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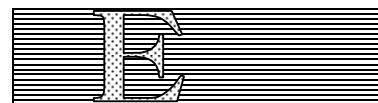
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**Ministerial Segment of the Africa Regional  
Preparatory Conference for the United  
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Development (Rio+20)**

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda



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## **1. Opening of the meeting**

The moderator for the opening session will introduce the opening speakers, and then make opening remarks. The Executive Secretary of ECA will deliver welcome remarks and opening speakers will make statements. Following this, the representative of the Republic of Congo will make a keynote address. The representative of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia will deliver the opening address and declare the meeting open.

## **2. Ministerial policy dialogue**

The Ministerial policy dialogue will comprise three plenary sessions, addressing the objective and themes of Rio+20. Each session will be guided by summary reports on the subjects to be considered. The discussions will be opened by brief presentations on key findings and conclusions, highlighting the main issues arising and recommendations of the experts segment to guide the Ministerial policy dialogue. For each session, an Eminent Person and a Minister will be invited to intervene, taking into account gender and language considerations and geographical representation. Responses will then be invited from one representative of civil society organizations and one representative of the private sector. Following this, the floor will be opened for general discussions.

The Ministerial policy dialogue will address the following issues:

1. Progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments, and New and emerging challenges;
2. Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and the Institutional framework for sustainable development; and
3. Bridging the implementation gap.

## **3. Africa's participation at Rio**

The African Union Commission (AUC) will present a proposal for Africa's effective participation at Rio+20, including the organization of side events on topics relevant to Africa's sustainable development agenda. Delegates will make comments and suggestions on the proposed participation modalities.

## **4. Adoption of the Africa Consensus Statement to Rio+20 and the draft resolution to be presented to the AU Summit**

Delegates will have before them for consideration the draft Africa Consensus Statement to Rio+20. They will make comments and observations on the draft, which will be recorded. The Statement will be adopted on the understanding that the agreed amendments will be reflected in the final document to be circulated to all delegates at the earliest possible time after the meeting. Following this, AUC will present a draft resolution for endorsement of the Africa Consensus Statement by the African Union Summit of January 2012. Delegates will deliberate on the draft resolution with a view to reaching a consensus on the draft to be presented.

**5. Other matters**

Delegates may wish to consider any other matters that may be brought to their attention.

**6. Closing of the conference**

Closing speakers will make remarks, and the moderator will make a statement and declare closed, the Africa Regional Preparatory Conference for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).