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Revised Notification

Fifty-second session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Marrakech, Morocco, 20–26 March 2019

1. Pursuant to rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa, and upon approval by the Bureau, this serves as a notification to members and associate members of the fifty-second session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (“Conference of Ministers”), which will be held at the Palais des congrès de la Palmeraie à Marrakech in Morocco from 20 to 26 March 2019.
2. The ministerial segment will be preceded by a preparatory meeting of the Committee of Experts, which will open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 March 2019. The Conference of Ministers will open at 9 a.m. on Monday, 25 March 2019.
3. The Committee of Experts will meet from 20 to 22 March 2019. The Conference of Ministers will take place on 25 and 26 March 2019.
4. The provisional agendas for the fifty-second session of the Conference of Ministers and the thirty-eighth meeting of the Committee of Experts will accompany the present notification.
5. The fifty-second session of the Commission will focus on the theme of **“Fiscal policy, trade and the private sector in the digital era: a strategy for Africa”**. More details will follow.
6. The plenary sessions of the Conference of Ministers will commence with a high-level policy dialogue on the theme for 2019, followed by plenary sessions on a series of sub-themes. Contributions from seasoned and high-level panelists from within and outside Africa will guide the discussion, which will be informed by recent findings in the concept note and technical background materials towards building consensus on priority areas for action.
7. Inspiring discussions are anticipated to arise from a number of side events scheduled to take place on 23 and 24 March 2019. These events, held in parallel, will be limited to 90 minutes each.
8. In addition to the annual session of the Commission and the meeting of the Committee of Experts, the twentieth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa (RCM-Africa) will take place on 23 and 24 March 2019.
9. Under rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure, each member and associate member shall be represented by an accredited representative, and may be accompanied by an alternate representative and advisers.
10. Delegations are requested to submit to the Secretary of the Commission, by 20 February 2019, the names of accredited representatives and experts who will participate in the session.

11. In accordance with rule 13, the credentials of representatives should be submitted to the Executive Secretary prior to the first meeting of the session. Please send a copy of the credentials by 15 March 2019 to Ms. Mahelet Guoshe at guoshe@un.org and submit the original on-site at the conference centre.
12. Participants should register online and attach their letter of accreditation. Online registration for the session will be available on the dedicated website at: <http://www.uneca.org/cfm2019> from January 2019. Information on the session will also be available on the website.
13. On-site registration will also take place between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from 18 to 26 March 2019 at the designated registration site, where pre-registered participants will be able to pick up their badges.
14. The provisional and annotated programme of work, a detailed information note and other relevant documentation, including technical and working papers for the meetings, will be issued to participants in due course. To access documents prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to visit the session website and download any copies required.
15. Communications concerning the fifty-second session of the Conference of Ministers should be addressed to:

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