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## DRAFT PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

*Theme: Unleashing Africa's potential as a pole of global growth*

### **Thursday 22 March**

9.30 – 10.30 a.m.

#### **Opening of the meeting**

- *Opening remarks by Mr. Abdoulayé Toure, Director, Ministry of Planning of Guinea and Chairperson of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts*
- *Opening remarks by Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission*
- *Opening remarks by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa*
- *Opening remarks by Ato Admasu Nebebe, Director, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*

## **Thursday 22 March**

10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	<b>Election of the Bureau</b>
10.45 – 11 a.m.	<b>Adoption of the agenda and programme of work</b>
11 – 11.15 a.m.	Coffee/tea break
11.15 a.m – 12.15 p.m.	<b>Session I: Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa</b>
12.15 – 1.15 p.m.	<b>Session II: Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa</b>
1.15 – 2.45 p.m.	Lunch break
2.45 – 4.15 p.m.	<b>Session III: Review of Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and the development agenda in Africa beyond 2015</b>
4.15 – 4.30 p.m.	Coffee/tea break
4.30 – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Session IV: Progress reports on the implementation of the major outcomes of United Nations and African Union conferences and summits in key priority areas</b>

***Presentation by Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director, Economic Development and NEPAD Division, ECA:***

- (a) Progress report on the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development;*
- (b) Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness Report 2011;*
- (c) Progress report on the United Nations system-wide support to the African Union and its NEPAD programme through the Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa;*
- (d) Promoting science, technology and innovation for development in Africa;*
- (e) Climate change and development in Africa: report on the outcomes of the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-17);*

**General discussion**

**Presentation by Dr. Rene Kouassi, Director, Economic Affairs Department, African Union Commission**

- (f) *Study on the cost of hunger in Africa; and*
- (g) *Status of the implementation of the African Charter on Statistics and the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa.*

**General discussion**

6.30 p.m. Reception

**Friday 23 March**

- 9 – 10.30 a.m. **Session V: Presentation and discussion on the issues paper on the theme of the Conference: Unleashing Africa’s potential as a pole of global growth**
- 10.30 – 10.45 a.m. Coffee/tea break
- 10.45 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Session V (continued): Presentation and discussion on the issues paper on the theme of the Conference: Unleashing Africa’s potential as a pole of global growth**
- 1 – 3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3 – 4.30 p.m. **Session V (continued): Presentation and discussion on the issues paper on the theme of the Conference: Unleashing Africa’s potential as a pole of global growth**
- 4.30 – 4.45 p.m. Coffee/tea break
- 4.45 – 6.30 p.m. **Session V (continued): Presentation and discussion on the issues paper on the theme of the Conference: Unleashing Africa’s potential as a pole of global growth**

**Saturday 24 March**

9.30 – 10.45 a.m. **Session VI: Statutory issues:**

***Presentation by Mr. Amr Nour, Director, Regional Commissions, New York Office;***

- (a) *The regional dimension of development and the United Nations system;*

***Presentations by Mr. Joseph Atta-Mensah, Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Programme Management, ECA:***

- (b) ECA annual report, 2012;*
- (c) Draft strategic framework: Proposed ECA biennial programme plan of ECA for the period 2014-2015;*
- (d) Establishment of the African Mineral Development Centre;*
- (e) Report on follow-up to the decisions and recommendations of the 2011 Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union and ECA Conferences of Minister;*
- (f) Information note on upcoming major conferences of AUC and ECA;*
- (g) Request from the Republic of South Sudan for membership of the ECA Subregional Office for Eastern Africa;*

***Presentations by Dr. Rene Kouassi, Director, Economic Affairs Department, African Union Commission***

- (h) Establishment of an African Institute of Remittances;*
- (i) Establishment of the African Women's Fund;*
- (j) Financing of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA); and*
- (k) Report on the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).*

**General discussion**

10.45 – 11 a.m.	Coffee/tea break
11 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.	<b>Session VI (continued): Statutory issues</b>
12.45 – 1 p.m.	<b>Any other business</b>
1 – 2.45 p.m.	Lunch break

2.45 – 6.30 p.m.

**Side event**

*Expert panel discussions on the role, activities and organizational structure of the African Institute for Remittances*

**Sunday 25 March**

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Parallel side events**

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Side event 1:** Regional meeting on the theme: “*Small and medium enterprises as drivers of productive capacity and job creation*”, to be held in March 2012 in preparation for the Economic and Social Council’s 2012 Annual Ministerial Review on “*Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals*”

9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

**Side event 2:** High-level ministerial panel discussion: *Leveraging remittances for social development in Africa*

9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**Side event 3:** *Innovation’s contribution to Africa’s growth*

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

**Side event 4:** *The HumaWealth Programme for Africa: Connecting Africa’s Strengths with the World, Creating Well-Being Across the Continent*

12.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Lunch break

5 – 7 p.m.

**Session VII: Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee of Experts and draft resolutions**

7 – 7.30 p.m.

**Closure of the meeting**

- *Closing remarks by Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AU Commission*
- *Closing remarks by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA*
- *Wrap-up by the Chairperson of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts*