

2021 Calendar of Conferences, Meetings and Events

| January | | | | |
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| TBC | TBC | Third session of the Africa Climate Talks | Virtual | TCND |
| 21 | 22 | Webinar on financing for development based on natural capital and mainstreaming natural capital accounting into GDP calculations | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| 27 | 28 | Workshop to consolidate a short-term action plan to structure the pharmaceutical industry with a view to creating a pharmaceutical inter-professional corps in Cameroon | Yaoundé, Cameroon | SRO-CA |
| 28 | 28 | Ad hoc expert group meeting to review the report on the governance of state-owned enterprises in South Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 29 | 29 | Kick-off meeting of stakeholders of the “Made in Central Africa” label | TBD | SRO-CA |
| February | | | | |
| 8 | 8 | Africa Business Forum | Virtual | OES |
| 9 | 9 | ECA quarterly briefing to African ambassadors | Virtual | OES |
| 15 | 15 | Stakeholder consultations on the modalities for revising timber export practices and co-developing special economic zones in Cameroon | Yaoundé, Cameroon | SRO-CA |
| 16 | 16 | Workshop on statistical methodologies to measure illicit financial flows | Virtual | MGD |



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| 21 | 21 | International Mother Language Day | Virtual | PCKMD |
| 22 | 22 | Africa regional review meeting on the Istanbul Programme of Action | Virtual | MGD |
| 22 | 24 | Validation workshop for the AfCFTA national strategy of Burkina Faso | Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso | SRO-WA |
| 23 | 23 | Labour markets in North Africa: structural challenges, the impact of COVID-19 and a post-COVID-19 road map | Virtual | SRO-NA |
| 23 | 23 | Webinar on businesses as agents of green and inclusive trade | Virtual | IDEP |
| 25 | 26 | Workshop for major groups and other stakeholders | Virtual | TCND |
| 25 | 26 | Africa Science, Technology and Innovation Forum | Virtual | TCND |
| 26 | 27 | Regional workshop for African countries conducting voluntary national reviews in 2021 | Virtual | TCND |
| Feb | Feb | Expert group meeting on <i>Sustainable Development Report 2020</i> | Virtual | MGD |
| March | | | | |
| 1 | 4 | Seventh session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development | Brazzaville, Congo /Hybrid | TCND |
| 2 | 5 | Validation workshop on an integrated performance management system for the Government of Namibia | Windhoek, Namibia/Hybrid | SRO-SA |
| 17 | 23 | Fifty-third session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia/Hybrid | ECA |

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| 20 | 20 | Webinar on the economic role of the French language in the context of AfCFTA | Virtual | IDEP |
| 30 | 31 | Ad hoc expert group meeting to review the report on the alignment and harmonization of regional and national frameworks for industrialization in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| April | | | | |
| 4 | 7 | Online training in national transfer accounts, demographic dynamics and public policy | Virtual (Dakar, Senegal) | SRO-WA |
| 6 | 7 | High-level policy dialogue on the implementation and monitoring of economic diversification strategies and national AfCFTA strategies | TBD | SRO-CA |
| 13 | 13 | Ad hoc expert group meeting to review the report on regional industrialization policies and strategies to support industrial development harmonization at the national level in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 20 | 21 | Workshop on the geo-referenced investment and spatial planning tool to support the transition from transport corridors to development corridors in Central Africa | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| 20 | 20 | Chinese Language Day at the United Nations | Virtual | PCKMD |
| 23 | 23 | English Language Day at the United Nations | Virtual | PCKMD |
| 27 | 27 | Launch of the financing model for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises for the Kingdom of Eswatini | Manzini, Eswatini/Hybrid | SRO-SA |
| 27 | 28 | Second seminar on the economic conjuncture and short-term economic forecasts for ECOWAS English-speaking countries | Virtual (Bamako, Mali) | SRO-WA |

| May | | | | |
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| 4 | 4 | First webinar with universities and think tanks on economic diversification: challenges and opportunities in Central Africa | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| 11 | 11 | Ad hoc expert group meeting to review the report on COVID-19 and regional economic development: impact and coping strategies in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 25 | 25 | Ad hoc expert group meeting to review the report on opportunities for the private sector, small and medium-sized enterprises and industrialization in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 25 | 26 | Nineteenth ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States | Libreville, Gabon/Hybrid | SRO-CA |
| 27 | 27 | Spanish Language Day at the United Nations | Hybrid | PCKMD |
| 28 | 29 | Review of recent developments and short-term macroeconomic forecasts for West Africa | TBD | SRO-WA |
| June | | | | |
| 6 | 6 | Russian Language Day at the United Nations | Virtual | PCKMD |
| 8 | 9 | Review and launch of the national AfCFTA strategy of Sao Tome and Principe | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| 17 | 18 | Workshop on incorporating the ECA Integrated Planning and Reporting Toolkit and the macroeconomic and trade models into the national planning frameworks of selected Central African countries | Virtual | SRO-CA |

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| 21 | 22 | Hands-on workshop to strengthen the technical and organizational capacities of national observatories in relation to the demographic dividend in West Africa | Virtual | SRO-WA |
| 22 | 22 | Ad hoc expert group meeting to review the report on a diagnostic assessment of the state of innovation by industrial-based micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 24 | 25 | Twenty-fourth meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for West Africa | Virtual | SRO-WA |
| 29 | 30 | Annual meeting of the West Africa Subregional Coordination Mechanism for United Nations system-wide support for the African Union and its NEPAD programme | Dakar, Senegal | SRO-WA |
| 29 | 29 | French Language Day at the United Nations | Hybrid | PCKMD |
| 29 | 29 | Stakeholder review of the Central Africa Industrialization and Economic Diversification Masterplan | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| July | | | | |
| 5 | 16 | African coding camp for girls | Yaoundé, Cameroon/Hybrid | TCND |
| 13 | 13 | Ad hoc expert group meeting to review the report on regional integration in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 14 | 15 | Expert group meeting on natural capital accounting, rebasing economic wealth and expanding fiscal space in Central Africa | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| 17 | 17 | Regional policy dialogue on the harmonization of post-COVID-19 recovery strategies in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |

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| 28 | 28 | Forum on regional integration in Southern Africa to engage with stakeholders on their role in the regional integration process | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 28 | 29 | Expert group meeting on harnessing renewable energy for economic diversification in Central Africa | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| August | | | | |
| 17 | 17 | Regional policy dialogue on the harmonization of post-COVID-19 recovery strategies in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 31 | 1 September | Global Compact on Migration | Tunis/Hybrid | GPSPD |
| September | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | Workshop on using models and forecasting tools to achieve economic diversification and the Sustainable Development Goals in Central Africa | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| 14 | 17 | Ninth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa | Santa Maria, Cabo Verde/Hybrid | TCND |
| 23 | 23 | International Day of Sign Languages | Virtual | PCKMD |
| 24 | 24 | Second webinar with universities and think tanks on economic diversification: challenges and opportunities in Central Africa | Virtual | SRO-CA |
| 28 | 28 | Ad hoc expert group meeting to review the report on industrialization in Southern Africa, with a view to tracking progress made and identifying prospects in the subregion | Lilongwe, Malawi/Hybrid | SRO-SA |
| 30 | 30 | International Translation Day | Virtual | PCKMD |

| October | | | | |
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| 11 | 13 | Second conference on national transfer accounts and development in West Africa: opportunities and challenges of the demographic dynamic in West Africa | TBD | SRO-WA |
| 13 | 14 | Twenty-sixth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for Southern Africa | Blantyre, Malawi/Hybrid | SRO-SA |
| 14 | 15 | Workshop on the stakes in establishing a Kribi-Edea-Douala prosperity triangle in Cameroon | Douala, Cameroon | SRO-CA |
| 18 | 22 | Conference of African Ministers responsible for Civil Registration | TBC | ACS |
| 19 | 20 | Dialogue with policymakers and senior officials on economic development in Southern Africa | Virtual | SRO-SA |
| 26 | 27 | Workshop on capacity-building in relation to demographics dynamics and development | TBD | SRO-WA |
| 26 | 28 | Annual session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for East Africa | Kigali, Rwanda/Hybrid | SRO-EA |
| November | | | | |
| 2 | 4 | Meeting on land policy | Rwanda | PSDFD |
| 16 | 17 | Regional policy dialogue on industrialization in Southern Africa, to engage and mobilize member States to accelerate harmonization and implementation of national industrialization policy frameworks | Virtual | SRO-SA |

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| 17 | 18 | Fourth session of the Committee on Social Policy, Poverty and Gender | Virtual | GPSPD |
| 16 | 19 | Annual session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for Central Africa, on the theme “Fostering leadership and transformational change for economic diversification in Central Africa” | Brazzaville, Congo | SRO-CA |
| 23 | 26 | Thirty-sixth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials Experts for North Africa | Rabat, Morocco | SRO-NA |
| 30 | 1 st Dec | Meeting of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | PSDFD |
| December | | | | |
| 30 Nov. | 1 st | Meeting of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | PSDFD |
| 2 | 4 | African Economic Conference | Cabo Verde | MGD |
| 8 | 10 | Meeting of the Committee on Economic Governance | Addis Ababa (Hybrid TBC) | MGD |
| 14 | 14 | Launch of the “Made in Central Africa” label | Douala, Cameroon | SRO-CA |
| 18 | 18 | Arabic Language Day at the United Nations | Virtual | PCKMD |

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