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Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration and the
Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African
Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic
Development**

Meeting of the Committees of Experts
Dakar, 23-25 March 2017

Provisional annotated agenda

1. The present document contains the annotated provisional agenda for the Committee of Experts of the tenth Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration and the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

1. Opening of the meeting

2. The opening session will be presided over by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Committees of Experts, until a new Bureau is elected. Opening statements will be delivered by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau and representatives of the African Union Commission, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Government of Senegal.

2. Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Documentation:

Provisional agenda E/ECA/COE/36/1-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/I(III)

Provisional programme of work E/ECA/COE/36/INF/2-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/WP(III)

Organization of work

3. The composition of the new Bureau will be announced following consultations by the heads of delegations. The Bureau will comprise five members: a chair, three vice-chairs and one rapporteur, to be elected on the

basis of equitable geographical representation. The geographical distribution of officers elected at previous sessions is set out in the annex to the present document. The incoming Chair will preside over the rest of the proceedings, following brief remarks. The Committees may decide to establish an ad hoc working group to work on the draft report and resolutions. The group will consist of 10 members drawn from the outgoing and incoming Bureaux and will be chaired by the first Vice-Chair of the Bureau. The membership of the past 10 Bureaux and proposals for the next Bureau are attached to the present draft annotated agenda. The Committees will also be invited to consider and adopt the draft provisional agenda and programme of work, subject to such amendments as deemed necessary.

3. Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/2-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/2(III)

4. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present an overview of economic and social developments in Africa in 2016. The presentation will highlight recent developments in the global economy and their implications for Africa. It will include an analysis of trends in subregional and regional economic performance, including trends in social development and the continent's growth prospects, links between structural change and social development, and risks and uncertainties associated with the medium-term growth performance of Africa. It will also examine the underlying policy initiatives and options for dealing with emerging issues and longer-term challenges. This will be followed by a general discussion on the main policy issues and recommendations highlighted in the presentation.

4. Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/3-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/3(III)

5. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present a progress report on the status of regional integration in Africa, including highlights of key challenges and constraints. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion on key issues noted by the secretariat in order to refine policies and strategies for accelerating the integration process.

5. Strategy for the harmonisation of statistics in Africa

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/4-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/4(III)

6. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the achievements, challenges and perspectives of statistical development in Africa. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion on key issues and recommendations highlighted in the presentation.

6. Presentation on the theme of the tenth Joint Annual Meetings: "Growth, inequality and unemployment"

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/INF/1-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/Info.1(III)

7. The secretariat will give a brief presentation to introduce the theme of the Joint Annual Meetings, drawing on the concept note and other background

documents. The document provides a conceptual framework on the nature of economic growth and its role in reducing poverty and inequality. The discussions will focus on the strategies for sustainable and inclusive growth, priorities for dealing with national and regional inequalities, and policies that promote sustainable and inclusive development. The presentation will be followed by a general discussion.

7. Statutory issues of the Economic Commission for Africa

8. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give presentations on various statutory issues related to its work and its subsidiary organs. The Committees may wish to consider and offer recommendations to the Conference for further guidance and action, as appropriate. This year, the following statutory reports will be brought to the attention of the Committees:

(a) Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Economic Commission for Africa (covering the period April 2016-March 2017)

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/5-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/5(III)

9. The report highlights the main achievements of ECA during the reporting period April 2016-March 2017. It provides an overview of the major events and activities undertaken by ECA in response to its broad mandate to foster economic and social development in Africa.

10. The Committees are invited to review the report and provide guidance and comments on the activities of the secretariat.

(b) Report on follow-up to the resolutions of the ninth Joint Annual Meetings

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/6-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/6(III)

11. The document contains summaries of the progress made in the implementation of the following Committee of Experts resolutions adopted at its forty-ninth session:

(a) Resolution 937 (XLIX): Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 into national strategic frameworks, action plans and programmes;

(b) Resolution 938 (XLIX): Integrated reporting and follow-up on sustainable development;

(c) Resolution 939 (XLIX): Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development;

(d) Resolution 940 (XLIX): International migration in Africa;

(e) Resolution 941 (XLIX): Organization of an annual African regional review of progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;

(f) Resolution 942 (XLIX): African Institute for Economic Development and Planning;

(g) Resolution 943 (XLIX): Proposed strategic framework and biennial programme plan of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 2018-2019.

12. The Committees may wish to review the progress made and provide the secretariat with further guidance for the effective implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

(c) Review of the intergovernmental structure of the Economic Commission for Africa pursuant to resolution 943 (XLIX)

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/8-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/8(III)

13. The document sets out an assessment of the preliminary findings and recommendations of the review of the intergovernmental structure of the Commission as directed by resolution 943 (XLIX). The Committees are invited to take note of the preliminary findings of the report with a view to endorsing the recommendations.

(d) Proposed work programme and budget of ECA for 2018-2019

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/7-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/7(III)

14. The document provides the work programme and proposed budget for the programmes of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 2018-2019. The Committees are invited to take note of the proposed work programme and budget with a view to endorsing it.

(e) Report on the second joint session of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices and the Committee on Statistics

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/9-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/9(III)

15. The fifth session of the Committee on Statistics took place from 30 November to 2 December 2016 in Abidjan. The meeting was held jointly with the tenth meeting of the African Union Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices. The theme of the joint session was “Strengthening economic statistics to support Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. Participants at the meeting discussed the role of economic statistics in the work to develop a framework for the measurement, monitoring and evaluation of efforts to attain the Sustainable Development Goals and to meet the targets of Agenda 2063.

16. The Committees may wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, as contained in the report of the joint session, and provide the secretariat with further guidance.

(f) Report on United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa’s Development programme

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/12-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/12(III)

17. The Committees may wish to review the report on the United Nations support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) programme and provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the Programme.

(g) Progress report on the work of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/10-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/10(III)

18. The Committees may wish to review the report of the Governing Council of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning and provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the Institute.

(h) Report on the second session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/13-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/13(III)

19. The second session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development was held in Cairo from 17 to 19 May 2016, under the theme “Ensuring inclusive and integrated implementation of and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063”. The theme was well aligned with that of the 2016 session of the High-level Political Forum, “Ensuring that no one is left behind”. In addition to the recommendations, the report sets out the issues deliberated upon at the meeting. The Committees are invited to endorse the recommendations contained in the report. They may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as contained in the report of the Forum, and provide the secretariat with further guidance.

(i) Progress in the implementation of the priority areas of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/14-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/14(III)

20. The Committees may wish to review the progress report on the implementation of the priority areas of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. They may also wish to consider the matters calling for action or brought to its attention, including resolutions, as contained in the progress report, and provide the secretariat with further guidance.

8. Statutory issues of the African Union Commission

21. Under this agenda item, the African Union secretariat will give presentations on various statutory issues related to the work of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration. The Committees may wish to consider and make recommendations to the Conference for further guidance and action, as appropriate. This year, the following statutory issues and reports will be brought to the attention of the Committees:

(a) Pan-African Investment Code

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/15-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/15(III)

22. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will make a presentation on the Pan-African Investment Code. The presentation will focus on the major provisions of the code and the process of amending it through the various

consultations and meetings. The Committees are invited to review the recommended draft code, make recommendations and submit them to the Conference for adoption.

(b) African Inclusive Markets Centre of Excellence

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/16-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/16(III)

23. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give a presentation on the African Inclusive Markets Centre of Excellence. The main focus of the presentation will be on the outcome of the validation meeting on the business plan of the Centre and the major recommendations made at the validation meeting. The Committees are invited to review the business plan and make recommendations and submit them to the Conference for adoption.

(c) Revised pan-African stock exchange

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/17-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/17(III)

24. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the technical report for the establishment of the pan-African stock exchange. The report includes the proposed market structure of the regional market and the advantages of such a structure. It further gives a proposed road map for the establishment of the pan-African stock exchange. The Committees are invited to review the recommended road map for the establishment of a regional market and submit it to the Conference for endorsement.

(d) Report of the Committee of Ten Finance Ministers on the 0.2 per cent levy on imports for financing the Union

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/18-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/18(III)

25. The secretariat will present the report of the Committee of Ten Finance Ministers on the implementation of the 0.2 per cent levy on imports for the financing of the African Union for information. The Committees are expected to take note of the report.

(e) Commodities strategy

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/19-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/19(III)

26. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will present the report on the commodity strategy. The Committees are expected to take note of the status of the commodity strategy and the recommendations of the Specialized Technical Committee on commodities.

(f) Continental free trade area

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/20-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/20(III)

27. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will make a presentation on the status of negotiations on the continental free trade area, highlighting the background to the issue, outlining key achievements and progress made and putting forward recommendations. The Committees are expected to take note of the presentation and adopt the recommendations.

(g) Productivity issues in Africa

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/21-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/21(III)

28. Under this agenda item, the Pan-African Productivity Association secretariat will present a report on the correlation between improving the productivity and growth of African economies. In addition, the report includes a discussion on the need to enhance the African Union Productivity Agenda for Africa, as an essential engine for industrialization and the increased competitiveness of the continent in the global economy. The report also calls for the operationalization of the Productivity Movement in Africa, which is to be led by the African Union with assistance from stakeholders from all member States and the establishment of a permanent Pan-African Productivity Association secretariat.

(h) Report of the annual meeting of directors general of national statistics offices in Africa

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/22-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/22(III)

29. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give a presentation on the report of the second joint session of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices and the Committee on Statistics,¹ comprising the fifth session of the Committee on Statistics and the tenth meeting of the African Union Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices, which was held in Abidjan from 30 November to 2 December 2016. The meeting made recommendations on various aspects pertaining to statistics in Africa, including on the draft version of the revised strategy for the harmonization of statistics in Africa. The report is being submitted to the Conference for consideration and approval.

(i) Agenda 2063: implementation report – validation, monitoring and evaluation framework and domestic resource mobilization strategy

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/23-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/23(III)

30. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give a presentation on the technical report on the monitoring and evaluation framework for Agenda 2063, which includes the core indicators. Included in the report are the proposed components of the monitoring and evaluation framework; an adaptation framework at the national, subregional and continental levels; an indication of stakeholder responsibilities, tools and reporting issues; and core indicators. It also includes a road map for adoption.

31. The secretariat will also present a technical report on the Agenda 2063 financing, domestic resource mobilization and partnership strategy, which includes recommendations made by an expert group meeting on the strategy and conclusions from the meeting. The following are proposed in the report: adoption of the strategy by the Specialized Technical Committee; endorsement of the institutional framework for the implementation and monitoring and evaluation of and reporting on the strategy; the preparation of a guide on financing, domestic resource mobilization and partnerships pertaining to the implementation of Agenda 2063 based on the adopted

¹ Formerly known as the “Statistical Commission for Africa”.

strategy, which is to be spearheaded by the African Development Bank in close collaboration with ECA, the African Union Commission Committee of Experts and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency; the setting up of a joint African Union-African Development Bank-ECA resource mobilization platform, which will serve as a coordination unit for the implementation of the strategy; and the preparation of a road map for the implementation of the strategy under the leadership of the African Development Bank and in close collaboration with ECA, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and financial sector stakeholders.

32. The Committees are invited to review the monitoring and evaluation framework, including the core indicators and the institutional framework for implementation of the strategy for approval.

(j) Harnessing the demographic dividend through investment in children

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/24-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/24(III)

(k) Report of the eighth meeting of the African Union Subcommittee of Directors General of Customs

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/25-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/25(III)

33. Under this agenda item, the Chair of the African Union Subcommittee of Directors General of Customs will present the report of the eighth meeting of the Subcommittee of Directors General of Customs, which was held in Harare from 14 to 18 November 2016. The meeting was held with a view to approving the establishment of the African Union Customs Technical Working Group on the Implementation of the Import Levy for Financing the African Union and its terms of reference and to adopting the recommendations made during the event.

9. Date, venue and theme of the eleventh Joint Annual Meetings

Documentation: E/ECA/COE/36/26-AU/STC/FMEPI/EXP/26(III)

34. The eleventh Joint Annual Meetings will be held in Addis Ababa in March 2018, unless the Conference of Ministers and the Specialized Technical Committee decides otherwise.

35. The Committees may also wish to consider the theme proposed by the secretariat for the eleventh Joint Annual Meetings and provide comments thereon, with a view to endorsing it for submission to the Conference of Ministers and the Specialized Technical Committee for approval.

10. Other matters

36. The Committees may raise other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

11. Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the meeting of the Committees of Experts; consideration of recommendations and draft resolutions

37. The Committees will consider and adopt a draft report of their meeting containing major recommendations and draft resolutions based on the agenda of the meeting for submission to the Conference of Ministers.

12. Closing of the meeting

38. The African Union Commissioner for Economic Affairs and the Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA will make brief closing remarks, and the Chair of the Bureau of the Committees of Experts will summarize the main outcomes of the deliberations and declare the meeting closed.

Annex

Members of the Bureau of the Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration and the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development from 2007 to 2016 and proposed members for 2017

<i>Year</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>1st Vice-Chair</i>	<i>2nd Vice-Chair</i>	<i>3rd Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
2007	Ethiopia	Swaziland	Cameroon	Tunisia (NA)	Liberia (WA)
2008	Ethiopia	Chad	Algeria	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Swaziland (SA)
2009	Egypt	Chad	Zimbabwe	Benin (WA)	Kenya (EA)
2010	Malawi (SA)	Sierra Leone (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Cameroon (CA)	Morocco (NA)
2011	Guinea (WA)	Rwanda (EA)	Central African Republic (CA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)
2012	Gabon (CA)	Libya (NA)	Swaziland (SA)	Eritrea (EA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)
2013	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	East Africa	North Africa	Southern Africa	Central Africa
2014	Nigeria (WA)	Mauritania (NA)	Malawi (SA)	Equatorial Guinea (CA)	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)
2015	United Republic of Tanzania (EA)	Egypt (NA)	Gabon (CA)	South Africa (SA)	Guinea (WA)
2016	South Africa (SA)	Democratic Republic of the Congo (CA)	Algeria (NA)	Côte d'Ivoire (WA)	Uganda (EA)
Proposed for 2017					
<i>Position</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>1st Vice-Chair</i>	<i>2nd Vice-Chair</i>	<i>3rd Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
Region	Senegal (WA)	North Africa	Central Africa	East Africa	Southern Africa