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Programme Expert Segment

Thursday 31 March

All day event 9.00 - 18.45 Meeting of the Committees of Experts [CR2]

9.00-9.30	Opening session
9.30-9.45	Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work
9.45-11.30	Session I. Overview of recent economic and social developments in Africa
11.30-11.45	Coffee break
11.45-13.30	Session II. Assessment of progress on regional integration in Africa
13.30-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-16.30	Session III. Presentation on the theme of the ninth Joint Annual Meetings: "Towards an integrated and coherent approach to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals"
16.30-16.45	Coffee break
16.45-18.45	Session III. [continued] Presentation on the theme of the ninth Joint Annual Meetings: "Towards an integrated and coherent approach to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals"
18.45	Reception

Friday 1 April

All day event 9.00 - 18.45 Meeting of the Committees of Experts [CR2]

9.00 -11.30	Session IV. Selected social development issues 1. Implementation of the first five-year priority programme on employment, poverty eradication and inclusive development by regional economic communities and member States 2. Africa's policy response to migration
11.30-11.45	Coffee break
11.45-13.00	Session V. Status of statistical development in Africa
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-16.00	Session VI. Statutory issues: Economic Commission for Africa
16.00-16.15	Coffee break
16.15-18.15	Session VII. Statutory issues: African Union Commission
18.15-18.30	Date and theme of the tenth Joint Annual Meetings
18.30-18.45	Other business

Saturday 2 April

Meeting of the Committees of Experts [CR2]

9.00 -16.00	Drafting of the report on the meeting of the Committees of Experts
16.00-18.00	Session VIII. Consideration and recommendation for adoption of the draft report on the meeting of the Committees of Experts and of the draft resolutions
18.00-18.30	Closing of the meeting



Side Events/Other meetings

Saturday 2 April

**All day event
Other Meeting 1
9.00 - 16.00**

Seventeenth Session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa [CR1]

Following 2015, a milestone year for development, Africa is embarking on new development initiatives. In support of these new initiatives, the seventeenth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa (RCM-Africa), chaired by the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General and the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, aims to achieve consensus on a mechanism for implementing the framework on United Nations-African Union partnership on Africa's integration and development agenda for 2017-2027 and on the reconfiguration of RCM-Africa in line with Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030.

**All day event
Other Meeting 2
9.00 - 16.00**

General Assembly of the Forum for Former African Heads of State and Government [Closed meeting CR3]

The fourth session of the General Assembly of the Forum for Former African Heads of State and Government (more commonly known as the Africa Forum) will be held under the theme "Strengthening the governance of Africa's mineral resources and combating illicit resource flows from the continent towards the effective implementation of Agenda 2063, the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". More than 18 former Heads of State and Government have confirmed their participation.

**Side Event 1
9.00 - 11.00**

International migration in Africa: issues, opportunities and challenges [CR5]

The subject of migration has attracted considerable attention in recent times, especially following the recent influx of migrants from different continents into Europe. Intra-African migration dominates migration flows in the African continent, with a small proportion of Africans migrating to Europe. Migration, which cuts across three of the Sustainable Development Goals, is addressed both in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063, where issues of equity, poverty eradication and inclusion have been given prominence. The event, organized by ECA, will bring together a panel of experts including Mr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), Mr. Alioune Sall, Head of the African Futures Institute, and Prof. Mariama Awumbila, of the Centre for Migration Studies at the University of Ghana.

Side Event 2
9.00 - 10.30**Bilateral investment treaties in Africa: balancing rights and obligations between host countries and investors [CR4]**

In recent times, African countries have initiated bold reform agendas to improve the investment climate and attract foreign investment, and signed a host of bilateral investment treaties to attract foreign direct investment. However, in terms of benefits, the correlation between such treaties and increased investment flows remains ambiguous. A number of African countries have been subject to costly arbitration decisions. In response, ECA undertook a study on investment policies and bilateral investment treaties in Africa, with a view to casting light on the prevalence, scope, application, contribution to investment and challenges of such treaties. The event, organized by ECA, will bring together a panel of experts including Dr. Paul Jourdan, a mineral policy analyst from South Africa, and Dr. Nobuya Haraguchi, an industrial research officer at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

Side Event 3
9.00 - 11.00**The problem of measuring corruption in Africa: launch of Africa Governance Report IV [CR6]**

The forthcoming Africa Governance Report IV, entitled "Measuring corruption in Africa: the international dimension matters" raises the problem of credibility and reliability with existing predominantly perception-based measures of corruption. Such measures focus on country rankings or naming and shaming, but offer minimal policy insights and practical recommendations to inform policy reforms. The event, organized by ECA, will bring together a panel of experts to discuss the report, which calls upon African countries and partners to avoid perception-based measures of corruption and adopt approaches that are fact-based, objective and quantitative in criteria, to build robust economic governance institutions for sustainable development and structural transformation.

Side Event 4
10.30 - 12.00**Launch of Assessing Regional Integration in Africa VII and the Africa Regional Integration Index [LBR]**

The seventh edition of the Assessing Regional Integration in Africa report examines the nexus between regional integration, innovation and competitiveness. The report sheds light on innovation and competitiveness in the broader context of development policy and strategy in Africa.

Developed jointly by the African Development Bank, the African Union Commission and ECA, the Africa Regional Integration Index is the first systematic, continent-wide instrument for measuring the progress made by all 54 African countries in implementing the continent's regional integration frameworks.

**Side Event 5
11.30 - 13.30****African Peer Review Mechanism: restoration, reinvigoration and renewal [CR4]**

The African Peer Review Mechanism is Africa's most innovative and ambitious initiative on governance. It was launched in 2003 as a voluntary mechanism for self- and peer-assessment of governance policies and practices on the continent. A total of 35 countries currently participate as members of the mechanism, 18 of which have already undergone the comprehensive base review process.

**Side Event 6
12.00 - 14.00****After Paris: Implications for Green Growth in Africa [CR6]**

Two weeks of intense negotiations in December 2015 in Paris led 195 countries to an agreement to combat climate change and to mobilize efforts and investment towards a low carbon, resilient and sustainable future. This high-level panel side event seeks to explore the extent to which the Paris Agreement affects Africa's development agenda; the opportunities for new investments away from fossil fuels; the mobilization of adequate resources to support green investments; and the possibilities of ratcheting up the emissions reduction ambition in order to keep global warming within safe limits, particularly for Africa.

Sunday 3 April

**All day event
Other Meeting 1
9.00 - 16.00****Seventeenth Session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa-continued [CR1]****All day event
Other Meeting 2
9.00 - 16.00****General Assembly of the Forum for Former African Heads of State and Government -continued [CR3]****Side Event 7
9.00 - 11.00****Urbanization and industrialization: the missing links [CR4]**

Urbanization is a mega trend that is having deep effects on Africa's demographic, economic, social, cultural and political realities. So far, it has been a challenge for most African member States. However, Africa's rapid urbanization presents an unprecedented opportunity to accelerate the region's structural transformation agenda, provided that it is planned. Both Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 recognize this mega trend, and seek to harness urbanization for sustainable growth and transformation at the regional and global levels. The event, organized by ECA, will bring together a panel of leading experts on the subject to discuss the ways and means to make urbanization work for Africa's transformation and offer concrete strategic policy options.

Side Event 8
9.00 - 11.00**Why numbers matter: Launch of the ECA country profiles [CR6]**

Those who control the numbers, control the narrative. Without numbers and vital statistics, development planning becomes a matter of guesswork. The ECA country profiles are intended to offer an independent narrative of Africa's economic and social development experience and prospects. The 20 countries featured in the April 2016 launch are Botswana, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco, Namibia, the Niger, the Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, the Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Side Event 9
9.00 - 11.00**Lowering remittance transfer costs: the role of Governments and central banks [LBR]**

In 2015, 30 million African migrants sent more than \$66 billion in remittances to Africa, supporting at least 120 million family members back home. This is according to official data from the World Bank. However, African remittance flows are substantially understated due to the widespread use of informal or unregulated channels, as a result of a combination of factors, including the high cost of sending money to and within Africa. This high-level event organized by the African Institute for Remittances, a specialized technical office of the African Union Commission, will regroup a panel of experts to discuss issues related to remittances and development.

Side Event 10
9.00 - 15.30**Ministerial round table on addressing the impact of drought, floods and declining commodity prices in Africa [CC11]**

There has been a sharp drop in the prices of a wide range of commodities produced and exported by most African countries, at the same time as interest rates in the United States of America have risen. This has had devastating financial and economic effects. Against this background, the African Union Commission and the African Capacity Building Foundation are holding this ministerial round table to offer a platform for ministers and experts to share their experiences and ideas on the best way to mitigate the impact of declining commodity prices, drought and floods on Africa.

Side Event 11
9.30 - 11.00**Round table of governors of African central banks [CR5]**

The round table is a platform for governors and other representatives of central banks to engage in structured dialogue on tackling common issues, with a view to facilitating Africa's transformation agenda. With the recent rapid and sustained decline in commodity prices, monetary and exchange rate policy is firmly back in the spotlight. Central banks across the region are re-examining their options regarding strategic approaches to maintaining macroeconomic stability, while continuing to support national transformation agendas.

**Side Event 12**
11.30 - 13.30**Annual Adedeji Lecture 2016 [CR4]**

The 2016 Annual Adedeji Lecture will be delivered by renowned development economist Dr. Ha-Joon Chang, the author of widely discussed policy books, most notably “Kicking Away the Ladder” and “23 Things They Don’t Tell You About Capitalism”. Dr. Chang teaches economics at the University of Cambridge and was ranked one of the top 20 world thinkers in 2013 by Prospect Magazine.

Side Event 13
11.30 - 13.00**A conversation with Africa’s thought leaders in media and the arts: perspectives on the transformation agenda [LBR]**

Africa’s development agenda is often seen as the domain of member States and civil society. Other African voices, such as the arts, are often absent. Similarly, the media, an indisputable force over our individual and collective lives, often participate merely to chronicle the events and discussions. The media and arts remain powerful voices that continue to shape our lives, and Africa’s development agenda should tap into creative ideas. This round table, organized by ECA, brings together Africa’s thought leaders in the arts and media industries to add their unique perspective on how to achieve Africa’s transformational agenda.

Side Event 14
11.30 - 13.00**Financing Africa’s pharmaceutical industry [CR6]**

While Africa carries the heaviest burden of illness and diseases such as malaria, its participation in the \$857 billion global pharmaceutical sector is pitiful, at less than 1 per cent. According to the World Health Organization, Africa excluding North Africa carries 24 per cent of the global disease burden. Indeed, in 2015, the region was home to 88 per cent of malaria cases and 90 per cent of malaria deaths. The near exclusion of Africa in the pharmaceutical sector is what the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa – adopted by Heads of State and Government in 2007 – seeks to address. This high-level panel discussion will examine among other issues how to finance Africa’s medicine production.

Side Event 15
13.30 - 16.00**Green is the future: decarbonizing Africa. Launch of the 2016 edition of the Economic Report on Africa and Dr. Ha-Joon Chang’s book on smart industrial policy [CR4]**

The 2016 edition of the Economic Report on Africa, entitled “Greening Africa’s industrialization”, sets the tone for the future that Africa wants in its current wave of industrialization. It prescribes an inclusive path oriented to create jobs, generate income and wealth, lift millions out of poverty and improve human welfare. It seeks to cut down on wasteful consumption, resource depletion and environmental degradation. Ultimately, a greener future holds the key to making good of Africa’s long-term development plans. This edition of the report, the Commission’s annual flagship publication, offers a wealth of evidence-based information and a concrete package of policy options for greening Africa’s industrialization.

In addition, the side event will see the launch of a book by renowned economist Dr. Ha-Joon Chang, entitled “Smart industrial policy for Africa in the 21st century”, which was commissioned by ECA.

Side Event 16
14.00 - 16.00**Africa's blue economy: New frontier of African renaissance. Launch of the Blue Economy Policy Handbook for Africa [CR6]**

ECA will launch its Blue Economy Policy Handbook for Africa, which provides a step-by-step guide on how to mainstream the blue economy into continental, subregional and national policies, plans and practices. It is a timely contribution to helping the continent benefit from what the African Union calls the "New frontier of African renaissance".

Side Event 17
14.00 - 16.00**Launch of the "Revenue statistics in Africa" report [LBR]**

This event will mark the launch of the report "Revenue statistics in Africa", a joint publication of the African Union Commission, the African Tax Administration Forum, the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration and the OECD Development Centre. It presents detailed, internationally comparable data on both tax and non-tax revenues for eight African countries. The report examines changes in the level of both tax and non-tax revenues as a percentage of GDP and the structure of these revenue streams between 1990 and 2014.

Side Event 18
15.00 - 17.00**Enhancing Africa's trade potential: the key role of trade and transport facilitation legal instruments [CC11]**

Although there are substantial legal frameworks and conventions on trade facilitation and export competitiveness of landlocked developing countries, many international instruments have either not been ratified or are not being implemented by member States. This high-level event, which will be moderated by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, will discuss and enhance the knowledge of participants from African member States on the need to ratify and implement these legal instruments.

Side Event 19
16.00 - 18.00**Opportunities and challenges in financing social protection in Africa [CR5]**

Aspiration 1 of Agenda 2063 gives the goal of "A high standard of living, quality of life and well-being for all citizens", through affordable social security and protection for all; increased incomes and decent jobs; healthy and well-nourished citizens; and affordable and sustainable access to quality basic necessities of life, among others. This high-level event on financing social protection, organized by the African Union, will discuss strategies for achieving the targets of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals on social protection and social security.



Side Event 20
16.30 - 18.30

Green growth in Africa: the road to economic sustainability [LBR]

Ethiopia has committed itself to green growth and is pursuing a comprehensive set of development objectives through its Growth and Transformation Plan and the Climate Resilience Green Economy vision. In partnership with the Global Green Growth Institute, the Ministry of the Environment, Forests and Climate Change is holding a high-level action-oriented policy dialogue on promoting green growth planning and implementation in Africa. The event aims to build a consensus and political vision for integrating the green growth paradigm as the main driver for inclusive economic development.

Side Event 21
16.30 - 18.30

Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) [CR6]

The past decades have seen unprecedented progress in health, with dramatic decreases in under-5 and maternal mortality rates worldwide, partly thanks to increased investment in health care by Governments and partners. Nevertheless, much remains to be done, and some countries face major challenges in achieving the health-related Sustainable Development Goals. A high-level panel, moderated by Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the new Chair of the GAVI Alliance Board, will discuss among others, sustainable and predictable financing for one of the best purchases in health; immunization.

Side Event 22
17.00 - 19.00

Macroeconomic frameworks for structural transformation [CR4]

Effective macroeconomic management plays a critical role in creating a conducive environment for a country's structural transformation. This is optimally done by ensuring that government revenue generation and resource allocation promote productivity-enhancing institutions and the implementation of policies that generate an economy characterized by high, sustainable and inclusive growth and development. The event, organized by ECA, seeks to discuss contemporary and emerging issues related to macroeconomic frameworks in Africa. The high-level panel will include the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who will make a keynote presentation.

Programme - Ministerial Segment

Monday 4 April

All day event 9.00 - 19.00 Conference of Ministers [CR1]

9.00-11.00	Opening of the conference Statements by the host Statements by the special guests
11.00-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-11.30	Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work
11.30-11.45	Statement by Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Chair of the Board of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization
11.45-13.45	Plenary I. High-level ministerial policy dialogue on the theme of the ninth Joint Annual Meetings: "Towards an integrated and coherent approach to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals"
13.45-14.45	Lunch break
14.45-18.45	Plenary II. High-level round-table discussions
14.45-16.30	Round table 1. Harmonization, synergies and sensitization: the need for a coherent development approach
16.30-16.45	Coffee break
16.45-18.45	Round table 2. Integration of the results framework, monitoring and evaluation
19.00	Reception



Tuesday 5 April

All day event 9.30 - 16.30 Conference of Ministers [CR1]

9.30-11.15	Round table 3. Financing
11.15-11.30	Plenary III. Presentation of the communiqué of the caucus of governors of African central banks
11.30-12.15	Consideration of the report and major recommendations of the meeting of the Committees of Experts, and consideration and adoption of the draft resolutions
12.15-12.30	Coffee break
12.30-13.30	[Continued] Consideration of the report and major recommendations of the meeting of the Committees of Experts, and consideration and adoption of the draft resolutions
13.30-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-15.30	Consideration and adoption of the draft ministerial statement
15.30-15.45	Other matters
15.45-16.00	Closing of the meeting
16.00-16.30	Press conference

