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The 24th Session of the Inter-Governmental Committee of Experts
(ICE) (Senior Government Officials) of Southern Africa

Theme: *Blue Economy, Inclusive Industrialization and Economic Development in
Southern Africa*

18 – 21 September 2018
Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 18 September 2018

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:00 **Agenda Item 1: Opening Session**

- Opening Remarks (ECA)
- Remarks (Chair of 23rd ICE Bureau)
- Remarks (UN RC)
- Remarks (AUC)
- Keynote Address (Government of Mauritius)

10:00 - 10:30 ***MEDIA BRIEFING/INTERVIEWS and TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

10:30 - 10:45 **Agenda Item 2**
Election of the Bureau and Adoption of the Agenda/Programme of Work

10:45 - 11:30 **Agenda Item 3 (a)**
Report on Economic and Social Conditions in Southern Africa - ECA/SRO-SA

11:30 - 12:00 **Agenda Item 3 (b)**
Report on Programme Performance of ECA in Southern Africa - ECA/SRO-SA

12:00 - 12:30 **Agenda Item 3 (c)**
Report on the Implementation of Regional and International Agendas and Other Special Initiatives in the Sub region: *Progress and Status of the Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)* - ECA/ATPC

12:30 - 14:00 ***LUNCH BREAK***

14:00 - 15:30 **Agenda Item 4**
Presentation of an Issues paper on: Blue Economy, Inclusive Industrialization and Economic Development in Southern Africa

15:30 - 15:50 Discussants

16:00 - 16:30 Open discussions

16:30 -17:00 *TEA/COFFEE BREAK*

18:00 - 20:30 **Country Profile Launch (cocktail) - ECA/SRO-SA**

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

09:00 - 10:30 **Agenda Item 5 (a)**
Panel Discussion: The Private Sector and the Blue Economy: production, investments and accelerated economic growth, poverty reduction and development

10:30 - 11:00 ***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

11:00 - 13:00 **Agenda Item 5 (b)**
Panel Discussion: The role of landlocked and land-linked countries in the Blue Economy

13:00 - 14:00 ***LUNCH BREAK***

14:00 - 15:30 **Agenda Item 5 (c)**
Panel Discussion: Strengthening collaboration in the Blue Economy sector amongst coastal countries

15:30 - 16:00 ***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

18:30 - 21:00 **Ministerial/High Level Roundtable (Cocktail hosted by the Government of Mauritius)**

DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

08:00 - 18:00 **Agenda Item 6**
Joint SADC-UNECA AEGM: The Role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Industrialization Process in Southern Africa

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening Session and Election of the Bureau**

09:30 - 10:30 **Presentation of a report on: The Role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Industrialization Process in Southern Africa**

10:30 - 11:00 ***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***

11:00 - 11:30 Discussants
11:30 - 13:00 Open discussions
13:00 - 14:00 ***LUNCH BREAK***
14:00 - 17:30 AEGM (continued)
17:30 - 18:00 Closure of AEGM

DAY FOUR: FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

10:00 - 10:30 **Agenda Item 7**
Presentation, review and adoption of the Outcome Statement (The Pointe aux Piments Communique)
10:30 - 11:00 **Agenda Item 8**
Host/venue and date of the next ICE Meeting (2019)
11:00 - 12:00 **Agenda Item 9**
Closing Ceremony

- Statement of appreciation by Delegates
- Closing remarks by ECA
- Official closing statement by the 24th ICE Host (Mauritius)

13:00 – 14:00 ***LUNCH BREAK***
14:00 – 17:00 Site/Industrial Visit(s)