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## Provisional Annotated Agenda



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**Thursday, 20 October 2011**

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The Chairperson of the outgoing Bureau of the Sixth Session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development (CFSSD-6) from South Africa will preside over the official opening ceremony. The representative of Mauritius will serve as rapporteur.

The outgoing Chairperson will introduce the Bureau members and the speakers for the opening session and then make opening remarks. The Executive Secretary of ECA or his representative will deliver welcome remarks and other speakers for the opening session will make statements. Following this, the representative of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia will deliver the opening address and declare the meeting open.

**2. Organizational matters**

**(a) Election of the CFSSD-7 Bureau**

The meeting will go for a short break after the opening session, during which the Heads of Delegation will confer to elect a new Bureau of five members - one Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur, to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation of the five subregions of the continent, taking into account previous representations. The outgoing Chairperson will present the outcome of the consultations and will invite the new Chairperson to assume his/her place on the podium and make his/her maiden speech. There will then be an official handover.

**(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

The Chairperson of CFSSD-7 will introduce the provisional agenda and programme of work and invite the Committee to consider adopting them.

The Chairperson will announce the formation of an open-ended drafting group that will work at the same time as the plenary sessions to prepare the Draft Africa Consensus Statement. The drafting group will be chaired by one of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Bureau.

**3. Introduction and objectives of the meeting**

The Secretariat will provide an overview of the meeting objectives, format, expected outcomes and outputs, to help the Committee arrive at a common understanding of the work and deliberations.

**4. Review of the Implementation of the 2010/2011 work programme of the ECA Subprogramme on Food Security and Sustainable Development**

The Secretariat will present a progress report outlining the main activities carried out and achievements made in the implementation of the subprogramme: Food Security and Sustainable Development for the 2010-2011 biennium, followed by general discussions. Key issues to be addressed include constraints and challenges, lessons learned and main areas for programmatic emphasis. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to a clear guidance and direction in the implementation of the 2012/2013 work programme of the subprogramme.

## **5. Presentation and discussion on key parliamentary reports**

### **(a) Implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: Highlights of the Fourth Issue of the Sustainable Development Report on Africa**

During this session, the Secretariat will make a presentation on sustainable development in Africa, drawing on the fourth issue of the Sustainable Development Report on Africa: Managing Africa's Natural Resource Base for Sustainable Growth and Development. The presentation will provide an overview of the status of sustainable development in the region, based on selected sustainable development indicators that capture the most pressing issues for the region. It will also highlight the contribution of forests, biodiversity, biotechnology, tourism and mountains to sustainable growth and development in Africa. The session is expected to lead to a clear understanding and appreciation of progress on sustainable development in Africa, and the contribution of the sectors to the region's growth and sustainable development.

### **(b) Food Security in Africa: challenges, opportunities and policy options**

The Secretariat will make a presentation on *Food Security in Africa: challenges, opportunities and policy options* to suggest a revisit of the foundations, drivers and substance of food security policies in Africa. The presentation will draw from a critical review of food crisis experiences across the region and lessons learned from these, including the most recent global food crisis and the evolving volatility of global food prices. The presentation will also provide a critical overview of key determinants of the changing global natural and economic environments set to shape the future global food market with far reaching implications on food security in Africa. Key issues to be addressed include developments related to climate change, foreign direct investments in land, population dynamics, biofuel expansion and their implications for future food and energy security. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to sharing of action-oriented guidance and recommendations covering key focused elements and regional instruments for best practices upscaling that should feature in policy options for sustainable food security in Africa.

### **(c) Development of strategic agricultural commodity value chains for food security and sustainable development**

The Secretariat will make a presentation on progress of the implementation of the project on the development and promotion of Regional Strategic Food and Agricultural Commodities Value Chains in Africa. Key issues to be addressed include the need for the harmonization of national policies in the field of agriculture and the establishment of appropriate organs for trade in agricultural products. The presentation will also highlight the need for a structural transformation of agriculture in Africa, which calls for broadening the policy and strategic frameworks to encompass the farming sector as well as the agro-industrial and the agribusiness services sectors. The presentation and discussions are expected to engender greater buy-in into the AUC/ECA/FAO regional value chain initiative, as well as provide informed recommendations on the successful implementation of the project.

**Friday, 21 October 2011**

**6. Presentation and discussion on Special Initiatives**

**(a) Climate change and development in Africa**

Under this item, the Secretariat will make a presentation on progress on the implementation of the ClimDev-Africa Programme, and in particular the status of the establishment and operationalization of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC), the ClimDev Special Fund (CFSF) and the Climate Change and Desertification Unit (CCDU). The presentation will be followed by general discussions. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to a better understanding of the role of the ClimDev-Africa programme in integrating climate risk management into policy and decision-making processes throughout the continent, the achievements realized in the implementation of the Programme, the challenges faced, and engender practical recommendations on accelerating its implementation.

**(b) The Land Policy Initiative**

The Secretariat will present the key messages contained in the Framework and Guidelines (F&G) on Land Policy in Africa, and the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges. The presentation will underline progress and challenges in the implementation of the AU Declaration on Land at the regional and country levels. It will provide a synopsis of land policy processes in Africa and activities being carried out within the framework of the Land Policy Initiative (LPI) to support these processes. The presentation will conclude with highlights of planned activities for the biennium 2012/2013 aimed at contributing to improved land use, management and governance in support of economic development, environmental sustainability and poverty reduction.

**7. Experts segment of the Africa regional preparatory conference for Rio+20**

Under this item, regional reports on the objectives and themes of Rio+20 will be presented and discussed. These reports include: Africa Regional Report for Rio+20; Africa Report on Institutional and Strategic Frameworks for Sustainable Development; Africa Report on a Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication; and Africa Report on New and Emerging Challenges. A statement on the position of African Major Groups on the objectives and themes of the Rio+20 Conference will also be made. Presentation on each report will be followed by general discussions. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to well-informed sets of practical and action-oriented recommendations on the objectives and themes of Rio+20, to inform the Africa Consensus Statement to Rio+20.

**(a) Presentation and discussion of the Africa regional review report for Rio+20**

ECA will make a presentation on the status and progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments in Africa. The presentation will highlight progress made and achievements by African countries in the implementation of sustainable development commitments since Rio including those contained in Agenda 21 (A21), The Programme for Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (PFIA21) and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). The presentation will also outline best practices, constraints and challenges, lessons learned and provide recommendations on the way forward.

**(b) Presentation and discussion on the Africa report on new and emerging challenges**

AfDB will make a presentation on new and emerging challenges for sustainable development in Africa, with a special focus on Africa's priority of poverty eradication and sustainable development. The presentation will provide information on the new and emerging challenges facing the continent at the regional and subregional levels, such as the financial and economic crisis; energy crisis; food crisis; youth unemployment; climate change; natural disasters; water scarcity; desertification; and biodiversity and ecosystem loss. It will also explore the interlinkages and interactions (both negative and positive) between the identified challenges. The intent is to provide an analysis of how such challenges can be addressed, and how Africa can harness the opportunities they present in the sustainable development agenda.

**(c) Presentation and discussion on the Africa report on a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication**

UNEP will make a presentation on the report on A Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication. The focus will be on the challenges presented by the transition to a green economy and the opportunities this offers, with particular emphasis on growth, employment creation and poverty eradication. The role of key environmental goods and services will be highlighted, in particular agriculture and land use, water, biodiversity-based industries, forestry, fisheries, and mineral resources. The role of manufacturing in the transition to green growth will also be presented, paying particular attention to energy efficiency and clean energy sources. The presentation will conclude with a discussion on the role of governments in fostering green growth through targeted spending, trade policies, technology transfers, and international cooperation.

**(d) Presentations and discussion on the Africa report on institutional and strategic frameworks for sustainable development and international environmental governance**

ECA will make a presentation on the findings of the regional study on institutional and strategic frameworks for sustainable development in Africa. The presentation will highlight the status of the establishment and operationalization of institutional frameworks, as well as the development and implementation of strategic frameworks for sustainable development at the regional, subregional, national and subnational levels. It will discuss the effectiveness of these institutional and strategic frameworks in responding to the requirement of integrating the three pillars of sustainable development in a balanced manner and in addressing intergenerational equity issues. It will outline the recommendations and way forward to strengthening institutional frameworks for sustainable development at the regional, subregional and national levels. The presentation will also highlight the means of implementation as well as the governance systems needed to enhance the effectiveness of the institutional and strategic frameworks to promote sustainable development. Following this, UNEP will make a presentation on strengthening the environmental pillar of sustainable development, and achieving effective International Environmental Governance (IEG).

**(e) Presentation and discussion on Means of Implementation: bridging the gap**

ECA will make a presentation drawing on various reports, synthesising the major implementation gaps; persistent and emerging challenges and constraints to implementation; and actions needed to

accelerate progress bridging the gap, including the provision of adequate means of implementation. The presentation will critically examine technical, technological capacities and capabilities, as well as financial resources needed to effectively tackle or respond to sustainable development challenges. It will address the level and magnitude of investments and support available/needed; bearing in mind the Rio principles of common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities. The presentation will attempt to describe the role of various actors at the global, regional, subregional and national levels in bridging the implementation gap, and propose concrete actions that could be taken to enhance implementation of sustainable development commitments made, including the outcomes of Rio+20.

**Saturday, 22 October 2011**

**(f) Joint statement by Major Groups**

Under this agenda item, a representative of the Major Groups will present a statement on the position of African Major Groups on the objectives and themes of the Rio+20 Conference.

**(g) Consideration and adoption of the Draft Africa Consensus Statement to Rio+20**

The Committee will consider the Draft Africa Consensus Statement to Rio+20, and make comments and observations on the draft. The Draft Statement will be adopted on the understanding that the agreed amendments will be reflected in the final document that will be circulated to all participants immediately after the meeting.

**8. Presentation and adoption of the report of the meeting**

The Committee will have before it the draft report of CFSSD-7 for consideration, and make comments and observations on the draft. The report will be adopted on the understanding that the agreed amendments will be reflected in the final report to be circulated to all participants immediately after the meeting.

**9. Theme, dates and venue of CFSSD-8**

The Secretariat will present proposals on the theme, dates and venue of CFSSD-8 for consideration by the Committee. The Committee will deliberate on the proposals with a view to reaching agreements on the same.

**10. Any other business**

The Committee may wish to consider other matters that may be brought to its attention.

**11. Closure of the meeting**

Speakers for the closing session will make remarks, and the Chairperson of the Bureau of CFSSD-7 will make a statement and declare closed, the Seventh Session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development.