



United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

**25th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts
(ICSOE)**

Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa

**Venue : Kigali, Rwanda and Online
26 – 28 October 2021**

THEME

***“Strengthening resilience for strong recovery and attracting investments to
foster economic diversification and long term growth in Eastern Africa”***

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

Draft Programme of Work

DAY 1 - Tuesday, 26 October 2021

8:00 – 09:00 **Registration/ Log In**

09:00 – 09:45 **Welcoming remarks**

- Outgoing Chair (Eritrea)
- Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary General, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA),
- Guest of Honor, Rwanda

09:45 – 10:00 **Constitution of the Bureau, Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

In this session, the new Bureau of the ICISOE will be constituted. The Bureau will **guide participants on the review and adoption of the agenda.**

10:00 – 10:15 **Health Break**

10:15 – 12:30 **Session 1: Macroeconomic and Social Overview of Eastern Africa**

Presentations of the Sub-Regional Profile

Presentations on the SDGs progress

Country and RECs/ IGOs Experiences on Building Resilience against COVID-19 –

5 minutes each

Discussion

12:30 – 13:00 **Lunch Break**

13:00 – 17:00 **Session 2 “Investing in Eastern Africa: Opportunities and Challenges”**

Presentation

Panelists

DAY 2 Wednesday, 27 October 2021

9:00 – 12:30 Session 3: Deepening Regional Value Chains in Eastern Africa: the case of the smart phone value chain.

- **Presentations**
- **Discussants**
- **Discussion**

12:30 – 13:00 Lunch Break

13:10 – 16:30 Session 4: Interlinkages between peace and security, development, human rights and humanitarian efforts.

- **Presentations**
- **Discussants**
- **Discussion**

DAY 3: Thursday, 28 October 2021

09:00 – 12:00 Session 5: Reports

- **Presentation of the Annual Report on the Work of ECA in Eastern Africa in 2021**
- **Review and adoption of the 25th ICISOE Report**

12:00 – 12:30 Official Closing