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Draft Agenda

Africa WSIS Regional Review Meeting 2019

5-6 December 2019

Hotel La Falaise

Yaoundé, Cameroon

Day 1 - December 5, 2019

| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration |

09:00 – 09:30   OPENING SESSION

- Remarks by ECA
- Remarks by the Minister of Post and Telecommunications, Cameroon
- Presentation of the objectives of the meeting

9:30 – 11:00   Session 1: **Policy Perspective for the digitalization of Africa**

Technology is identified as one of the main means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda This session will examine how new digital technologies can be used to achieve related sustainable development goals. It will also focus on main initiatives and achievements of digital strategies in the continent to guide policymakers in their process to identify the regional/national priorities and develop their national digital agendas for achieving SDGs.

Moderator: Dr Windfred MFUH, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications,

Presentations
- Africa Digital Transformation Strategy, Mr. **Mactar Seck , ECA**
- Africa's Fourth Industrial Revolution: Opportunities and Challenges, Mr. **Laurent Giuseppe D'Arenco, ECA/SRO-CA**
- Stakeholders responsabilities, **Ms. Nnenna, Web Foundation**

Discussions

11:00-11:30   **Coffee/Tea Break**

11:30 – 12:30   **Setting the scene: Introduction to WSIS Regional Review**

In this session, ECA will present for general discussion, the draft policy report on ": Implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in Africa in 2017.

Moderator: Somalia
Presentations
- Overall review: Implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in Africa in 2019, Mactar Seck, ECA

12:30 – 14:00   **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:45   **Session 3: WSIS Action lines implementation at the national level and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes and AU 2063 Aspirations**

This session will review the status of WSIS outcomes implementation by Action Lines, towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Africa region at the national and. The session will show the progress that has been made in certain countries, and/or demonstrate the relevance of the WSIS target indicators on development.

Moderator: Senegal

Presentations :

- Action Line C1 : The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development:
- Action Line C2 - Information and communication infrastructure ,
- Action Line C3 : Access to information and knowledge,
- Action Line C4 : Capacity building,
- Action Line C5 - Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
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15:45 – 16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15 – 17:30 **Session 3 (Continue) : WSIS implementation at the national level and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes and AU 2063 Aspirations**

Moderator: Cameroon

Presentations :

- Action Line C6: Enabling Environment ,
- Action Line C7 :ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life
- Action Line C8 : Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- Action Line C9: Media
- Action Line C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society

Day 2 - December 6, 2019

09:00 – 10:30　　　　**Session 4 : Continental and regional programmes: Digital cooperation and harmonization**

This session will offer for discussion on the status digital agendas in the continent at both the sub regional and regional levels. It will also provide an opportunity for a discussion a vision for the future on an innovative approach to better implement the WSIS outcome at the regional level

Moderator: Rwanda
Presentation :
- Outcomes Africa Internet Governance Forum and National IGF, CAPDA
- Outcomes of the ICE of SRO-CA, ECA
- ECOWAS, ICT Parliamentary Forum 2020, Niger
- WSIS Forum, 2020, ITU
- CEEAC Regional Roaming, **Mr Etung Joseph Nsongang** Cameroon

10:30 – 11:00　　　　**Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:00 **:**　　　**Session 5:　　Cameroon Digital Transition Strategy**

12:00 – 13:00 **:**　　　**Session 6:　　Concluding Session**

- Key issues and way forward
- Draft summary and conclusions of the meeting
- Closing Remarks, Minister of Post and Telecommunications, Cameroon

13:00 – 14:00　　　　**Lunch break**

14:00 – 17:00 **:**　　　**ECA meeting with the working groups on Cameroon Transition Strategy (closing meeting)**