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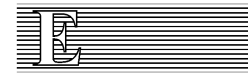


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Theme: Unleashing Africa's potential as a pole of global growth

1. Opening of the meeting

The opening session will be presided over by the Chairperson of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts, until a new Bureau is elected. Opening statements will be delivered by:

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

2. Election of the Bureau

The composition of the new Bureau will be announced following consultations by the heads of delegation. The Bureau will comprise five members: one Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation. After making brief remarks, the incoming Chairperson will preside over the rest of the proceedings. The membership of the current Bureau is attached as an annex to this draft annotated agenda.

3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda and programme of work, subject to such amendments as are deemed necessary.

4. Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present an overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa. The presentation will highlight recent developments in the global economy and their implications for Africa. It will analyse trends in regional and subregional economic performance, including trends in social development and the continent's growth prospects for 2011. It will also examine the underlying policy initiatives and options to deal with emerging issues and longer-term challenges. This will be followed by a general discussion on the main policy issues and recommendations highlighted in the presentation. The overview will draw on the *Economic Report on Africa 2012*.

5. Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present a progress report on the status of regional integration in Africa, including key challenges and constraints. The presentation will be based on the recent research findings and analytical work jointly undertaken by the AU Commission and ECA on the qualitative and quantitative assessment of progress towards achieving integration in various sectors. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion on key issues highlighted by the secretariat with a view to distilling policies and strategies for accelerating the integration process.

6. Review of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and the development agenda in Africa beyond 2015

Under this agenda item, the committee will consider and review a report on progress towards the Millennium Development Goals in Africa, including the proposed framework for Africa's development agenda beyond 2015.

7. Follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations and African Union (AU) conferences and summits, including the 2011 Joint Annual Meetings of AU and ECA

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will make brief presentations on a number of sectoral policy issues as a follow-up to the outcomes of global and regional conferences, including the decisions of the 2011 Conference of Ministers. The Committee is expected to consider these and make recommendations for further action. The progress reports will allow member States to take stock of their progress, identify areas where they are off-track and offer an opportunity for discussion on the recommendations addressed to them in the report.

Presentations will be made by Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director, Economic Development and NEPAD Division, ECA, on the following reports, namely:

- *Financing for Development: A progress report on the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus ;*
- *2011 Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness;*

- *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;*
- *Promoting science, technology and innovation for development in Africa; and*
- *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, and briefing note on the outcomes of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa ahead of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.*

Presentations will also be made by Dr. René Kouassi, Director, Economic Affairs Department, African Union Commission, on the following reports, namely:

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

8. *Presentation and discussion on the theme of the Conference: Unleashing Africa's potential as a pole of global growth*

The secretariat will make a brief presentation to introduce the theme of the Conference drawing on the issues paper and other background documents on the theme. The presentation will be followed by general interactive discussions. The aim of this session will be to highlight critical issues related to the theme of the Conference in order to distil policy recommendations for unleashing Africa's potential as a pole of global growth, for consideration by the Ministers. In particular, the discussions will highlight the role of Governments in creating a conducive policy environment for achieving sustained, high growth that benefits all segments of society; examine the key drivers and sources of recent high growth in Africa, including measures to sustain growth momentum; and address the obstacles and constraints to achieving long-term, sustainable growth, development and transformation based on specific regional, subregional and individual country experiences.

9. *Statutory issues*

Under this agenda item, the AU Commission and the ECA secretariat will make presentations on various statutory issues related to their work and their respective subsidiary organs. The Committee will be required to consider and make recommendations to the Conference for further guidance and action as appropriate. This year, the Committee will consider and make recommendations on the following important statutory issues and reports:

- *The regional dimension of development and the United Nations system;*
- *ECA annual report 2012;*
- *ECA proposed biennial programme plan for the period 2014-2015;*

- *Establishment of the African Mineral Development Centre;*
- *Report on follow-up to the decisions and recommendations of the 2011 Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union and ECA Conference of Ministers;*
- *Information note on upcoming major conferences of the AU Commission and ECA;*
- *Request from the Republic of South Sudan for membership of the ECA subregional office for Eastern Africa;*
- *Establishment of an African Institute of Remittances;*
- *African Women's Fund;*
- *Financing of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA); and*
- *Report on the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).*

10. Any other business

The Committee may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

11. Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee of Experts and draft resolutions

The Committee will consider and adopt a draft report of its meeting containing major recommendations and draft resolutions based on the agenda of the meeting for submission to the Conference of Ministers.

12. Closing of the meeting

The AU Commissioner for Economic Affairs and the Executive Secretary of ECA will both make brief closing remarks and the Chairperson of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts will summarize the main outcomes of the deliberations and declare the meeting closed.