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25th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts.

Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa

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

27 – 29 October 2021 | Venue : KCC, Kigali, Rwanda and Online

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

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DAY 1

Wednesday
27 October 2021

8:00 – 09:00

Registration/ Log In

09:00 – 09:45

Welcoming remarks

- UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Fode Ndiaye, Rwanda
- Outgoing Bureau Chair
- Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary General, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA),
- Guest of Honour, Minister Uzziel, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda

MC: Mama Keita, Director, Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

09:45 – 10:00

Constitution of the Bureau, Review and Adoption of the Agenda

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

Chair: Seychelles

10:00 – 10:15

Health Break

10:15 – 12:30

Session1:

Macroeconomic and Social Overview of Eastern Africa1

- Presentation—Mr. Andrew Mold, Senior Economics Affairs Officer, UNECA (20 minutes)
- Presentation on Building forward better from COVID-19 crisis alongside accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063: Insights from the seventh and expectations from the eighth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)—Mr. Nassim Oulmane
- Country and RECs/ IGOs Experiences on Building Resilience against COVID-19 – 3 minutes each
- Discussion

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Moderator: Mr. Arnold Segawa



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12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 17:00

Session 2

Investing in Eastern Africa: Opportunities and Challenges

Presentation—Prof. Issouf Soumaré (40 minutes)

Moderator: Ms. Mama Keita, Director, Office for Eastern Africa - UNECA

Panel 1:

- Mme Malado Kaba, DG Faleme Conseil, ancienne ministre de l'économie et des finances de Guinée
- Ambassador Matthijs Wolters—Netherlands Ambassador to Rwanda
- Mr. Moubarack Lo—Directeur Général, Bureau de Prospective Economique Secretariat general du Gouvernement. Sénégal
- Mr. John Bosco Kalisa, Chief Executive Officer, East African Business Council (EABC)
- Mr. Andrew Mold, Chief of the Regional Integration and AfCFTA Cluster, SRO-EA
- Hon. Ukur Kanacho Yatani, Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Planning Ministry (Kenya)

Panel 2:

- Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)
- Mr. Charles Kahuthu, Regional Coordinator & CEO, East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
- Mr. Gilbert Ewehmeh, Business Development Consultant, Social Entrepreneur, Startup'Nkap Inc
- Mr. Sory Touré, Dexterity-Africa
- Mr. Kudakwashe Matereke, Regional COO, Afreximbank

Discussion



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9:00 – 12:30

Session 3:

**Deepening Regional Value Chains in Eastern Africa:
The case of the smart phone value chain. Deepening Regional Value
Chains in Eastern Africa: the case of the smart phone value chain.**

Chair: Seychelles

Moderator: Mr. Arnold Segawa

Presentation— Mr. Andrea Vissol, Project Manager Business and Strategies
in Europe, S.A.

Panel 1:

- Hon. Paula Ingabire, MinICT, Rwanda
- Mr. Antonio Pedro, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECA
- Dr. Jimson Olufuye, Founder & former Chair, Chief Executive Officer, AFICTA
- Mr. Eddy Sebera, Managing Director, MaraPhones, Rwanda
- Mr. Mounir Bakhressa, Managing Director, CEO of BAKHRESSA GROUP/AZAM

10:00 – 10:15

Health Break

10:15 – 12:30

Panel 2:

- Prof. Paul Kamau, Associate Research Professor, Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi
- Mr. Roy Sasaka Telewa, Chief Executive Officer, National Youth Council (NYC), Kenya
- Mr. Gaston Gohou, CEO, Development Solutions Institute, DSI
- Mr. Viorel Iordache, Chief, Global Resources Management, OICT ESS - Enterprise Solutions Service, Bangkok

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 17:00

Session 4:

**Interlinkages between peace and security, development, human
rights and humanitarian pillars in Eastern Africa**

Chair: Hon. Béata Habyarimana, Rwanda Minister of Trade and Industry

Moderator: Jenerali Ulimwengu



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Presentation—Prof. Muyiwale Ismail, Senior Research Fellow, Lecturer in Leadership, Peace and Development, African Leadership Centre School of Global Affairs (30 minutes Discussants)

Discussants

- Prof. Tigist Yeshiwas, Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University (10 minutes)
- Prof. Timothy Muriithi, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa (10 minutes)

Panel

- Mr. Fode Ndiaye, UN Resident Coordinator Rwanda
- Mr. Ivan Atuyambe, Head of Programmes and Director, YouLead Africa, Training Centre for Development and Cooperation
- Mr. Paul Okumu, Head of Secretariat, Africa Platform and Head, Leadership Ethics and Values Initiative (LEVI)



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DAY 3

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29 October 2021

09:00 – 12:00

Session 5:
Presentation of the Annual Report on the Work of ECA in Eastern Africa in 2021—Ms. Emelang Leteane

11:00 – 11:30

Health Break

- Review and adoption of the 25th ICSSOE Report—Ms. Emelang Leteane
- Theme of the 26th ICSSOE

12:00 – 12:30

Official Closing

- Mama Keita, Director, Office for Eastern Africa - UNECA
- Government of Rwanda

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch