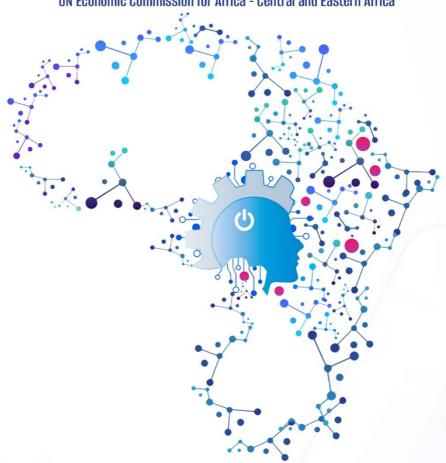


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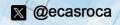
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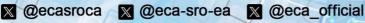


## **Fastforward of research and innovation solutions** to fasttrack economic diversification in Central and Eastern Africa

Hilton Hôtel - Yaoundé, Cameroon October 15-18, 2024

### **WORK PROGRAMME**





#### Day1: Tuesday 15 October 2024

#### 08:00 – 09:00 Registration of participants

#### 09:00 - 10:00 Opening ceremony

#### **Opening remarks**

- Mr. Luc Messi, Yaoundé City Mayor
- Outgoing Chair of the Eastern Africa Office
- Outgoing Chair of the Central Africa Bureau
- H.E. Issa Sanogo, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Cameroon
- H.E. Dr. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and Chief Economist, UNECA
- **H.E. Alamine Ousmane Mey**, Minister of Economy, Planning and Land Management (MINEPAT), Cameroon

#### Keynote speech

 H.E. Dr. Joseph Dion Ngute, Prime Minister, Head of Government of the Republic of Cameroon

#### 10:00 – 10:20 Appointment of officers, review and adoption of the agenda

#### Chair: Cameroon

During this session, the 2 new ICSOE bureau will be set up. The new officers will guide the participants in examining and adopting the agenda.

#### 10:20 - 10:45 Coffee break - Group photo

#### 10:45 - 1:00pm Session 1: Macroeconomic and social overview

<u>Chair ECA-CA Office:</u> H.E. Alamine Ousmane Mey, Minister of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT), Cameroon

10:45 – 11:05 Presentation: Macroeconomic and Social Panorama of Central and Eastern Africa.

Dr Andrew Mold, Ms. Laura Ngomegni, Mr. Malick Mamadou Bal, UNECA Subregional Offices Eastern and Central Africa.

#### 11:05 - 11:45 Interventions

- Ms. Francine INARUKUNDO, Permanent Secretary for Finance, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning. Burundi
- Ms. Kadra Ahmed SAID, Deputy Director of Macroeconomic Analysis and Forecasting, Economy and Planning Department (MEFI), Djibouti II
- Mr. Adrian Raphael Njau, Ag. Executive Director, Eastern African Business Council (EABC)
- Prof. Désire Avon, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Yaoundé II

#### 11:45 - 12:50 Plenary discussions

12:50 – 1:00 Launch of the report "Successful import-substitution in Central Africa by embracing quality: a crucial issue for food and nutritional security". H.E. Dr. Hanan Morsy and H.E. Dr. Joseph Dion Ngute, Prime Minister, Head of Government of the Republic of Cameroon.

1:00 - 2:00	Lunch break
2:00 - 5:30pm	Session 2: High-level dialogue on research and innovation to accelerate economic
	diversification in Central and Eastern Africa

#### Chair: ICSOE Central Africa Bureau

Moderator: Dr Jean-Luc Mastaki, Director, Subregional office for Central Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

2:30 – 2:45 Presentation of the working paper on research and innovation to accelerate economic diversification in Central and East Africa. Dr. Christian Otchia and Dr. Mafini Dosso, International consultants UNECA.

#### 2:45 - 3:15 Panel discussion

- Dr. Raymond Tavares, Resident Representative of UNIDO, Cameroon
- H.E. Kongbele-Zingas, Minister for Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technological Innovation, Central African Rep.
- H.E. Guibolo Fanga Mathieu, Minsiter of Industry and Trade, Chad
- Mr. Charles Kahuthu, Regional Coordinator, East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA)
- Mr. Denis Bohoussou, Managing Director, African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), Cameroon
- Mr. Paul Coustère, Regional Director and UNESCO Representative, Cameroon

#### 3:15 - 3:30 Coffee break

#### Session 2: Continued

#### 3:30 - 4:00 Panel Discussion

- Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo, Ag. Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- Dr. Jean Louis Doukaga, Director General of the Regional Centre for Applied Research in the Development of Agricultural systems in Central Africa (PRASAC), EMCCA
- Prof. Isaac Tamba, Director General of the Economy and Public Investment Programming, Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT), Cameroon
- Mr. Yves Gahonzire, Business Development Manager, Irembo Kigali, Rwanda
- Prof. Mbacham Wilfried, President Fobang Institute of science, technology and innovation, Cameroon

#### 4:00 - 5:30 Plenary discussion

#### 5:30pm End of day 1

#### Day 2 Wednesday 16 October 2024

# **08:30 – 10:30am** Session 3: Status of effective implementation of the AfCFTA in Central and East Africallessons from the past for the future

#### Chair: ICSOE Eastern Africa Bureau

**Modrtator: Dr Andrew Mold**, Officer-in-Charge of Subregional Office for Eastern Africa, UNECA

**08:30 – 08:45** Presentation: "Overview of the state of implementation of the AfCFTA" Dr Andrew Mold

#### 08:45 - 09:45 Panel discussion

- Dr Francis Mangeni, Representative of the Secretary General, AfCFTA Secretariat, Ghana.
- Dr Melaku Desta, Coordinator of the African Trade Policy Center (ATPC), UNECA, Ethiopia
- Dr Eng. John Deng Diar DIING, Executive Secretary, Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (TTCA), East Africa
- Ms. Treasure Maphanga, Director of Operations, AeTrade Group, Special Economic Zone Phase 2, Rwanda
- Mr. Celestin Tamba, Managing Director, GICAM, Cameroon
- Mr. Eppoh Parfait, Chief Negotiator, AfCFTA Cameroon

#### **09:45 - 10:45** Plenary discussion

#### 10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

## 11:00 – 1:00pm Session 4: Private sector and youth perspectives on the AfCFTA - What are the priorities?

Chair: ICSOE Eastern Africa Bureau

Moderator: Mr. Steven Asiimwe, Managing Director, Private Sector Foundation, Uganda

#### 11:00- 11:30 Private Sector Representatives

- Ms. Claudia Lina Asiimwe, Program Manager, The Eastern African Sub Regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women (EASSI), Uganda
- Mr. Pierre Quatre, Seychelles Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI)
- Mr. Kennedy Kenyi Lodiong, General Secretary, South Sudan Manufacturers Association (SSMA)
- Mr. John Bosco Kalisa, Executive Chairman, East Africa Business and Investment Advisory Council
- Mr. Archile Tomi Noutchieu, CEO & Founder, Wood innovation, Cameroon

#### 11:30 - 12:00 Plenary discussion

#### 12:00 – 12:30 Youth representatives

• Ms. Céline Ngenzebuhoro, Youth Leadership and Empowerment Initiative (YELI-BURUNDI)

- Mr. Johnson Mwirigi Rithaa, Head of Research and Policy and Head of Registration and Coordination National Youth Council, Kenya
- Mr. Hussein Madey Mohamed, Executive Director, Ude Somali Young Volunteers Association (SOYVA)
- Ms. Ukri Abdillahi Mohamed, CEO of ISCAE Co-founder and Honorary President of CJED, Founder and President of the Djibouti Businesswomen's Association

#### **12:30 – 1:00** Plenary discussion

#### 1:00 - 2:00 Lunch break

#### 2:00 – 5:30pm Session 5: Innovations for a Climate-Resilient Blue Economy Transition

Chair: ICSOE Eastern Africa Bureau

**Moderator:** Daya Bragante, Head of Section for Corporate Policy and Planning (CPPS) in the Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division (SPORD), UNECA

2:00 – 2:15

Presentation of recommendations from the virtual expert group meeting on the theme "Innovations for a Climate-Resilient Blue Economy Transition in Central and Eastern Africa" held on 2 October 2024. Dr. Honita Cowaloosur, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-EA, UNECA

#### 2:15 - 3:00 Panel discussion

- Mr. john Gounes Tougoulou, Mr. John Gounes Tougoulou, Service Inspector, Ministry of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development, Cameroon
- Dr. Martin Ndende, Director, Center for Maritime and Oceanic Rights, University of Nantes
- **Dr. Shamimtaz Sadally**, Senior Programme Officer for Blue Economy and Fisheries Management, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)
- Mr. Victor Sima Asong, Economist, United Nations Resident Coordinator Office, Equatorial Guinea
- Dr. Bernice McLean, Head of Blue Economy Programme, AUDA-NEPAD,

#### 3:00 – 3:30 Plenary discussion

# 3:30 - 4:00 Coffee break 4:00 - 5:00 CIE EXPO 2024-2025: Sharing knowledge and experience on regional and national innovation platforms.

#### 5:00pm End of day 2

#### Day 3 Thursday 17 October 2024

09:00 - 1:00pm	Session 6: High-level dialogue on strategic partnerships to leverage natural capital and
	finance industrialization and economic diversification
	<ul> <li>Chair: ICSOE Central Africa Bureau</li> <li>Moderators: Mr. Fidèle Magouangou, Economic Advisor to the Ministry of Public Accounts of Gabon and Mr. Chouaibou Nchoutpouen, Deputy Executive Secretary and Technical Coordinator, COMIFAC.</li> </ul>
09:00 - 09:30	Presentation: "Strategic partnerships and innovations for the establishment of a consortium and a carbon credit market to enhance the value of the Congo Basin's natural capital". <b>Dr Adama Ekberg Coulibaly</b> , Chief Subregional Initiatives, UNECA
09:30 - 10:45	Questions and answers
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 11:45	<ul> <li>Panel discussion with experts from the Consortium project</li> <li>H.E. Daniel Ngassiki, Economist, financier and banker, author of the book "Economy at the Canon of the inclusive infinite", Cameroon</li> <li>Ms. Nelly Chatue Diop, CEO, Ejara Investments Group, Cameroon</li> <li>Prof. Ambassa Leonard, Chartered Accountant, Order of Chartered Accountants, Cameroon</li> <li>Mr. Mawanda Hamba Heritier, Expert, Blockchain technologies and exchange platforms, Congo (RDC)</li> <li>Dr. Louis Lubango, Expert in issues related to the development of carbon credit markets, Ethiopia</li> </ul>
11:45 - 12:40	Plenary discussion
12:40 - 1:00	Expressions of interest and support for the operationalization of the Consortium.
1:00 -2:00	Lunch break

2:00-5:30pm	Session 7: Presentation of annual activity reports from Central and East Africa Subregional Offices
	<u>Chair:</u> ICSOE Eastern Africa Bureau
2:00 -2:15	Presentation of the activity report and recent initiatives of the Central Africa Subregional Office, <b>Dr Sandrine Koissy-Kpein</b> , Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-CA, UNECA
2:15 -2:30	Presentation of the East Africa Sub-Regional Office's Activity Report and recent initiatives, Ms. <b>Emelang Leteane</b> , Head (Ag.) of the Cluster on Sub-Regional initiatives, SRO-EA, UNECA
2:30 -3:30	Plenary discussion
3:30- 3:45	Coffee break
3:45-4:00	Presentation of recommendations from the October 2, 2024 webinar on "Artificial intelligence in Africa: challenges and opportunities to be met". <b>Mr. Giuseppe D'Aronco</b> , Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-CA, UNECA
4:00- 4:30	Plenary discussion
4:30 -4:45	Presentation on initiatives, recent events, risks and prospects for ECA interventions in Central and East Africa and financing challenges. <b>Dr Said Adejumobi</b> , Director of Strategic Planning, Oversight, and Results, UNECA
4:45- 5:30	Plenary discussion
5:30pm	End of day 3

08:30-12:30	Session 8 - Closure of work
	<u>Chair:</u> ICSOE Central Africa Bureau
08:30- 08:45	Presentation. Theme, date and venue of the next ICSOE.
09:45- 10:00	Questions and answers
10:00- 10:15	Conference evaluation
11:00 -11:30	Coffee break - Group photo
12:00 -12:30	Closing remarks of the 3rd Joint Session of the ICSOE - 2024
	<ul> <li>H.E. Issa Sanogo, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Cameroon</li> <li>New Chair of the Subregional Office for Central Africa /New Chair of the Sub-Regional Office for East Africa</li> <li>Representative of the Subregional Office for Central Africa/ Representative of the Subregional Office for East Africa</li> <li>Representative of the Government of Cameroon</li> </ul>
12:30 -1:00	Press conference
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch break
2:00 -5:00	Meetings upon invitation
5:00	Closing of the doors ICSOE 2024
5:00pm	End of day 4