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The 24th Session of the Inter-Governmental Committee of Experts
(ICE) (Senior Government Officials) of Southern Africa

Theme: *Blue Economy, Inclusive Industrialization and Economic Development in
Southern Africa*

18 – 21 September 2018
Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 18 September 2018

08:00-09:00

Registration

09:00-10:00

Agenda Item 1: Opening Session

- Opening Remarks (ECA)
- Remarks (Chair of 23rd ICE Bureau)
- Remarks (AUC)
- Keynote Address by Hon Seetannah Lutchmeenaraidoo, GCSK, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade (Government of Mauritius)

10:00-10:15

Agenda Item 2

Election of the Bureau and Adoption of the Agenda/Programme of Work

10:15-11:00

MEDIA BRIEFING/INTERVIEWS and TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:00-11:45

Agenda Item 3 (a)

Report on Economic and Social Conditions in Southern Africa – ECA/SRO-SA

11:45-12:30

Agenda Item 3 (b)

Report on Programme Performance of ECA in Southern Africa – ECA/SRO-SA

12:30-14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00-14:10

Agenda Item 4

Opening remarks by Hon. P. Koonjoo, Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources

14:10-15:30

Presentation of an Issues paper on: Blue Economy, Inclusive Industrialization and Economic Development in Southern Africa

15:30-16:00

Discussants

16:00-16:30

Open Discussions

16:30-17:00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

18:00-20:30

Country Profile Launch (Cocktail)

DAY TWO:**WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018**

09:00-10:30

Agenda Item 5 (a)Report and discussions on the Implementation of Regional and International Agendas and Other Special Initiatives in the Sub region: *Progress and Status*

of the Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) - ECA/ATPC

- 10:30-11:00 ***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***
- 11:00-12:00 **Agenda Item 5 (b)**
Panel Discussion: The Private Sector and the Blue Economy: Production, Investments and Accelerated Economic Growth, Poverty Reduction and Development
- 12:00-13:00 **Agenda Item 5 (c)**
Panel Discussion: The role of Landlocked and Land-linked Countries in the Blue Economy
- 13:00-14:00 ***LUNCH BREAK***
- 14:00-15:30 **Agenda Item 5 (d)**
Panel Discussion: Strengthening collaboration in the Blue Economy sector amongst coastal countries
- 15:30-16:00 ***TEA/COFFEE BREAK***
- 17:30-20:00 **Ministerial/High Level Roundtable (Cocktail hosted by the Government of Mauritius)**
- Moderator:** Hon Marie Joseph Noël-Etienne Ghislain Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development
- Hon Premdut Koonjoo, Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping;
 - Hon Marie Joseph Noël-Etienne Ghislain Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development
 - Mr. Jean Richard Payendee, Commissioner for Environment, Forestry, Tourism, Marine parks and Fisheries, Rodrigues Regional Assembly
 - Ambassador Chanfi Ismael from Comoros
- 19:00-20:00 **Cocktail hosted by the Government of Mauritius**
- DAY THREE THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2018**
- 08:00-18:00 **Agenda Item 6**
Joint UNECA-SADC AEGM: The Role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Industrialization Process in Southern Africa
- 08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30	Opening Session and Election of the Bureau (separate detailed agenda)
09:30-10:30	Presentation of a report on: The Role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Industrialization Process in Southern Africa
10:30-11:00	<i>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</i>
11:00-11:30	Discussants
11:30-13:00	Open Discussions
13:00-14:00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
14:00-17:00	AEGM (Continued)
17:30-18:00	Closure of AEGM
DAY FOUR	FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2018
10:00-10:30	Agenda Item 7 Presentation, review and adoption of the Outcome Statement (The Pointe aux Piments Communiqué)
10:30-11:00	Agenda Item 8 Host/venue and date of the next ICE Meeting (2019)
11:00-12:00	Agenda Item 9 Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of appreciation by Delegates • Closing remarks by ECA • Official closing statement by the 24th ICE Host (Mauritius)
13:00-14:00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
14:00-17:00	Site/Industrial visit(s)