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Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts of Southern Africa

Hybrid

13-14 October 2021

Provisional Agenda

Day One

- i. Opening Session
- ii. Election of the Bureau and Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work
- iii. Presentation of Statutory Reports
 - a. Economic and Social Conditions in Southern Africa
 - b. Programme Performance of ECA in Southern Africa
 - c. The Implementation of regional and international agendas and other special initiatives in Southern Africa: *Progress and Status of the Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)*
- iv. Presentation of Thematic Report on: "Building back better from COVID-19 in Southern Africa: Fostering commodity-based industrialization, manufacturing and regional value-chains"
- v. High-level panel on "Building back better from COVID-19 in Southern Africa: Fostering commodity-based industrialization, manufacturing and regional valuechains"

Day Two

- vi. High Level Panel Discussion on: "New sources of competitiveness in Southern Africa's inclusive and sustainable industrialization strategies: Promoting Made in Southern Africa in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area"
- vii. High Level Panel Discussion on: "New sources of competitiveness in Southern Africa's inclusive industrialization strategies: Blue, Green and Digital economies"
- viii. Presentation of the recommendations of the AEGM on "Agriculture value chains, linkages and transformation in Southern Africa: Opportunities from the African Continental Free Trade Area"
- ix. Drafting of Outcome Statement
- x. Presentation and Adoption of the Outcome Statement of the 27th ICSOE of Southern Africa
- xi. Host and venue of the 28^h ICSOE
- xii. Closing Session