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Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials
and Experts for North Africa
Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials
and Experts for West Africa
Third joint session***
Rabat (hybrid), 19–21 November 2024
Item 3 of the provisional agenda**
Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Draft programme of work

Tuesday, 19 November

8–9 a.m.

Registration of participants and press interviews

9–10.30 a.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

Opening statements:

- Nathalie Fustier, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Morocco
- Abdellah Ben Mellouk, Director, Multilateral Cooperation and International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation, and Moroccans Residing Abroad of Morocco, Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa
- Ali Bamba, Director, Strategy and Studies, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development of Côte d'Ivoire, Chair of the outgoing Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa
- Tarak Ben Salem, Secretary General, Arab Maghreb Union
- Omar Aliou Touray, President, Commission of the Economic Community of West African States

* The thirty-ninth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa and the twenty-seventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa are being convened jointly, constituting the third joint session of the two intergovernmental committees.

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- Claver Gatete, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa
- 10.30–11.30 a.m. *Break and group photo*
- 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Election of the Bureaux** (agenda item 2)
- **Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa** (agenda item 2 (a))
 - **Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa** (agenda item 2 (b))
- Adoption of the agenda and programme of work** (agenda item 3)
- 12.30–5.30 pm **Ad hoc expert group meeting** (agenda item 4)

Wednesday, 20 November

- 9–10 a.m. **Ad hoc expert group meeting** (agenda item 4 cont.)
- 10–10.30 a.m. *Break*
- 10.30 a.m.–noon **Ad hoc expert group meeting** (agenda item 4 cont.)
- Noon–12.30 p.m. *Break*
- 12.30–1.30 p.m. **Recent economic and social conditions in North and West Africa: review of subregional profiles** (agenda item 5)
- Subregional profile for North Africa
- Presentation: Amandine Nakumuryango, Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for North Africa
- Subregional profile for West Africa
- Presentation: Fabien Ngendakuriyo, Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for West Africa, and Carolina Coutinho, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for West Africa
- Discussion
- 1.30–2.30 p.m. *Break*
- 2.30–3.30 p.m. **Review of the implementation of regional and international development agendas and special initiatives** (agenda item 6)
- Report on progress by North African countries towards attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Presentation: Samia Hamouda, Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for North Africa
- Report on progress by West African countries towards attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Presentation: Mamoudou Sebegou and Selamawit Mekonnen, Economic Affairs officers, Subregional Office for West Africa

- Discussion
- 3.30–4 p.m. *Break*
- 4–5 p.m. **Statutory issues** (agenda item 7)
- **Report on the activities of the Subregional Office for North Africa (October 2023–September 2024) and work programme for 2025** (agenda item 7 (a))
- Presentation: Adam Elhiraika, Director, Subregional Office for North Africa
- **Report on the activities of the Subregional Office for West Africa (October 2023–September 2024) and work programme for 2025** (agenda item 7 (b))
- Presentation: Ngone Diop, Director, Subregional Office for West Africa
- **Report on activities under the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Africa in 2024** (agenda item 7 (c))
- Presentation: Said Adejumobi, Director, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, Economic Commission for Africa
- Discussion

Thursday, 21 November

- 9–10.30 a.m. **Presentation of flagship initiatives of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 8)
- Migrants' remittance work of the Subregional Office for North Africa
- Presentation: Khaled Hussein, Chief, Subregional Initiatives Section, Subregional Office for North Africa
- ECA support for members in responding to the key messages of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development at its tenth session in 2024
- Presentation: Nassim Oulmane, Acting Director, Climate Change, Food Security and Natural Resource Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa
- ECA-wide initiative on digital transformation:
- Presentation: Mactar Seck, Chief, Innovation and Technology Section, Technology, Innovation, Connectivity and Infrastructure Division, Economic Commission for Africa
- Discussion
- 10.30–11 a.m. *Break*

- 11 a.m.–noon **Consideration and adoption of the draft recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committees of Senior Officials and Experts for North and West Africa** (agenda item 9)
- Review of recommendations for North Africa
 - Review of recommendation for West Africa
- Noon–12.15 p.m. **Date and venue of the next sessions of the Intergovernmental Committees of Senior Officials and Experts for North and West Africa** (agenda item 10)
- 12.15–12.30 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 11)
- 12.30–1 p.m. **Closing of the session** (agenda item 12)
- Vote of thanks
 - Closing remarks
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