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## Notification

### **Fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

**Addis Ababa, 12–18 March 2025**

1. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa, the present document serves as a notification that the meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development at the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa from 12 to 18 March 2025.
2. The ministerial segment will be preceded by a preparatory meeting, the forty-third meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Conference of Ministers, which will open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 March. The ministerial segment of the Conference of Ministers will open at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 17 March.
3. The Committee of Experts will meet from 12 to 14 March. The ministerial segment of the Conference of Ministers will be held on 17 and 18 March.
4. The provisional agendas for the meetings of the Conference of Ministers and the Committee of Experts are attached to the present notification.
5. The theme of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission is “Advancing the implementation of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area: proposing transformative strategic actions”. During the session, participants will assess the progress made in implementing the Agreement since its entry into force in 2019 and the commencement of trading under the rules of the Agreement in January 2021. The session will provide an opportunity to propose and examine institutional frameworks, complementary measures and initiatives to accelerate the implementation of the Agreement and drive the continent’s industrialization and diversification.
6. During the session, participants will also assess the socioeconomic, energy-related and climate-related implications of the Agreement’s implementation for African economies and societies and will identify the strategic challenges and opportunities along the pathway towards fully realizing the Agreement’s potential.



7. The plenary meetings of the Conference of Ministers will commence with a high-level policy dialogue on the theme of the session, which will be followed by plenary meetings on a series of sub-themes. High-level experts from within and outside Africa will engage on these and related issues, leading to outcomes and decisions that will have transformative implications for the implementation of the Agreement and, by extension, the broader African development agenda.

8. Delegations are requested to submit to the Secretary of the Commission, by 29 January, the names of the accredited representatives and, as appropriate, alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the session.

9. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of the representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers must be submitted to the Executive Secretary prior to the first meeting of the session. Please send a copy of the credentials by 11 March to the Secretary of the Commission at [eca-soc@un.org](mailto:eca-soc@un.org) and submit the original credentials in person at the meeting venue.

10. Participants should register online and attach their letter of accreditation. Online registration for the session will be available on the dedicated website at [www.uneca.org/eca-events/cfm2025](http://www.uneca.org/eca-events/cfm2025) with effect from 15 January 2025. Information on the session will also be made available on the website.

11. On-site registration will take place from 9 to 17 March between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on 18 March between 8 a.m. and noon at the designated registration site, where preregistered participants will be able to pick up their badges.

12. The provisional agendas, the programmes of work, a detailed information note, and technical and working papers for the meetings will be made available on the above-mentioned website. Delegates are requested to visit the website and download any copies required to prepare for the meetings.

13. Communications concerning the meetings should be addressed to:

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