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25th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts in Eastern Africa
Strengthening resilience for strong recovery and attracting investments to foster economic diversification and long term growth in Eastern Africa.

25^{ème} Réunion du Comité Intergouvernemental des Hauts Fonctionnaires et Experts d'Afrique de l'Est
Renforcer la résilience pour une reprise solide et attirer des investissements pour favoriser la diversification économique et la croissance à long terme en Afrique de l'Est

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

UNECA -Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa

Venue : KICC, Kigali, Rwanda and Online

27 – 29 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

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
 - Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary General, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA),
 - Guest of Honour, Hon. Dr. Uzziel Ndagijimana, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Rwanda
- 09:45 – 10:00 **Constitution of the Bureau, Review and Adoption of the Agenda**
Chair: Seychelles
- 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.
- 10:00 – 10:15 Health Break
- 10:15 – 12:30 **Session 1: Macroeconomic and Social Overview of Eastern Africa**
Chair: Incoming Chair
- Moderator: Mr. Arnold Segawa*
- Presentation of **Macroeconomic and Social Overview of Eastern Africa** – Mr. Rodgers Mukwaya, Economics Affairs Officer, UNECA
 - Presentation—SDGs progress: Molla Hunegnaw, Economics Affairs Officer, UNECA
 - Country and RECs/ IGOs Experiences on Building Resilience against COVID-19 – three minutes each
 - Discussion
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 17:00 **Session 2 “Investing in Eastern Africa: Opportunities and Challenges”**
Chair: Incoming Chair

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

Presentation— **Investing in Eastern Africa: Opportunities and Challenges”**

Prof. Issouf Soumaré (40 minutes)

Panel 1: Investing in Eastern Africa: Opportunities and Challenges – Policy Makers

- S.E.M. Julien Paluku, Ministre de l’Industrie, République Démocratique du Congo
- Mme Malado Kaba, DG Faleme Conseil, ancienne ministre de l’économie et des finances de Guinée
- S.E.M Ambassador Matthijs Wolters—Netherlands Ambassador to Rwanda

Panel 2: Investing in Eastern Africa: Opportunities and Challenges – Private Sector

- Mr. John Bosco Kalisa, Chief Executive Officer, East African Business Council (EABC)
- Prof. Njuguna Ndung’u, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)
- Mr. Charles Kahuthu, Regional Coordinator & CEO, EACCIA SIGNATURE LOGO
- Ms. Andia Chakava (TBC, Africa GenderLens Investing Expert)

Panel 3: Investing in Eastern Africa: Opportunities and Challenges – Private Sector

- Mr. Gilbert Ewehneh, Business Development Consultant, Social Entrepreneur, Startup'Nkap Inc
- Mr. Sory Touré, Africa

Discussion

DAY 2 Thursday, 28 October 2021

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

Chair: Vice Chair

Moderator: Arnold Segawa

- Presentation— **Deepening Regional Value Chains in Eastern Africa: the case of the smart phone value chain.** By
 - Prof. Charles Adjasi, University of Stellenbosch Business School;
 - Mr. Andrea Vissol, Project Manager Business and Strategies in Europe, S.A.

Panel: Deepening Regional Value Chains in Eastern Africa: the case of the smart phone value chain

- Hon. Paula Ingabire, Minister of Information and communications technology and Innovation, Rwanda
- Mr. Eddy Sebera, Managing Director, MaraPhones, Rwanda
- Mr. Paul Kamau, Associate Research Professor, Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi
- Mr. Mounir Bakhressa, Managing Director, CEO of BAKHRESA GROUP/AZAM
- Mr. Roy Sasaka Telewa, Chief Executive Officer, National Youth Council (NYC), Kenya
- Mr. Jimson Olufuye, Founder & former Chair, Chief Executive Officer, (Africa ICT Alliance (AFICTA)
- Mr. Gaston Gohou, CEO, Development Solutions Institute, DSI
- Mr. Viorel Iordache, Chief, Global Resources Management, OICT ESS - Enterprise Solutions Service, Bangkok
- Mr. Moubarack Lo, President of the Emergence Institute, specializing in economic and statistical studies and strategic planning
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Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 17:00 **Session 4: Interlinkages between peace and security, development, human rights and humanitarian pillars Africa**

Chair: Vice Chair

Moderator: Jenerali Ulimwengu

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

Discussants

- Tigist Yeshiwas, Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University (Professor /Global Goodwill Ambassador on Humanitarian Institute for Peace and SecurityStudies, Addis Ababa University

- Timo Timothy Muriithi, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa

Panel : Interlinkages between peace and security, development, human rights and humanitarian pillars Africa

- Emmanuel Wakana, Executive Director, Youth Empowerment and Leadership Initiative (YELI-BURUNDI).
- Ivan Atuyambe, Executive Director, Youth Empowerment and Leadership Initiative (YELI), Youth Leadership Program
- Pantaleo Kessy, East African Community (EAC) Secretariat)
- Elizabeth Mutunga, Head of Governance, Peace & Security. COMESA
- Florence Boloko, Coalition des femmes pour la paix et le développement, RDC
- Fode Ndiaye, UN Resident Coordinator Rwanda

Discussion

DAY 3: Friday, 29 October 2021

09:00 – 12:00 Session 5: Presentation of ECA Reports

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)—Nassim Oulmane

Presentation of the Annual Report on the Work of ECA in Eastern Africa in 2021—Emelang Leteane

Review and adoption of the 25th ICSSOE Report—Emelang Leteane

12:00 – 12:30 Official Closing

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

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**