



Expert Group Meeting

**Review and validate the 2024 the State of Urbanization in Africa Report
Digital transformation for inclusive, resilient and sustainable urbanisation**

Annotated Agenda

22-23 October 2024

09:00 – 4:00 EAT (Addis Ababa time, GMT+3)

Venue: UN Conference Center, Addis Ababa

**Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division
(ECA)**

Day 1	
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:30-9:45	<p>Introduction of the EGM participants (round of the table)</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atkeyelsh Persson, Chief of Urbanization and Development Section, UNECA <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants
09:45-10:00	<p>Opening remarks and family photo</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atkeyelsh Persson, Chief of Urbanization and Development Section, UNECA <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweta C. Saxena, Director, GPSPD, UNECA
10:00 –10:15	<p>Topic: Report introduction</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giuseppe Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atkeyelsh Persson, Chief of Urbanization and Development Section, UNECA
10:15-10:35	<p>Topic: Policies and strategies in Africa: an overview of four dimensions of digital transformation</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atkeyelsh Persson, Chief of Urbanization and Development Section, UNECA
10:35-11:00	<p>Topic: Digital Infrastructure for inclusive and Sustainable Urbanization in Africa</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Sinmgen, Data Analyst, UNECA <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyerusalem Siba, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA <p>Discussant</p> <p>Jean Patrick MFOULOU OLUGU, Urban Transport Economist, Mayor's office -Yaoundé</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Health break
11:30– 12:00	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Sinmgen, Data Analyst, UNECA All participants
12:00 – 12:20	<p>Topic: Accessibility and Affordability of Digital infrastructure, product and services</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Sinmgen, Data Analyst, UNECA <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyerusalem Siba, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Titus Muchai, M-PESA Credit and Savings Product Lead, Safaricom
12:20 – 1:00	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Sinmgen, Data Analyst, UNECA <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch Break
2:00 – 2:20	<p>Topic: Digital Skills in the context of rapid urbanisation</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyerusalem Siba, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA

	Discussant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julius Richard Ndele, Senior Economist, Dar Es Salaam City Council
2:20 – 2:50	Q&A Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyerusalem Siba, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants
2:50-3:10	Topic: E-government in the context of rapid urbanization Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giuseppe Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA Discussant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seyoum Mengesha, Lead Executive Digital Economy Development, Ministry of Information Technology
3:10 – 3:40	Q&A Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lusungu Kayani, Social Affairs Officer, UNECA Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants
3:40 – 4:10	Health break
4:10– 4:30	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atkeyelsh Persson, Chief of Urbanization and Development Section, UNECA

Day 2

9:30-9:40	Recap of the first day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atkeyelsh Persson, Chief of Urbanization and Development Section, UNECA
09:40 - 10:45	Topic: Discussion on policy recommendations and way forward Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atkeyelsh Persson, Chief of Urbanization and Development Section, UNECA Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giuseppe Tesoriere, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA Discussant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Benjamin Kimolo, Director Reserch and Policy, Nairobi City County
10:45 - 11:15	Health break
11:15– 12:00	Topic: Final thoughts on the future of digital transformation in Africa Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbi Mamo Kedir, Director of Research, African Economic Research Consortium Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants