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Addis Ababa, 16-19 January 1990

REPORT OF AFEA STEERING/PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

In the Purview of
Inaugural conference of the African Economic Association (AFEA)
meeting of steering/preparatory committee of AFEA
25 - 26 September 1989
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

A. First Session

In attendance: Prof. Adebayo Adedeji	- UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA
Dr. Jasper Okelo	- Kenya
Dr. James O. Osakwe	- Nigeria
Prof. Thami Elkhyari	- Morocco
Prof. Wilfred Ndongko	- Cameroon
Prof. O. Teriba	- ECA, SERPD
Dr. J.K. Thisen	- ECA, SERPD
Dr. Diawa-Mory Traore	- UNECA (TACOC)
Mr. A. Mbikusita-Lewanika	- Zambia (Secretary)
<u>Absent:</u> Prof. Mohamed Dowider	- U.A.R. (Egypt)
Prof. Taladidia Thiombiano	- Burkina Faso

The meeting commenced at 19:45 hrs. in the office of the Executive Secretary of UNECA.

The Executive Secretary welcomed the participants, as well as the opportunity to further progress the process of inaugurating the African Economic Association. He thanked those who had sent in advance written comments and suggestions towards the formulation of the proposed Pan-African economic association's constitution. He explained the twin tasks of, on the one hand, finalizing the Association's draft constitution and draft agenda for its inaugural conference; and on the other hand, participating in the High Level Workshop for the Second United Nations Transport and Communication Decade for Africa (UNCTACDA II), which the AFEA Steering/Preparatory Committee was to undertake during the period of 25 - 28 September, 1989.

The meeting discussed and agreed on a time table of fulfilling both tasks, through Steering/Preparatory Committee (AFEA) meetings being scheduled between and after the sessions of the UNCTACDA II Workshop.

The Steering/Preparatory Committee (AFEA) members thanked the ECA-SERPD who, acting as a provisional AFEA secretariat were able to provide the Committee with both the full texts and summarised version of various proposals, regarding the draft AFEA constitution, as well as to facilitate the Committee's meeting and communications. They also expressed special gratitude to the UNECA Executive Secretary for his personal guidance and positive interventions in the process of not only initiating, but also, further progress the idea of forming the subject Pan-African organization.

The meeting adjourned at 20:00 hrs.

B. Second Session - 26th September, 1989 - 15:00 hrs.

Those in attendance remained as during the first session, except that the UNECA Executive Secretary did not attend - he was out of station - however, he was fully and well represented by the already named UNECA-SERPD staff.

The meeting reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda, and proceeded with it as follows:

1. Opening statements

It was adopted that the first session of 25th September, 1989 covered the necessary opening statements.

2. Election of officers

The meeting reelected officers as follows:

Chairman: Dr. James C. Oswake
Rapporteur: Mr. A. Mwikusita-Lewanika
Secretariat: Prof. O. Teriba
Dr. J. Thisen and Dr. D.M. Traore

3. Review and finalisation of the draft AFEA Constitution

The meeting commenced and satisfactorily progressed the task of reviewing and finalising the constitution.

The meeting adjourned at 19:00 hrs.

C. Third Session - 27th September, 1989 - 15:00 hrs.

Those in attendance remained as during the second session.

1. Review and finalisation of the draft AFEA Constitution

The draft constitution was finalised, as appended. The rapporteur and ECA/SEPPD were requested to reflect all the amendments in Draft Constitution and Rules and Procedures.

2. Preparation of draft agenda and programme of the Inaugural meeting of the AFEA

The draft agenda and programme of the inaugural meeting of AFEA was finalized as appended. The Steering/Preparatory Committee requested that the UNECA assist in procuring funds to try and ensure that, at least, two member of each national and subregional association are enabled to attend the inaugural conference. The meeting also welcomed the idea of arranging for the inaugural AFEA Conference to form an integral part of a programme, involving the Bi-annual Conference of Planners and Statisticians as well as a symposium to review Structural Adjustment Programmes, which is being arranged for mid-January, 1989.

3. Any other business

There was no other business.

4. Adoption of the report

The adoption of the Steering/Preparatory Committee report was postponed to 28th September, 1989, when the final draft version of the constitution and Rules of Procedure would be available. The rapporteur and the ECA/SERP were requested to forward the revised Constitution and Rules of Procedures to members of Preparatory Committee before the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 18:00 hrs.

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DRAFT AGENDA OF THE INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

1. Opening
 - (a) Introductory statements by the Chairman of the preparatory Committee
 - (b) Key-note address by Professor Adebayo Adedeji, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. Election of officers of the Conference
3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of the Conference
4. Reports of the Preparatory Committee
5. Consideration of the draft constitution
6. Consideration of the draft Rules of Procedures
7. Consideration of the draft biennial work programmes, 1990-1991
8. Election of officials of the Association
 - Executive Council
 - President
 - Vice-Presidents
 - Secretary-General
 - Assistant Secretary-General
 - Editor-in-Chief
 - Associated Editors
 - Treasurer
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - External Auditors
9. Joint Conference with African Planners and Scientific Colloquium
10. Any other business
- II. Date and venue of next Conference
12. Closing statements
13. Adoption of the report of the Conference
14. Adjournment

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

Day 1: 16 January 1990

08:30	Registration
09:30-1000	(a) Opening (b) Election of officers of the Conference (c) Adoption of the Agenda and Programme
10:00-1015	Report of the Preparatory Committee
10:15-13:30	Consideration of the draft constitution
13:30-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-19:30	(a) Consideration of the draft Constitution (cont'd) (b) Consideration of the draft Rules of Procedure

Day 2: 17 January 1990

08:30-10:45	Consideration of the draft biennial work programme
10:45-11:00	Coffee/Tea Break
11:00-13:30	Election of Officers of the Association
13:30-15:00	Lunch Break
15:00-1830	Joint Conference and Scientific Colloquium (a) Opening (b) Presentation of paper: the AAF-SAP Model (c) Presentation of paper: AAF-SAP Policy Instruments
18:30-1930	Cocktail

Day 3: 18 January 1990

09:00-11:45 Presentation of papers: AAF-SAP Policy Instruments, Country Experiences

10:45-11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:00-13:30 Joint Conference and Scientific Colloquium, (cont'd)

(a) Presentation of papers (cont'd)

(b) Constitution of discussion groups

13:30-15:00 Lunch Break

15:00-17:00 Meeting of discussion groups

17:00-17:15 Coffee/Tea Break

17:15-19:30 Meeting of discussion groups

Day 4: 19 January 1990

09:00-10:45 Meeting of Discussion Groups and preparation of Groups' Reports

10:45-11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:00-13:00 Plenary

(a) Plenary discussion of reports on the Scientific Colloquium

(b) Any other business

(c) Date and venue of next Conference

13:30-15:00 Lunch Break

16:00-19:00 (a) Adoption of the general report of the Conference

(b) Closing statement

(c) Adjournment