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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

**Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and
programme of work****Draft programme of work****Monday, 17 March**

7.30–9 a.m.**	Engagement with ministers of finance by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Hanan Morsy
9.30–10.30 a.m.	Opening of the ministerial segment (agenda item 1) National anthem Master of Ceremonies, international broadcaster and founder of Moon Landing Media, Lerato Natasha Mbele Remarks by the Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion of Zimbabwe, Mthuli Ncube Remarks by the Secretary-General of the secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area, Wamkele Mene Remarks by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mahmoud Ali Youssouf (to be confirmed) Remarks by the Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete Official address by the President of Ethiopia, Taye Atskeselassie Amde
10.30–11 a.m.	Group photo, ministerial tour of knowledge fair and coffee break

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** All times are East African Time (UTC+3).



- 11–11.15 a.m. **Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work** (agenda item 2)
- 11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m. **Dialogue on the theme of the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 3)
Keynote address: 2025 Adebayo Adedeji Memorial Lecture
Former Vice-President of Nigeria, Oluyemi Osinbajo
- 12.15–1 p.m. **Launch of the *Economic Report on Africa, 2025***
Director, Macroeconomic Policy, Finance and Governance Division, ECA, Zuzana Schwidrowski
High-level discussion
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–3.15 p.m. **Dialogue on the theme of the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 3) (*continued*)
Remarks by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy
High-level discussion
- 3.15–4.15 p.m. **High-level round-table discussions** (agenda item 4)
Round table 1: the nexus between the African Continental Free Trade Area and infrastructure development
Chair: Director, Technology, Innovation, Connectivity and Infrastructure Division, ECA, Robert Lisinge
Panellists:
 - Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme) and Chief Economist, ECA, Hanan Morsy
 - State Minister of Infrastructure, Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure, Ethiopia, Yetemgeta Asrat Maru
 - Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency, Nardos Bekele Thomas
 - Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme, Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
 - Director, Non-Sovereign Operations and Private Sector Support Department, African Development Bank, Ousmane Fall
 - Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Trade and Logistics, Mekonnen Abera

4.15–4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30–5.30 p.m.	<p>High-level round-table discussions (agenda item 4) (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Round table 2: promoting cross-border instant payment systems and digital inclusivity in Africa</p> <p>Chair: Chief Executive Officer, AfricaNenda, Robert Ochola</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor, Central Bank of The Gambia, Buah Saidy • Chief Executive Officer, Smart Africa, Lacina Koné • Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System, Premier Oiwoh • Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Pan-African Payment and Settlement System, John Bosco Sebabi
5.30–6.30 p.m.	Press conference
6.30 p.m.	Reception

Tuesday, 18 March

9–10 a.m.	Presentation on the forthcoming ECA report on optimizing information and communications technology-related tax regimes for economic growth and job creation in Africa
10–11 a.m.	<p>High-level round-table discussions (agenda item 4) (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Round table 3: special economic zones as drivers of the development of regional value chains in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area</p> <p>Chair: Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA, Stephen Karingi</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, Sidi Ould Tah • President and Chief Executive Officer, African Centre for Economic Transformation, Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi • Executive Director, Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kebour Ghenna • Secretary-General, Ethiopian Leather Industries Association, Dagnachew Abebe

- Minister of Finance and National Planning, Zambia, Situmbeko Musokotwane (to be confirmed)
 - Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Nadia Fettah Alaoui (to be confirmed)
- 11–11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.15 a.m.–1.15 p.m. **Consideration of recommendations and adoption of resolutions** (agenda item 5)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.45–3.45 p.m. **Consideration and adoption of the ministerial statement** (agenda item 6)
Chair: Chair of the Bureau
- 3.45–4.30 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 7)
- 4.30–5 p.m. **Closing of the ministerial segment and the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 8)
Statements:
 - Executive Secretary, ECA, Claver Gatete
 - Chair of the Bureau
- 5 p.m. Cocktail reception
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