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and Integration*
First session

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Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary
Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration and the
Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African
Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
Addis Ababa, 23-31 March 2015

Provisional consolidated programme of Conference sessions and other meetings and side events

Monday, 23 March to Sunday, 29 March 2015 Side events and other meetings	
23 and 24 March	<p>Side-event 1: Regional consultation in preparation for the third International Conference on Financing for Development (UNCC, conference room 2) <i>Organised by ECA & AUC</i></p> <p>This is one of the five regional consultations being held to discuss a development finance framework, which will feed into a common Africa position leading up to the third Financing for Development Conference, to be held in July 2015 in Addis Ababa. The event will be moderated by Dr. Abraham Tekeste, Ethiopian State Minister for Finance. Discussants will include representatives from member States, the regional economic communities and civil society.</p>
Wednesday, 25 March 2015 Meeting of the Committee of Experts United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), conference room 2	
9 – 9.30 a.m.	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting of the Committee of Experts
9.30 – 9.45 a.m.	Agenda item 2: Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work
9.45 – 11 a.m.	Agenda item 3: Rules of procedure of the Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration
11 – 11.15 a.m.	Coffee break

* The Specialized Technical Committee replaces the Conference of African Ministers of Economy and Finance (CAMEF) and the Conference of African Ministers of Integration (COMAI). The Specialized Technical Committee brings together ministers of finance, monetary affairs, economic planning and integration

11.15 – 11.30 a.m.	Agenda item 4: Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Eighth Joint Annual Meetings
11.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Agenda item 5: Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa
1.30 – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30 – 3.00 p.m.	Agenda item 6: Intergovernmental Negotiation Process on the post-2015 development agenda
3.00 – 4.15 p.m.	Agenda item 7: Data Revolution
4.15 – 4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30 – 6 p.m.	Agenda item 8: Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa
6 p.m.	Reception
Thursday, 26 March 2015 Meeting of the Committee of Experts [continued] UNCC, conference room 2	
9 – 11.30 a.m.	Agenda item 9: Implementing Agenda 2063: planning, mobilizing and financing for development
11.30 – 11.45 a.m.	Coffee break
11.45 a.m. – 1.45 p.m.	Agenda item 9 [continued]
1.45 – 2.45 p.m.	Lunch break
2.45 – 4.15 p.m.	Agenda item 9:[continued]
4.15 – 4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30 – 6.30 p.m.	Agenda item 10: Statutory issues of the African Union Commission
Friday, 27 March 2015 Meeting of the Committee of Experts [continued] UNCC, conference room 2	
9 – 11 a.m.	Agenda item 11: Statutory issues of the Economic Commission for Africa
11 – 11.15 a.m.	Agenda item 12: Other business
11.15 – 11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Drafting of the report of the Meeting of the Committee of Experts
1.15 – 2.15 p.m.	Lunch break
2.15 – 4 p.m.	Drafting of the report of the Meeting of the Committee of Experts [continued]
4 – 6 p.m.	Agenda item 13: Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Meeting of the Committee of Experts and the draft resolutions
6 – 6.30 p.m.	Agenda item 14: Closing of the Meeting

<p>27–29 March 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-Event 2: High-level Conference on the Data Revolution (UNCC, conference room 1)<i>Organised by ECA & AUC</i> Hosted by the Economic Commission for Africa, the African Union Commission and the African Development Bank, the Conference will be divided into two parts. The high-level part will consist of a one-day meeting bringing together policymakers, innovators and industry leaders. It will feature prepared reports, keynote addresses from leaders of thought on data issues, and short statements from the high-level panellists. A report on the Conference will be presented during the ministerial segment of the Conference of Ministers, for endorsement and adoption.</p>
<p>28 March 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-event 3: Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and what it means for Africa (UNCC, conference room 6)<i>Organised by ECA & IPCC</i> Dr. Youba Sokona, Special Advisor on Sustainable Development at the South Centre, and Prof. Chris Field, Director of the Carnegie Institution’s Department of Global Ecology, are just two of the notable panellists who will participate in this side event.</p>
<p>28 March 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-event 4: Launch of the country profiles (UNCC, Banquet Hall)<i>Organised by ECA</i> Each of the Economic Commission for Africa’s subregional offices will be presenting a new data and forecasting tool aimed at helping African countries to refocus their energies on macroeconomic and social policies, with a view to achieving structural transformation across the continent. During this launch, a first selection of five country profiles will be published.</p>
<p>28 March 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-Event 5: Making Agenda 2063 work for African women: what needs to be done? (UNCC, conference room 5)<i>Organised by ECA</i> This side event will stress the central role of women in achieving Agenda 2063, but also and more importantly emphasize women’s empowerment as one of the preconditions for achieving the continental development framework, with a view to building consensus on the concrete measures that should be taken to ensure that Agenda 2063 responds to women’s needs, constraints and priorities.</p>
<p>28 March 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-Event 6: Launch of the African Social Development Index (UNCC, conference room 3)<i>Organised by ECA</i> The purpose of this side event, which will be a round-table discussion with African ministers of finance, is to offer a platform for prominent African stakeholders – including representatives of member States, regional economic communities, civil society organizations and development partners – to reflect and share experiences on the linkages between structural transformation and inclusive development. It will also be an opportunity to discuss concrete policy options – using the Index-based metrics – for reducing the gaps between the haves and the have-nots on the continent across all social, economic and age groups, in line with Agenda 2063.</p>
<p>28 March 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-event 7: Africa Regional Integration Index (UNCC, conference room 5)<i>Organised by AfDB, AUC and ECA</i> Although Africa is making progress on its regional integration agenda, much remains to be done. One way to accelerate progress is to introduce a regular, systematic and quantitative monitoring mechanism for the integration process. In response to calls for such a mechanism to be created, the Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union Commission proposed a methodology for an African Regional Integration Index, which has been endorsed by the Conference of Ministers and the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Integration. This side event will present emerging findings from the Index.</p>

<p>28 March 3 – 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-event 8: Financing Africa’s transition to a green economy (UNCC, conference room 3)<i>Organised by ECA</i> The objective of this side event is to provide a platform for stakeholders, policymakers and experts to critically examine existing financing modalities under global climate change frameworks, such as the Green Climate Fund, and other bilateral and national sources for promoting Africa’s transition towards green and blue economies. Panellists will include Mr. Ahmed Sufian, Ethiopian Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ms. Hakima El Haite, Moroccan Minister Delegate to the Minister of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, and ministers from several other countries.</p>
<p>28 March 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-event 9: Continental free trade area negotiations (UNCC, conference room 6) <i>Organised by ECA and AUC</i> The year 2015 is a historic opportunity for a major step to be taken towards the integration of the African continent, with the launch of negotiations for a continental free trade area. The aim of this side event is to refocus attention on the continental free trade area agenda and to generate momentum towards the negotiations, which are expected to start in 2015, in accordance with the continental free trade area road map. This side event will be moderated by Ms. Treasure Maphanga, Director of Trade and Industry at the African Union Commission, and will include presentations from the East Africa Business Council.</p>
<p>28 and 29 March 2015 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Other meeting 1: Sixteenth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa [day 1] (UNCC, conference room 2) <i>Organised by United Nations & AUC</i> Chaired by Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, this meeting will provide a platform for presenting the outcomes and results of coordinated United Nations support for Africa’s development in partnership with African Union organizations. Participants are expected to include representatives of the African Union and its subsidiary bodies and United Nations agencies that support Africa’s development.</p>
<p>28 and 29 March 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Other meeting 2: Third general assembly of the Forum of Former African Heads of State and Government [closed session] (UNCC, conference room 4) The Forum is an informal network of former African Heads of State and Government and other African leaders. The assembly will be chaired by Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, former President of Mozambique. Several other former leaders are expected to address the participants. The focus of this year’s assembly will be Agenda 2063. This is a closed session that will only be open to members of the Forum and to invited guests.</p>
<p>28 March 1. – 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Side event 10: The Role of Urbanization in the Structural Transformation of Africa(UNCC conference room 6)<i>Organized by UN-Habitat and ECA</i> The Side Event will open a dialogue on the role urbanization could play in the transformation of Africa. The Pre-Event will also offer a platform for prominent African stakeholders, including representatives from member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), academicians, civil society organizations and development partners to reflect collectively, share experiences and make recommendations on issues relating to urbanization and structural transformation in Africa. It will also be an opportunity to propose measures that will lead to harnessing cities and urbanization as drivers of inclusive and sustainable transformation in line with the AU Agenda 2063.</p>
<p>29 March 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Side-event 11: Caucus of governors of African central banks (Africa Hall, ECA compound)<i>Organised by ECA & AUC</i> The caucus is a unique opportunity for governors to engage in structured dialogue on the issues that they would like to see reflected in the outcome document of the third International Conference on Financing for Development,</p>

	to be held in Addis Ababa in July. Welcoming addresses will be given by Mr. TeklewoldeAtnafu, Governor of the Central Bank of Ethiopia, and by Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile, Governor of the Bank of Uganda.
29 March 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Side-event 12: Harnessing the demographic dividend to achieve Africa’s Agenda 2063 (UNCC, conference room 3) <i>Organised by UNFPA & ECA</i>
29 March 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Side-event 13: Towards the recovery of the countries most affected by Ebola (UNCC, conference room 5) <i>Organised by ECA & AUC</i> The purpose of this event is to share information about ongoing efforts to support the Ebola-affected countries in their efforts to contain and eradicate the disease and recover from the outbreak. The event will feed into ongoing national and international efforts to prepare sound recovery strategies and plans for the three countries. The event will bring together stakeholders including representatives from member States, the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the Mano River Union, the United Nations system and bilateral and multilateral partners engaged in the most-affected countries. The ministers of finance and planning from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone are expected to be panellists.
29 March 10 a.m. – 1p.m.	Side-event 14: Financing for sustainable development: towards a sustainable financing system for the twenty-first century (Africa Hall, ECA compound) <i>Organised by ECA and UNEP.</i> UNEP’s inquiry into the design of a sustainable financial system explores options for better aligning the financial system with sustainable development. Guided by a high-level group of central bankers, regulators and other financial sector expertise, the Programme is developing recommendations for financial and monetary policy, financial regulation and standards. It will deliver its final report in October 2015. This session will provide an opportunity to explore the relevance of the inquiry’s findings for financing sustainable development. Drawing on the inquiry’s findings in over a dozen countries, including Bangladesh, Brazil, China, some European countries, India, Indonesia, Kenya, South Africa and the United States, the session will highlight innovative practices and emerging international perspectives. Panellist who are yet to be confirmed will include the Minister of Finance for f Uganda, Chief Executive, Johannesburg Stock Exchange, Head, Kenya Bankers Association, and NeerajSahai, President, Standard and Poor’s Rating Services
29 March 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Side-event 15: Africa in the post-Kyoto climate governance framework (caucus room 11) <i>Organised by ECA</i> This pre-event will present and discuss the main conclusions from the latest meeting of the African Group of Negotiators and the preparations for the next sessions of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and the Committee of African Heads of State on Climate Change. Panellists will include Mr. Saviour Kasukuwere, Minister for Environment, Water and Climate of Zimbabwe, Ms. Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs of South Africa, Mr. TosiMpanu-Mpanu, Director at the Ministry of Environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ms. TherezyaHuvisa, Minister of Environment of the United Republic of Tanzania and Mr. Pa Osman Jarju, Minister of Forestry and Environment of the Gambia.
29 March 3 – 6 p.m.	Side-event 16: Launch of the 2015 edition of the <i>Economic Report on Africa</i> (UNCC, conference room 2) <i>Organised by ECA</i> The theme of the 2015 edition of the Economic Report on Africa is “Industrializing through trade”. It builds on the key messages of previous editions of the report, with a focus on industrialization and structural transformation. Both the 2013 and 2014 editions emphasized the role of trade in fostering industrialization, both at the regional and at the global level, and underlined the importance of implementing trade policies in Africa, with a view to overcoming market and institutional failures that hinder export

	competitiveness. This year's report further explores the question of how trade can serve as an instrument for accelerating industrialization and structural transformation in Africa.
29 March 4 – 7 p.m.	Other Meeting 3: Meeting of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Africa [closed meeting] (conference room 3) The Global Agenda Council on Africa is co-chaired by Mr. Carlos Lopes and Ms. Maria Ramos, CEO, Barclays Africa Group. The Council is made up of some of Africa's leading experts from business, academia, government, civil society and international organizations. The Council's mandate is to provide leadership to create a public-private cooperation framework, with a view to fast-tracking Africa's economic transformation and inclusive growth. The Council's work is intended to complement the common African position on the post-2015 development agenda and Agenda 2063.
30 March 1 – 2.30 p.m.	Side-event 17: Luncheon for the inaugural lecture of the annual Adebayo Adedeji lecture series (UNCC, Delegates Lounge) <i>Organised by ECA</i> The ECA launched the annual Adebayo Adedeji lecture series in March 2014 to honour and recognize the intellectual contribution to development, service to Africa, and humanity of Prof. Adebayo Adedeji. Dr. Donald Kaberuka will address the participants and discuss his contribution to the continent's development throughout his mandate as the President of the African Development Bank.
Monday, 30 March 2015 Conference of Ministers UNCC, conference room 1	
9.30 – 10.30 a.m.	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Conference of Ministers
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee break
10.45 – 11 a.m.	Agenda item 2: Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work
11 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3: High-level ministerial policy dialogue on the theme of the Conference, "Implementing Agenda 2063: planning, mobilizing and financing for development"
1.30 – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30 – 4.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4: Domestication of Agenda 2063: regional and national dimensions of the first 10-year plan
4.30 – 4.45 p.m.	Coffee break
4.45 – 6.45 p.m.	Agenda item 5: Financing Agenda 2063: strategies for domestic resources mobilization and partnerships
6.45 p.m.	Reception
Tuesday, 31 March 2015 Conference of Ministers [continued] UNCC, conference room 1	
10 – 11 a.m.	Agenda item 6: Common African position on financing for development

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Agenda item 7: Presentation of the communiqué of the caucus of governors of African central banks
12 – 12.15 p.m.	Coffee break
12.15 – 2 p.m.	Agenda item 8: Consideration of the report and major recommendations of the meeting of the Committee of Experts
2 – 3 p.m.	Lunch break
3 – 4.15 p.m.	Agenda item 9: Consideration and adoption of the draft ministerial statement and draft resolutions
4.15 – 4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30 – 4.45 p.m.	Agenda item 10: Other business
4.45 – 5.15 p.m.	Agenda item 11: Closing of the Conference
5.15 – 5.45 p.m.	Press conference