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## DRAFT PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

*Theme: **Industrialization for an emerging Africa***

### **Thursday 21 March**

9.30 – 10 a.m.

**OPENING SESSION: Opening of the meeting**

**Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Chair:** **Mr. Dieudonné Bouddhou**, *Director, Ministry of Planning of Gabon and Chairperson of the Outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts*

**Statements:**

- **Mr. Dieudonné Bouddhou**, *Director, Ministry of Planning of Gabon and Chairperson of the outgoing Bureau of the Committee of Experts*
- **Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba**, *Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission (AUC)*
- **Mr. Abdalla Hamdok**, *Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)*
- **Representative of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire**

10 – 10.15 a.m.

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

- 10.15 – 11.30 a.m.                    **Session I: Recent economic and social developments in Africa**
- Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire
- Chair:**    **Chairperson of the Committee of Experts**
- Overview:**
- Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director, Macroeconomic Policy Division, ECA**
- General discussion**
- 11.30 – 11.45 a.m.                    **Coffee/tea break**
- 11.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.                **Session II: Review of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda**
- Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire
- Chair:**    **Chairperson of the Committee of Experts**
- **Progress report on the MDGs: Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director, Macroeconomic Policy Division, ECA**
  - **Africa’s common position on the post-2015 development agenda: Mr. René Kouassi, Director, Department of Economic Affairs, AUC**
- General discussion**
- 1.30 – 2.45 p.m.                    **Lunch break**
- 2.45 – 4.30 p.m.                    **Session III: Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa**
- Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire
- Chair:**    **Chairperson of the Committee of Experts**
- Overview:**
- Mr. René Kouassi, Director, Department of Economic Affairs, AUC**
- General discussion**
- 4.30 – 4.45 p.m.                    **Coffee/tea break**
- 4.45 – 6 p.m.                        **Session IV: Realizing the demographic dividend for Africa**
- Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire
- Chair:**    **Chairperson of the Committee of Experts**

**Presentation**

**General discussion**

6 p.m.

**Reception**

**Friday 22 March**

9 – 10.45 a.m.

**Session V: Theme: Industrialization for an emerging Africa**

**Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Chair:** Chairperson of the Committee of Experts

- **Reaping the benefits of value addition in Africa: addressing challenges and exploiting opportunities for structural transformation, by Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director, Macroeconomic Policy Division, ECA**
- **Issues paper on industrialization for an emerging Africa by Mr. René Kouassi, Director, Department of Economic Affairs, AUC**
- **Subregional perspectives from: North, West, Central, Eastern and Southern Africa**
- **Remarks by:**

**Mr. Ben Turok, South African Member of Parliament**

**General discussion**

10.45 – 11 a.m.

**Coffee/tea break**

11 a.m.

**Session V (continued): Industrialization for an emerging Africa**

**General discussion**

1 – 2.30 p.m.

**Lunch break**

2.30 – 4.15 p.m.

**Session V (continued): Industrialization for an emerging Africa**

**General discussion**

4.15 – 4.30 p.m.

**Coffee/tea break**

4.30 – 6.00 p.m.

**Session VI: Implementing the Rio+20 outcomes in Africa**

**Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Chair:** Chairperson of the Committee of Experts

**Presentation on “Implementing the Rio+20 outcomes in Africa” by ECA**

**General discussion**

**Saturday 23 March**

8.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. **Session VII: Statutory issues**

**Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Chair:** **Chairperson of the Committee of Experts**

8.30 – 9.30 a.m. **Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action by Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director, Macroeconomic Policy Division, ECA**

9.30 – 11 a.m. **Briefing on ECA’s new strategic direction, by Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA**

- *Update on the statutes of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), by Mr. Adebayo Olukoshi, Director of IDEP*

**Mr. Joseph Atta-Mensah, Senior Adviser, AU/NEPAD Team, Capacity Development Division, ECA**

- ECA Annual Report, 2012*
- Revised Strategic Framework 2014-2015*
- Draft proposed ECA biennial planned programme budget for the period 2014-2015*

11 – 11.15 a.m. **Coffee/tea Break**

11.15 – 11.45 a.m. **General discussion on ECA statutory issues**

11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. **Mr. René Kouassi, Director, Department of Economic Affairs, AUC**

- Report on the establishment of a Pan-African Stock Exchange*
- Draft statute of the African Monetary Fund*
- Implementation of the African Charter on Statistics and the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa*
- Alternative sources of funding the African Union*
- Update on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation*
- Update on AU decision 465 (XX) on a South-South and triangular coalition in support of Africa Post-2015*

(g) *Report on the African Private Sector Forum*

- 12.15 – 1 p.m. **General discussion on AUC statutory issues**
- 1 – 1.15 p.m. **Any other business**
- 1.15 – 2.45 p.m. **Lunch break**
- 2.45 p.m. onwards **Drafting of the report of the Committee of Experts**

**Sunday 24 March**

- 9 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. **Parallel side events**
- **Side event 1: Realizing the demographic dividend for Africa**
  - **Side event 2: Statistics on governance and peace and security**
  - **Side event 3: Planning economic development**
  - **Side Event 4: Productivity as a lever for Africa’s industrial emergence**
- 12.30 – 4.30 p.m. **Lunch break**
- 5 – 7 p.m. **Session VIII: Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee of Experts and draft resolutions**
- Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire
- Chair:** **Chairperson of the Committee of Experts**
- *Presentation of the draft Report by the Rapporteur of the Committee of Experts*
  - *Review of the draft report*
- 7 – 7.30 p.m. **Closing session: Closure of the meeting**
- Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire
- Chair:** **Chairperson of the Committee of Experts**
- Remarks:**
- **Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AUC**
  - **Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA**
  - **Chairperson of the Committee of Experts**