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24th MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS (ICSOE), FROM 23 - 25 NOVEMBER 2020

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The 24th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) organized by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa (SRO-EA) is scheduled to take place from 23 to 25 November 2020, with the 23rd dedicated to the expert group meeting on the Blue Economy.

The Meeting will be held under the theme “*The Economic and Social Impacts of the Covid-19 Crisis on Eastern Africa: Strategies for Building-Back-Better*”

This note provides guidelines for the conduct of the conference and your participation. You are kindly requested to read it carefully.

PARTICIPATION:

The ICSOE will be attended by high-level representatives and experts from Member States served by the SRO-EA, which include Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) and Intergovernmental Organisations (IGOs). The private sector, international institutions, civil society organisations, women, youth, media, and other relevant stakeholders will also be represented.

FORMAT OF THE 24TH CONFERENCE:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually, from 23 to 25 November 2020. Kudo is the platform that will be used for the sessions. Details on how to access it will be communicated in due course.

All discussions will be held in plenary, with presentations followed by a panel discussion or general Question and Answer sessions. The ECA working languages are French and English. For effective communication, simultaneous interpretation is planned for all the sessions. All working documents, in French and English, will be sent to participants by email prior to the meeting.

PARTICIPATION ALLOWANCE:

The lumpsum allowance in support of internet access will be paid to participants sponsored by the SRO-EA to facilitate full and effective participation. The allowance will be routed through UNDP Country Offices.

We look forward to your participation in the 24th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for East Africa that will focus on the “*The Economic and Social Impacts of the Covid-19 Crisis on Eastern Africa: Strategies for Building-Back-Better*”, on 23 - 25 November 2020.

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