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(STC-CICT)**

**3rd ORDINARY SESSION, SHARM EL SHEIKH, EGYPT,
22-26 OCTOBER 2019**

**DRAFT AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME OF
THE EXPERTS SESSION**

22-24 OCTOBER 2019

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening Ceremony and Procedural Matters
2. Report of the Outgoing Bureau;
3. African Union Commission Report (ICT, Media/Communication activities)
4. The Comprehensive Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa
5. Contributions from RECs, Specialized Institutions
6. AU ongoing programs and projects (PRIDA, PIDA)
7. Specific contributions from partners
8. Consideration and Adoption of Documents to be Submitted to the Ministerial Session
9. Any other business

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

DAY ONE

Tuesday, 22 October 2019

08:00-09:00 Registration

SESSION ONE: Procedural Matters

- 09:00-09:40 Opening Ceremony:**
- Welcome remarks by the representative of the Host Country
 - Remarks by Director, Infrastructure and Energy
 - Remarks by the World Bank's representative
 - Remarks by Ethiopia, Chair of the Bureau
- Group photo**
- 09:40-10:00 Procedural Matters:**
- Election Process of the STC Bureau (2019--2021)
 - Adoption of Agenda and Work Programme
- 10:00-10:30 Report of the Outgoing Bureau of the AU STC on Communication and ICT (Ghana)**
- 10:30-10:45 Tea/Coffee Break**

SESSION TWO: Plenary 1

- 10:45-11:00 AU Commission Report**
- AUC (IED, DIC and NPCA) consolidated report
- 11:00-11:45 Continental and regional programmes**
- RECs, Specialized Institutions, UNECA and AfDB reports
- 11:45-12:30 Discussions**

SESSION THREE: Plenary 2

- 12:30-13:30 Presentation and discussions of the Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa (2020-2030) - Part I**
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break**

SESSION FOUR: Plenary 3

- 15:00-16:30 Presentation and discussions of the Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa (2020-2030) - Part II**
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- 16:30-16:45 Tea/Coffee Break**

SESSION FIVE: Plenary 3-Cont.

16:45-17:15 **Report of the AU-EU Digital Economy Task Force (DETF) (AfDB)**

17:15-18:00 **Recommendations**
Wrap up

End of Day One.

SESSION SIX: Plenary 4

09:00-10:00	AU programmes and projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress report on the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)(AUC); - Policy and Regulation for digital Africa (PRIDA) - Strategy for Unlocking Access to Basic Infrastructure and Services for Rural and Remote Areas (AUC);
10:00-10:45	Discussions
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:30	Consideration of Internet Issues (AUC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on African Internet Governance Forum (AfIGF) - Cybersecurity
11:30-12:00	Discussions
12:00-13:00	Consideration of Information and Communications Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building the AU brand and promotion of Agenda 2063 (AUC) - African Fact Book project (AUC) - AU Studio Project (AUC) - AU Media Awards - Human Resource Capacity & Competency in Communication (AUC)
13:00-13:30	Discussions
13:30-15:00	Lunch

15:00-16:30	SPECIFIC PROJECTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Plan for the sustainability of the Pan African E-Network Project (PAeN)

16:30-16:45 Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION SEVEN:	Plenary 4
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16:45-17:45 Consideration of Governance and specific issues and Any other business.

**17:45-18:00 Recommendations
Wrap up**

End of Day Two

DAY THREE**Thursday, 24 October 2019****SESSION EIGHT: Capacity building¹**

09:00-13:30	Capacity building on Access to Basic Infrastructure and Services for Rural and Remote Areas
09:00-13:30	Preparation, Translation and Reproduction of Documents.
13:30-15:00	Lunch Break

SESSION NINE: Plenary 5

15:00-15:30	Consideration and Adoption of Documents to be Submitted to the Ministerial Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Report of the Experts Session.- Draft Ministerial Declaration.- Draft Agenda and Work Programme of the Ministerial Session
15:30-17:00	Discussions

End of Day Three and End of Expert Session

¹ interpretation required in FR and EN