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**Committee on Gender and Social Development**  
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### **Draft annotated agenda**

#### **1. Opening of the session**

The Deputy Executive Secretary (Knowledge Generation) and Chief Economist of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Abdalla Hamdok, will deliver the welcome address, followed by a statement by the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Erastus Mwencha.

#### **2. Presentation of the evolution and terms of reference of the Committee on Gender and Social Development**

The presentation will inform the experts of the history of the Committee and the terms of reference to guide the Committee on its work.

#### **3. Election of the Bureau**

Consultations will be undertaken based on clear guidelines to ensure representation of each subregion to elect the Bureau of the first session.

#### **4. Adoption of the preliminary agenda and preliminary programme of work**

The agenda and programme of work of the first session of the Committee on Gender and Social Development will be presented by the Chair, discussed and adopted.

#### **5. Presentation of the report on employment, social protection, population, youth issues and urbanization activities**

The presentation will focus on the analytical and policy work of subprogramme 9 on urbanization, population and youth issues, and social protection and employment. The report will highlight the policy influence, results achieved, lessons learned and main challenges faced by the subprogramme. It will also highlight the planned activities for the biennium 2016–2017.

**6. Presentation of the report on the work of the African Centre for Gender**

The presentation will focus on the work of subprogramme 6 and its main achievements over the past two years. The report will highlight the policy influence, results achieved, lessons learned and main challenges faced by the subprogramme in supporting member States to advance gender equality and women's empowerment. The report will also highlight the planned activities for the biennium 2016–2017.

**7. Presentation of the report on the development of national satellite accounts of household production**

The presentation will inform the Committee on the work of the African Centre for Gender on development of national satellite accounts, highlighting how production in the household sector is accounted for in official national accounts and its limitations.

**8. Presentation of the report on the African Social Development Index**

The presentation will provide a review of progress on the implementation of the African Social Development Index in African countries and regional economic communities, during the biennium 2014–2015. It will highlight the key achievements in the application of the Index – including the political buy-in and response from member States and other stakeholders.

**9. Presentation of the report on urbanization**

The presentation will cover the main elements of a strategy to further consolidate and scale up the work of ECA on urbanization under the framework of Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. The report will be presented for discussion and consideration.

**10. Presentation of the report on the demographic profile of African States**

The presentation will highlight the trends and levels of key demographic indicators, which include population size, growth rate, distribution, fertility and mortality levels, age structure and international migration. The report will be presented for discussion and consideration.

**11. Presentation on the African Gender and Development Index**

The presentation will provide an overview of the work of the African Centre for Gender in measuring gender inequality in Africa using the Index. It will showcase some of the work from past studies of the Index, and the status of current work.

**12. Presentation on Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: opening inroads for enhancing gender and social development policies**

Based on a brief presentation, the session will provide an opportunity for the Committee to consider the Sustainable Development Goals and look more critically at the implications of the goals for social, gender and development policies, strategies and actions for African member States.

**13. Presentation and adoption of main conclusions and recommendations of the Committee**

The Committee will consider the conclusions and recommendations to be adopted at the session.

**14. Closing of the first session**

The major outcomes of the session will be highlighted, and attention will be drawn to future directions and the work of the Committee.