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## **Annotated Agenda**



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#### Monday, 19 November 2012

#### 1. Opening of the meeting

The out-going Chairperson of the Bureau of the Seventh Session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development (CFSSD-7) will chair the official opening ceremony.

The Chairperson will introduce members of the Bureau and speakers for the opening session and then make the opening remarks. The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will deliver his welcome remarks, while 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 Bureau

After the opening session, the meeting will go for a short break, during which the heads of delegation will confer to elect a new five-member Bureau comprising one Chairperson, three Vice-Chairs and one Rapporteur, who will be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. The outgoing Chairperson will present the outcome of the consultations and invite the new Chairperson to the podium to make his/her speech. There will then be an official handover.

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

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

#### 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. Presentation and discussions on the Rio+20 outcomes and their implications for Africa

Under this Agenda item, ECA will make a presentation on the main outcomes of Rio+20 and their implications for Africa. The presentation will focus on the issues to be deliberated on at CSD-20, namely: The High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development; Sustainable Development Goals; Means of Implementation; and other selected outcomes such as Measuring beyond GDP (GDP Plus), Green Economy and the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Discussions will follow and the main issues and

recommendations will be synthesized. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to the effective articulation of Africa's priorities regarding the implementation of the Rio+20 outcomes in Africa.

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4 (bis) Discussions on the Rio+20 outcomes (cont)

#### **Open-ended Drafting Group on the Africa RIM Outcome Document for CSD-20**

Following the presentation and discussions on the main outcomes of Rio+20, member States will be invited to designate delegates to represent them in an Open-Ended Drafting Group. The Drafting Group will be chaired by one of the vice-president of the CFSSD-8 Bureau. The Drafting Group will convene from Thursday, 1 November 2012 at 11:20 am to Friday, 2 November at 12:20 pm. With the assistance of the secretariat, the Group will draft the Africa RIM Outcome Document for CSD-20 to be presented to the Committee for consideration and adoption.

5. Presentation and discussion on the implementation of the 2012/2013 work programme of the ECA subprogramme on food security and sustainable Development and priorities for the 2014/2015 work programme

The secretariat will present a progress report outlining the main activities carried out and achievements made in the implementation of the subprogramme on food security and sustainable development in 2012, followed by general discussions. Key issues to be addressed will include constraints and challenges, lessons learned and main areas for programmatic emphasis. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to clear guidance and direction in the implementation of the 2012/2013 work programme, as well as priority areas to consider for the 2014/2015 work programme within the framework of the ECA strategic framework for the 2014/2015 biennium.

#### 6. Presentation and discussion on the status of food security in Africa

The secretariat will make a presentation on the current status of food security in Africa drawing from up-to-date data and most recent high quality research findings on Food and nutrition security. This will include a comprehensive overview of the major recent food and nutrition policy developments and registered shocks, risks and threats and the possible implications and prospects of these for the key food and nutrition security determinants in Africa. The presentation will also draw from a critical review of most recent food crisis experiences across the region and lessons learned from these and the responses provided to suggest bold measures and actionable recommendations calling for more regional cooperation to achieve effective food price stability, more robust resilience to future shocks and greater solidarity in food security matters in Africa.

# 7. Presentation and discussion on the development of strategic agricultural commodity value chains for food security and sustainable development in Africa

The secretariat will make a presentation on the findings of the subregional baseline studies on the development and promotion of maize and livestock in Eastern and Southern Africa. The key issues to be addressed are opportunities and challenges for the development of maize and livestock integrated value chains and linkages in the agricultural and agro-based sector. More specifically, the meeting will review and enrich the recommendations of these studies which aim at promoting regional maize and livestock production and trade.

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#### 8. Presentation and discussion on climate change and development in Africa

Under this Agenda item, the secretariat will make a presentation on progress in the implementation of the Climate for Development in Africa (ClimDev-Africa) Programme, with particular focus on the activities of the African Climate Policy Centre in the context of the following key activity areas of the programme: widely available climate information, packaging and dissemination; quality analysis for decision support and management practice and informed decision-making, awareness and advocacy. The presentation will also provide information on the status of the Centre's different thematic projects, such as: hydrological and meteorological data rescuing and management in Africa; upper air and surface networks upgrading; risk, vulnerability and impact assessment of climate change; cost and benefit of climate change and adaptation to climate change; decision support tools for policy making and adaptive management; analysis of African agricultural policies and how they address climate change; country-specific support to the design of climate-resilient low-carbon development policies and strategies. The presentation and discussions are expected to lead to better understanding of the implementation of the ClimDev-Africa Programme and the status of the different activities of the Centre.

#### 9. Presentation and discussion on the AUC/ECA/AfDB Land Policy Initiative

The Land Policy Initiative (LPI) secretariat will present an update on the implementation of the AU *Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa* as guided by the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa. In this regard, the presentation will provide a synopsis of the 5-year strategic plan and roadmap, highlighting key actions, outputs and partnerships involved in facilitating the development, implementation and monitoring of land policies in order to ensure improved land use, management and governance in support of economic development, environmental sustainability and poverty reduction. Given the pressing need for guidance on large scale land-based investments in Africa, the presentation will also provide a summary of the status of the implementation of the *Nairobi Action Plan on Large Scale Land-Based Investments* (LSLBI) which was adopted in a multi-stakeholder forum in Nairobi in October 2011. The presentation will conclude with highlights of planned activities for 2013.

#### **10.** Consideration and adoption of the Africa RIM Outcome Document

The Committee will consider the draft Africa-RIM Outcome Document and make comments and observations. The draft Outcome Document will be adopted on the understanding that the agreed amendments will be reflected in the final Outcome Document to be circulated to all participants immediately after the meeting.

#### **11.** Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting

The Committee will consider the draft report of the meeting and make comments and observations. The draft 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.

#### 12. Theme, dates and venue of CFSSD-9

The secretariat will present proposals on the theme, dates and venue of CFSSD-9 for consideration by the Committee, which will deliberate on them to reach an agreement.

#### 13. Any other business

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

#### 14. Closing of the meeting

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