



**REGIONAL MEETING ON “INNOVATIONS IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION”**

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**Convened by the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC),
H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

Collaborating Entities: UNECA, UNIDO, UN DESA, FAO, OHRLLS, OSAA, UNCTAD, UNDP, UN Habitat,
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Sunday, 26 March 2017

8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration of Participants
	Expert Segment
9:00 - 9:10 am	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC <p>Keynote address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency
9:10 - 10:30 am	<p>Plenary Discussion: The Infrastructure-Industrialization Nexus</p> <p><i>This session will examine the current status of infrastructure development and sustainable industrialisation in Africa and other developing countries, both of which are enablers for sustainable development in their own right, but whose current state of development could act as a serious drawback to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. The session will examine how countries – through a synergistic consideration of the nexus – can develop policies and implement programmes that will mitigate the various constraints and fast-track the industrialisation process.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. David Mehdi Hamam, Director of the Office of the Special Advisor on Africa</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Soteri Gatera, Chief, Industrialization and Infrastructure Section, UNECA • Mr. Ciyong Zou, Director, Department of Partnership and Results Monitoring, UNIDO <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul Jacobson, Engagement Manager, McKinsey Global Institute, Johannesburg • Dr. Robert Nantchouang, Senior Knowledge Management Expert, African Capacity Building Foundation • Ms. Rukia Shamte, former Executive Secretary of Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p><i>Possible discussion questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can the synergies across infrastructure, industrialization and innovation be supported, and the infrastructure-industrialization nexus strengthened at national, regional and continental levels?</i> • <i>What kind of institutions are required in countries to ensure necessary level of coordination across governments, the private sector, development finance institutions (DFIs) and other stakeholders to ensure the integrated and holistic implementation that this will require?</i> • <i>How can African countries and other developing regions attract FDI for industrialisation and infrastructure development?</i> • <i>What lessons can be replicated from existing good practice that have worked in other regions – such as improved regional integration, effective participation in value chains, use of spatial industrial policy and industrial agglomeration, public and private partnership – to foster infrastructure development for industrialization efforts in Africa?</i>



10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee break
10:45 am – 1:00 pm	<p>Plenary Session: National-level Efforts toward Infrastructure Development and Sustainable Industrialization</p> <p><i>This session will draw on participants’ perspectives from their respective work at country level in infrastructure development and sustainable industrialization. Although the financial and technical resources required are usually vast and context-specific, there are a number of innovative national examples from within Africa and beyond the region which can point the way forward for developing countries and countries in special situations.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Patrick Osakwe, Head, Trade and Poverty Branch, UNCTAD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Prosper Akpa-Akmel, Special Advisor to the Vice President, Investment, Private Sector, Côte d’Ivoire • Professor Edward Lorenz, Professor of Economics, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, France • Mr. Shem Simuyemba, Division Manager, NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility, African Development Bank • Dr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Visiting Senior Fellow at Khazanah Research Institute, and Visiting Fellow at Columbia University <p>Interactive Discussion</p> <p><i>Possible discussion questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Drawing on your work at the country level, what have traditionally been the biggest obstacles to infrastructure development and sustainable industrialization?</i> • <i>What measures at the national level have had the greatest impact in terms of stimulating investment, whether domestic or external, in infrastructure development and sustainable industrialization?</i> • <i>What areas are critical for building national capacities to support the sustainability, resilience and inclusiveness of infrastructure and industrial programmes and policies?</i>
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Lunch Break
	Ministerial Segment
2:30 – 3:15 pm	<p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC • H. E. Mr. Aly Ngouille Ndiaye, Minister of Industry and Mines, Senegal • H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the UN General Assembly • Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary, UNECA • H.E. Mr. Thomas Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission (TBC)



<p>3:15 – 5:15 pm</p>	<p>Roundtable discussion: Policy Perspectives on Infrastructure-Industrialization Nexus Chair: H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC</p> <p><i>The Chair will then invite the presenter to give a short overview of the morning meeting of technical experts, providing feedback and key messages on the infrastructure-industrialization nexus and country experiences. Following the presentation of highlights, the Chair will invite the moderator to conduct a roundtable discussion of Ministers and high-level participants, who will share policy perspectives on these issues and place special emphasis on recommendations for successful infrastructure development and sustainable industrialization.</i></p> <p><i>The broader context for national action is the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related, complementary commitments at the regional and international levels. Sustainable development progress requires integrated, holistic and nexus-based approaches. This session aims to identify how infrastructure, industrialization and innovation can be strengthened while complementing efforts as part of overall sustainable development plans within countries.</i></p> <p>Feedback from Experts Meeting Presenter: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Paul Maseli, Director and UNIDO Representative to the United Nations and other International Organizations</p> <p>Roundtable discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Boima S. Kamara, Minister of Finance and Development Planning, Liberia • H.E. Mr. Abdou Maman, Minister of Industry, Niger • H.E. Dr. Obert Moses Mpofo, Minister of Macro-economic Planning and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe (TBC) • Ms. Maria Kiwanuka, Senior Advisor to the President of Uganda • Mr. Kebour Ghenna, President, Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry <p>Interactive Discussion</p> <p><i>Possible discussion questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What steps are needed to build the momentum for a transformative industrialization and infrastructure strategy in Africa, or other developing regions?</i> • <i>In the context of the 2030 Agenda, what are some of the challenges to policy integration and coherence at the national level in pursuit of SDG-9 on infrastructure, industrialization and innovation?</i> • <i>How can policy and regulatory frameworks be strengthened and adapted to support infrastructure and industrialization that is consistent with commitments made to poverty eradication and sustainable development?</i> • <i>What role has development cooperation played (North-South, South-South, triangular and regional cooperation) in advancing progress on infrastructure and industrialization, and how can their impact be enhanced?</i>
<p>5:15 – 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Acting Executive Secretary, UNECA (TBC) • H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of ECOSOC