

**INTER-INSTITUTIONAL
COORDINATION MEETING
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
AND DOMESTICATION OF
THE AFRICAN UNION
COMMODITIES STRATEGY**

A Flagship Project of Agenda 2063

6th - 8th September 2023.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

WORK PROGRAMME



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DAY ONE
6TH SEPTEMBER 2023

ACTIVITIES

**All sessions will hold in the Small Conference Hall 3.*

08:30 - 9:00	Arrival and Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Moderator – Mrs. Ron Osman , Ag. Head of Division of Industry, Minerals and Innovation, AUC Welcome address: Mr. Chiza Charles Newton , Ag. Director, Directorate of Industry, Minerals, Entrepreneurship and Tourism, AUC. <i>Welcoming all the participant and introduce the objectives of the meeting and the expected outcomes.</i>
09:30 – 09:55	Opening Address <i>Welcome Remarks by the invited guest and AUC Officials.</i> H.E. Amb. Albert M. Muchanga , The Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals; African Union Commission, Hon. Behdja Lammali , Chairperson - Committee on Transport, Industry, Communications, Energy, Science and Technology; Pan-African Parliament H.E. Habtamu Tegegn , Minister of Mines, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia <i>Focus is on the theme of the meeting “Commodity-led Industrialization for One African Market”. The AU Commodities Strategy is a flagship project of agenda 2063 that envisions a commodity-led industrialisation: developing Africa’s commodities as a driver for achieving the structural, social, and economic transformation of the continent.</i>
09:55 – 10:00	Presentation & Launch of the African Union Commodities Strategy and its Action Plan. Moderator Mrs. Ron Osman , Ag. Head Division of Industry, Minerals and Innovation, AUC <i>This will mark the official publication of the AU Commodities Strategy and its Action Plan. The Strategy will be simultaneously launched online and published on AU Website for the public.</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Group Photo and Tea break <i>The Media stakeouts will focus on statement from the representative of Host Country, AUC, and PAP.</i>

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<p>10:30 -11:00</p>	<p>Cont. Details Presentation on the AU Commodities Strategy and its Action Plan</p> <p>Moderator Mr. John Youhanes, Expert on Minerals Resources Development, AUC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter- Institutional Coordination for the implementation and Domestication of the African Commodities Strategy • AUC Road Map for the implementation and Domestication of the AU Commodities Strategy • TORs for the appointment of AUC Special Envoy on Commodities Strategy (proposed to be from the African Private Sector) • Concept Note for the establishment of the African Commodities Forum (ACF) and Advisory Board <p>Q&A: Open discussion & inputs</p> <p><i>The presentation will focus on the African Commodities Strategy “Strategic Pillars”: Commodity Markets & Pricing; Linkages & Diversification; Skills Development & RDI; and Governance & Enabling Environment AUC to indicate & clarify the roles and responsibilities of AUC, RECs, Member States, Private sector, and Partners in the domestication and implementation of the AU Commodities Strategy (outcome)</i></p>
<p>11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Presentation by Dr. Mary N. Mbole-Kariuki Expert, African Union - Inter African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) on</p> <p><i>Implementation Framework for the value-addition to animal resources and their products.</i></p> <p><i>To reflect on the ongoing efforts in the implementation of the AU Commodities Strategy</i></p>
<p>Panel Session 1: Commodities for Sustainable Industrialisation, Economic Diversification, Structural Transformation, Development & Enhanced Intra-African Trade</p>	
<p>11:30-13:00</p>	<p>Facilitated by: Mr. Frank Dixon Mugenyi, Executive Director, Minerals African Development Institution- MADI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Chiza Charles Newton, Ag. Director, Directorate of Industry, Minerals, Entrepreneurship and Tourism, AUC • Mr. John Bosco Kalisa, Executive Director, East African Business Council • Mr. Zahr Eddine Belbachir, Union Maghreb Arabe • Diana Akullo Ogwal (PhD), Principal Officer SPS, Directorate of Trade in Goods and Competition, AfCFTA Secretariat • Hon. Behdja Lammali, Chairperson - Committee on Transport, Industry, Communications, Energy, Science and Technology; Pan-African Parliament <p><i>Practical examples of how the AU Commodities Strategy can deliver on a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development.</i></p>
<p>13:00 -14:00</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>

Panel Session 2: Encouraging cooperation among AU Member States and RECs in attracting investment into the development of sustainable infrastructure to facilitate greater commodity beneficiation and regional value chain development, in line with the objectives of the AfCFTA agreement.

14.00 -15.30	<p>Facilitated by: Mr. John Youhanes, Mineral Resources Expert, AUC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum, Programme Coordination and Delivery, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD). • Mr. Jerry Kwame Ahadjie, Chief Minerals Officer, African Development Bank. • Mr. Vusi Mabena, Association of Chamber of Mines and other Mining Associations of Africa. • Dr. Osman Mohammed Babikir, Director of Economic Cooperation and Regional Integration; Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) <p><i>Understanding Member States takes on the implementation of the AU Commodities Strategy. The panelists will identify and rank the priority commodities that can be traded under the AfCFTA and identify countries with potential.</i></p>
15.30 -15.45	Refreshments
<p>Panel Session 3: Promoting Intra-Continental Trade of Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Minerals, Energy and Associated Products in Africa</p>	
15.45 -16:30	<p>Presentation by: Mr. NJ Ayuk, Chairman of the African Energy Council Facilitated by: Mr. Adil Diani, Senior Trade and Investment Policy Advisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jules TOUKA TCHAKONTE, Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) • Dr. Paul Odera Otung, Director for Economic Development and Regional Integration Program, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region • Dr. Ibrahim Shaddad, Director General, African Minerals and Geosciences Center • Mr. Francois Kazadi KABUYA, Senior Researcher, Congo Atomic Energy Commission • Mr. Enobot Agboraw, Executive Secretary, African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCONE) <p><i>To promote the facilitation of intra-regional trade of Crude Oil, Natural Gas and Associated Products in Africa.</i></p>
16:30 -16:45	Wrap Up/Immediate Feedback on Day 1 sessions

Commodities Governance and Development: Private Sector engagement on the implementation of the AUCommodities Strategy

08.00-08.30	Arrival and Registration
08.30-09.00	Day 1 Recap by AUC
Panel Session 4: Commodities Governance, Skills Development and Research and Development (R&D)	
09.00 - 10:00	<p>Moderated by: Dr. Carl Oshodil, CEO, Africa Industrialization Group Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Misheck Mutize, Lead Expert Researcher on Credit Ratings, African Peer Review Mechanism. • Director, Energy and Infrastructure, AUC. • Ms. Marion Nelly Mugisha, Partnership and Institutional Learning Manager, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA). • Mr. Charles Afeku, Advisor, African Legal Support Facility. • Dr. Daniel Meshesha, Director, Mineral exploration, Extraction and processing Center of Excellence (MEEP CoE), Addis Ababa Science and Technology University <p><i>To promote meritocratic leadership in the public and private sector for good governance of the commodity value chains.</i></p> <p><i>To provide opportunities for training and skills development in the use of modern and innovative digital applications in the commodity sector for the benefit of the African operators.</i></p>
10.00 – 10.30	Tea Break
Panel Session 5: Linkages & Diversification in commodity producing economies relates to the development of new products in existing value chains	
10.30 -12.00	<p>Moderator: Mr. John Youhanes, Minerals Resources Development, Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Chaikou Yaya Diallo, Chairman of the Executive Council, EFEDCOM (Ecowas Federation of Chambers of Mines) ACMMAA • Mr. Johansein Rutaihwa, Economist, Southern African Development Community (SADC) • Mrs. GEORGETTE BARNES- SAKYI-ADDO, Regional Sales Consultant for West Africa, Westernex • Mr. Rongai Chizema, Senior Programme Manager, Expertise France, Team Europe Technical Assistance Facility (EU-TAF) • Director, Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC <p><i>Finding ways to promote the development of new value chains and linkages between commodities, industrialisation and economic growth</i></p>
12.00-12.30	Questions & Answers
12.30-14.00	Lunch

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Panel Session 6: The Role of Private Sector, Women and Youth in Promoting Commodities marketing.

14.00-15.30	<p>Moderator: Ms. Doris Okoli, Senior Specialist Communication- Bonikro Gold Mine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Arby Kane, President, the Council of African Youth in Minerals (CAYM). • Ms. Lurit Yugusuk, Policy Researcher, Advocacy, and Communication Strategist. • Mrs. Balbine Pascaline Makani, President, Association of Women in Mining in Africa. • Mr. Moses Kanyesigye, Program Coordinator, YouLead Africa <p><i>To explore options for designing practical actions to ensure the inclusiveness in the commodity sector.</i> <i>Policy frameworks and strategies to drive the industrialisation, value addition and beneficiation agenda.</i> <i>Understanding the industrial development in the continent.</i></p>
15:30 -15:45	Wrap Up / Immediate Feedback on Day 2 sessions
15.45- 16:30	Refreshments & End of the Day

DAY THREE
8TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Way Forward: Coordination of the AU Commodities Strategy's Implementation & Domestication

08.00 – 8.30	Arrival and registration of participants
09.00 - 09:15	Recap of Day 2 by AUC
09.15 - 10.30	<p>Review: Discussion on the visibility for the African Union to appoint an AUC Special Envoy on Commodities from the private sector.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. John Youhanes, Minerals Resources Development, Expert</p> <p><i>To collect views of the invited stakeholders in operationalizing African Commodities Advisory Forum</i></p>
10.30 - 10.45	Refreshments
10:45 - 12.30	<p>Facilitated by: Mrs. Ron Osman, Ag. Head Division of Industry, Minerals, & Innovation</p> <p>Review: Presentation and discussion on the establishment of the annual African Commodities Forum (AFC) and Advisory Board and Create platforms for engagement between government, private sector (commodity producers, inputs suppliers, and processors), state entities, and other national/international stakeholders in implementing a common vision, policy, and strategy to secure resources to support commodity linkages development.</p> <p><i>To collect views of the invited stakeholders in operationalizing African Commodities Advisory Forum</i></p>
12.30 – 12.45	<p>Presentation of the Summary Report, Outcomes, and next steps</p> <p><i>Summary of the outcomes and recommendation on way forward</i></p>
12.45 - 13.00	Closing Ceremony: H.E. Amb. Albert Muchanga , Commissioner for the Department of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry & Minerals.
13.00 -13.30	Lunch & Networking