation on the theme of the fifty-first session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development: “African Continental Free Trade Area: creating fiscal space for jobs and economic diversification”

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/13

The secretariat will give a brief presentation to introduce the theme of the fifty-first session, drawing on the relevant issues paper. The paper sets out the economic and developmental arguments for the African Continental Free Trade Area and the importance of its ratification and implementation. It further provides an analysis of the Free Trade Area as a pathway to fiscal sustainability and contains a discussion of possible supporting measures that may be used to enhance the fiscal space for job creation and economic diversification. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion.

6. Statutory issues

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give presentations on various statutory issues relating to its work and its subsidiary organs. The Committee of Experts may wish to consider and offer recommendations to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for further guidance and action, as appropriate. In 2018, the following statutory reports will be brought to the attention of the Committee:

(a) Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa (covering the period April 2017 to March 2018)

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/5

The report highlights the main achievements of ECA during the reporting period from April 2017 to March 2018. It provides a synoptic overview of the major events and activities undertaken in response to the broad mandate of ECA to foster economic and social development in Africa.

The Committee of Experts is invited to review the report and provide guidance and comments on the activities of the secretariat.

(b) Report on the follow-up by the Economic Commission for Africa to the resolutions of the special meeting of the Permanent Representatives of the member States to the Economic Commission for Africa

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/6

The document includes summaries of the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions adopted at the special meeting of the Permanent Representatives of the member States to ECA, held in Addis Ababa on 12 June 2017:

Resolution 953 (L): Proposed programme of work and proposed programme budget of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 2018-2019;

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The Committee of Experts may wish to review the progress made and provide the secretariat with further guidance for the effective implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

(c) Report on the tenth session of the Committee on Trade and Regional Integration

Documentation

E/ECA/CRCI/10/9

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on the subsidiary body of ECA and to provide the secretariat with guidance on its future work.

(d) Revised strategic framework 2018-2019

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/4

The document includes highlights of the revised strategic framework. The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the strategic framework, with a view to its endorsement.

(e) Report of the second session of the Committee on Gender and Social Development

Documentation

E/ECA/CGSD/2/9

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on the subsidiary body of ECA and to provide the secretariat with guidance on its future work.

(f) Review of the intergovernmental structure of the Economic Commission for Africa pursuant to resolution 943(XLIX)

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/7

The document sets out an assessment of the preliminary findings and recommendations of the review of the intergovernmental structure of the Committee of Experts, as mandated in resolution 943(XLIX). The Committee is invited to take note of the preliminary findings of the report, with a view to endorsing the recommendations.

(g) Report on the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Africa and reports by the subsidiary bodies

Documentation

Reports on the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ECA/WA/ICE/20/01d, ECA/SA/ICE.XXII/2017/9.1, ECA/SRO-NA/ICE/32/6, ECA-EA/ICE/21, ECA/SRO/CA/ICE/33/17)

Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development (E/ECA/COE/37/8)

Report on the third session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (E/ECA/COE/37/11)

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on the subsidiary bodies of ECA and the reports submitted by those bodies and to provide the secretariat with guidance on their future work.

(h) Report on the United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/10

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the report on the United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme and provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the programme.

(i) Progress in the implementation of the priority areas of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/12

The Committee of Experts may wish to review the progress report on the implementation of the priority areas of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020. The Committee may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as set out in the progress report, and to provide the secretariat with further guidance.

(j) Implementation of International Migration Programmes in Africa

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/16

The report sets out an assessment of the current situation of migration in Africa and the proposed future work of the secretariat. The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the findings of the report, with a view to endorsing the recommendations.

7. Date, venue and theme of the fifty-second session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Documentation

E/ECA/COE/37/15

The fifty-second session of the Conference of Ministers will be held in Addis Ababa in March 2019, unless the Conference of Ministers decides otherwise.

The Committee of Experts may also wish to consider the theme proposed by the secretariat for the fifty-second session and to provide comments thereon,

with a view to endorsing it for submission to the Conference of Ministers for approval.

8. Other matters

The Committee of Experts may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

9. Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee of Experts; consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions

The Committee of Experts will consider and adopt a draft report of its meeting setting out major recommendations and draft resolutions based on the agenda of the meeting for submission to the Conference of Ministers.

10. Closing of the meeting

The Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA will make brief closing remarks. The Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts will summarize the main outcomes of the deliberations and declare the meeting closed.

Annex

Members of the Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

<i>Year</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2007	Ethiopia	Swaziland	Cameroon	Tunisia (NA)	Liberia (WA)
2008	Ethiopia	Chad	Algeria	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Swaziland (SA)
2009	Egypt	Chad	Zimbabwe	Benin (WA)	Kenya (EA)
2010	Malawi (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Cameroon (CA)	Morocco (NA)
2011	Guinea (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Central African Republic (CA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)
2012	Gabon (CA)	Libya (NA)	Swaziland (SA)	Eritrea (EA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)
2013	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	Central Africa
2014	Nigeria (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)
2015	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Egypt (NA)	Gabon (CA)	South Africa (SA)	Guinea (WA)
2016	South Africa (SA)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Uganda (EA)
2017	Senegal (WA)		Chad (CA)	Kenya (EA)	South Africa (SA)
Proposed for 2018					
<i>Position</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
Region	North Africa	Central Africa	East Africa	South Africa	West Africa