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Item 3 of the provisional agenda*
**Consideration and adoption of the agenda and
programme of work**

Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

Remarks by the Chair of the Bureau

Welcome address by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Knowledge Delivery,
Economic Commission for Africa

Remarks by the Minister of Women's and Children's Affairs, Government of Ethiopia

2. Election of the Bureau

Consultations will be undertaken on the basis of clear guidelines to ensure that each
subregion is represented in the election of the Bureau of the second session.

Remarks by the outgoing Chair

Remarks by the incoming Chair

Documentation

No documentation required.

3. Consideration and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The agenda and programme of work of the second session of the Committee will be
presented by the Chair, discussed and adopted.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/CGSD/2/1)

Provisional annotated agenda (E/ECA/CGSD/2/1/Add.1)

Provisional programme of work (E/ECA/CGSD/2/INF.2)

Aide memoire (E/ECA/CGSD/2/INF.1)

* E/ECA/CGSD/2/1

4. Reports to the Committee on Gender and Social Development — reporting and discussion

The secretariat will present two reports: one on the work and activities of Subprogramme 9 (social development policy) and the other on Subprogramme 6 (gender and women in development).

(a) Subprogramme 9 — Social development policy

The presentation will focus on the analytical and policy work of subprogramme 9 on urbanization, population and young people, and social protection and employment. The report will highlight the policy influence, results achieved, lessons learned and main challenges faced by the subprogramme, as well as planned activities for the biennium 2018-2019.

Documentation

Report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa relating to Subprogramme 9: social development policy (E/ECA/CGSD/2/2)

(b) Subprogramme 6 — Gender and women in development

The work of subprogramme 6 and its main achievements during the past two years will be the focus of the presentation. The report will highlight the policy influence, results achieved, lessons learned and main challenges faced by the subprogramme in supporting member States in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. The report will highlight the planned activities for the biennium 2018-2019.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Gender and Social Development on the work of the African Centre for Gender (E/ECA/CGSD/2/3)

5. Parallel sessions

Presentations, reports and discussions will feature in a series of parallel sessions. With the support of the secretariat, and to guide the discussions, the representatives of two member States will be appointed Chair and Rapporteur.

(a) Informality and inequality in Africa

Employment trends in the informal sector will be the focus of the presentation. The informal sector refers to the circumstances in which people may need to work as a result of a poor acquisition of skills and limited access to high-quality education. The interlinkages between informal employment and inequality will also be examined. An analysis will be provided of the extent, nature and causes of informal employment and how it contributes to inequality in Africa.

Documentation

Informality and inequality in Africa: exploring the linkages (E/ECA/CGSD/2/4)

(b) The demographic dividend in Africa: an entry point to implementing and monitoring the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development

The presentation will highlight the explicit sequence of steps that makes it possible to examine and integrate the Addis Ababa Declaration with reference to the demographic dividend and the way in which various policies can support the steps required to achieve that dividend.

Documentation

Demographic Dividend in Africa: an entry point to implementing and monitoring the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (E/ECA/CGSD/2/5)

(c) An urban lens on national development planning

The role of cities in inclusive economic growth will be explored, providing policy entry points to integrate cities into each stage of national development planning processes, within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

Documentation

An urban lens on national development planning (E/ECA/CGSD/2/6)

(d) Women's economic empowerment: boosting female entrepreneurship in Africa**Documentation**

Women's economic empowerment: boosting women's entrepreneurship in Africa (E/ECA/CGSD/2/7)

**6. General discussion on the theme of the second session,
"Achieving the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063: from planning to
implementation of the gender and social development goals for
inclusive and sustainable development"**

(a) Presentation of the Issues Paper

To guide the discussions, the representatives of two member States will be appointed Chair and Rapporteur, with the support of the secretariat.

(b) Four breakout sessions**(c) Reporting back on the breakout sessions and discussion on the way forward****Documentation**

Issues Paper: From planning to implementation of the gender and social development goals for inclusive and sustainable development (E/ECA/CGSD/2/8)

7. Consideration and adoption of the report of the second session

The Committee may wish to consider and adopt the report of its session, which articulates the views of the participants of the second session and other policy and operational issues.

8. Closing of the session

The Chair will make closing remarks, highlight the main outcomes and future directions for the work of the Committee, and close the meeting.

Final remarks will be offered by the Director of the Social Development Policy Division, Economic Commission for Africa.