

Sub-Regional Office for West Africa

Twentieth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE-20)

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
18,19 May 2017

Theme: “Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Agenda 2063 in West Africa: The role of development planning”

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ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening Session

The 20th meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) will begin its proceedings on Tuesday, May 18, 2017 at 9 am in Ouagadougou. Speeches will be made on this occasion.

2. Election of the Bureau

The out-going President will invite the Committee to elect the new Bureau, composed of a President, a Vice-President and a Rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the Agenda and the Programme of Work

The Committee will be invited to adopt the Agenda and the Programme of Work for the meeting.

4. Examination of the statutory reports

a. Report on the implementation of the SRO-WA Programme of Work in 2016-17 and the outlook for 2018-19

The ECA will present to the Committee a report on the achievements of the Office during the period of March 2016 - April 2017 and the Programme of Work for 2018-2019.

b. Note on the economic profile in 2016 and the outlook for 2017 in West Africa

The Bureau will present to the ICE, for comments and approval, the regional profile of West Africa. This document will summarise the economic conditions which prevailed in West Africa in 2016 and the outlook for 2017. The document also will serve as an update for the delegates on the lessons learned from the process of developing country profiles for West Africa. Recommendations will be formulated on the main subjects dealt with.

c. Report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Bureau will present to the Committee a report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda. The report presents the progress on the indicators associated with the targets by 2020 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and undertakes an evaluation of the capacities of the national statistical systems of West Africa to respond to the needs for statistical data for the monitoring-evaluation of the SDGs. Recommendations will be made to States, regional cooperation institutions and other actors and partners engaged in these development issues.

d. Report on sub-regional initiatives: Update on the progress of the region towards a single currency

The Bureau will present to the Committee a report on the implementation of the sub-regional agendas. The report will inform the Member States on the progress achieved by the sub-region towards a single currency. Recommendations will be made to States and to the Regional Economic Commissions in order to accelerate the process for the creation of a single currency in the ECOWAS.

5. Presentations on the continental initiatives of the ECA

The Secretariat will make a presentation on the activities of the ECA at the continental level during the period of March 2016 - March 2017. This presentation will be made for information purposes.

6. Presentation of the Report of the Expert Group Meeting on the “*Impact of the ECOWAS EPA and the CET on the structural transformation and dynamic integration in West Africa*”

The Committee will be informed of the conclusions and recommendations of the expert meeting on the impact of the implementation of the CET and the EPAs in West Africa which will be submitted to it for approval.

7. “*Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 in West Africa: The role of development planning*”

A round table on the role of development planning in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 will be conducted by invited experts and delegates from Member States. The Secretariat will make a presentation which will be followed by those of the invited experts. The discussions may result in recommendations by the Committee.

8. Special session on regional integration

The Regional Economic Communities which express the need and the IGOs will be called on to make presentations during this session. It is possible that this session will be extended to Member States in order to inform the Committee on certain integration initiatives which are promising or which may be the subject of discussions of experiences.

9. Examination and approval of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Experts’ Group Meeting

The Committee will be informed of the conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Experts’ Group Meeting on the theme, “Impact of the ECOWAS EPA and the CET on the structural transformation and dynamic integration of West Africa”, which will be submitted for approval.

10. Examination and adoption of the recommendations and the report of the ICE

The Committee will examine and adopt the conclusions and recommendations of the proceedings of the 20th Session of the ICE as well as the report on the meeting.

11. Date and place of the next meeting of the ICE

The Committee will decide on the date and place for its 21st meeting.

12. Miscellaneous

The Committee will examine, if necessary, the issues raised by the participants.

13. Closing of the meeting

At the end of the agenda, the President will declare the 20th meeting of the ICE closed.