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Addis Ababa, 11 and 12 December 2019

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

Draft programme of work**Wednesday, 11 December 2019**

9–9.30 a.m.	Opening of the session (agenda item 1) Venue: Conference Room 6 United Nations Conference Centre Chair: Chair of the outgoing Bureau Opening statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the outgoing Bureau• Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa Official opening address: Representative of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
9.30–9.45 a.m.	Election of the Bureau (agenda item 2)
9.45–10 a.m.	Consideration and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 3)
10–10.30 a.m.	Coffee break
10.30–11.10 a.m.	Presentation of reports by the secretariat (agenda item 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Assessment of progress of regional integration in Africa;(b) Overview of the policy and regulatory environment for innovative financing of sustainable energy and infrastructure development in Africa
11.10 a.m.–1 p.m.	General discussion

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1–2 p.m.	Lunch
2–2.40 p.m.	Presentation of reports by the secretariat (cont.) (c) Emerging technologies, competitiveness and regional integration; (d) African Continental Free Trade Area: an update on the establishment of the agreement and the status of negotiations on phase II
2.40–4 p.m.	General discussion on the technical reports (agenda item 5)
4–4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30–5.30 p.m.	General discussion on the technical reports (cont.)

Thursday, 12 December 2019

9–9.50 a.m.	General discussion on the theme of the first session of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology, “Private sector development and the digital economy in support of regional integration in Africa” (agenda item 6) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative of the regional economic communities• Representative of the African Union Commission• Representative of the Economic Commission for Africa• Representative of the African Development Bank• Representative from Private Sector: Ms. Nancy Gitonga "Regional Coordinator East African Women in Business Platform• Dr. Chomora Mikeka, Chomora Mikeka, Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Malawi
9.50–11 a.m.	General debate on the theme
11–11.20 a.m.	Coffee break
11.20 a.m.–1.30 p.m.	Review of the 2018–2019 work programme of the Committee on Regional Cooperation and Integration and priorities for 2020 of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology (agenda item 7)

1.30–2.30 p.m.

Lunch

Report writing

5–6 p.m.

Consideration and adoption of the report of the tenth session (agenda item 8)

6–6.15 p.m.

Closing of the session (agenda item 9)

Closing remarks by:

- the Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division of the Economic Commission for Africa
 - the Chair of the Bureau
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