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**Economic Commission for Africa  
Conference of African Ministers of Finance,  
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**

### Draft annotated agenda

#### 1. Opening of the session

The ministerial segment will be opened at 8.15 a.m. on Monday, 14 May 2018, with welcoming statements by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. In addition, statement(s) will be delivered by the Chairperson of the African Union and the Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland. The Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia will deliver the official opening address. Following this there will be a group photo.

The opening session will be moderated by the Chief Executive Officer of Mark Eddo Media.

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

##### Documentation

Provisional agenda: E/ECA/CM/51/1

Provisional programme of work: E/ECA/CM/51/INF/1

The composition of the new Bureau of the Conference of Ministers will be announced following consultations with the heads of delegation. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chair, three Vice-Chairs and one rapporteur, 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. Following brief remarks, the incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings. The Conference of Ministers will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda and programme of work, subject to such amendments as are deemed necessary.

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**3. 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”**

**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 concept note, which sets out the economic and developmental arguments for the African Continental Free Trade Area and the importance of its ratification and implementation. The note also provides an analysis of the importance of the Free Trade Area as a pathway to fiscal sustainability and contains a review of the supporting measures that could be used to enhance fiscal space for job creation and economic diversification. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion.

The discussion will be centred on the issues paper on the theme of the session and recommendations of the Committee of Experts relating to the theme.

**4. High-level round-table discussions**

**Documentation**

E/ECA/COE/37/13

Three high-level round tables will be held to explore the theme of the session. In these round tables, ministers and leading experts from international organizations, civil society and the private sector will share their views on the following topical issues relating to the theme:

- (a) Round table 1: African Continental Free Trade Area: transforming Africa;
- (b) Round table 2: African Continental Free Trade Area: fiscal space and financial sustainability for Africa;
- (c) Round table 3: Private sector and the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area.

**5. Presentation of the revised strategic framework 2018-2019**

Under this agenda item, the Executive Secretary of ECA will present the highlights of the revised strategic framework 2018-2019 to the Conference of Ministers for its consideration and adoption.

**6. Consideration of recommendations and adoption of draft resolutions**

Under this agenda item, the Chair of the Committee of Experts will present the major conclusions, recommendations and draft resolutions from the meeting of the Committee to the Conference of Ministers for its consideration and adoption.

**7. Consideration and adoption of the draft ministerial statement**

Under this agenda item, the Conference of Ministers may wish to consider and adopt the draft ministerial policy statement, which articulates the views of the ministers on the theme of the session and other policy and operational issues.

**8. Other matters**

The Conference of Ministers may wish to consider any other matter that may be brought to its attention.

**9. Closing of the session**

The Executive Secretary of ECA will make brief closing remarks. The Chair of the Conference of Ministers will highlight the main outcomes of the Conference and close the meeting.

## Annex

### Members of the Bureau of the Commission

| <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)                     | North Africa (no nominee)             | Chad (CA)                     | Kenya (EA)              | South Africa (SA)                |
| <b>Proposed for 2018</b> |                                  |                                       |                               |                         |                                  |
| <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                   | Southern Africa         | West Africa                      |