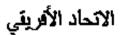
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ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL
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DRAFT PROGRAMME

12.00 – 12.15 hrs OPEN SESSION

15.00 - 16.00 hrs

- I. OPENING CEREMONY
 - (i) AU Anthem
 - (ii) Statement by the Chairperson of African Union, H.E. Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa. *(7 min)*
 - (iii) Statement by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat *(5 min)*
 - (iv) Statement by the Secretary General of AfCFTA, H.E Mr. Wamkele Mene (5 min)

CLOSED SESSION

LUNCH BREAK

12.15 – 12.30 hrs	II.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK
12.30 – 12.45 hrs	III.	REPORT OF H.E. MR. ISSOUFOU MAHAMADOU PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER, LEADER AND CHAMPION OF THE AfCFTA <i>(10 min)</i>
12.45 – 15.00 hrs	IV.	STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT <i>(5 min)</i>

CLOSED SESSION (Cont'd)

16.00 - 16.30 hrs	V.	HANDOVER OF THE INSTRUMENTS FOR THE START OF
		TRADING, BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION
		COMMISSION, H.E. MR. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT, TO THE
		MEMBER STATES AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
		THE AFCFTA, H.E. MR. WAMKELE MENE <i>(5 min</i>)

- **16.30 16.45 hrs**VI. PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FROM STRATEGIC PARTNERS, PROF. BENEDICT ORAMAH, PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK (AFREXIMBANK) (3 min)
 - VII. VOTE OF THANKS BY A PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE, DR. AMANY ASFOUR, INTERIM PRESIDENT, AFRICA BUSINESS COUNCIL (3 min)
- **16.45 17.45 hrs VIII.** ADOPTION OF THE DECISION ON THE START OF TRADING UNDER THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA
- 17.45 18.45 hrs IX. ADOPTION OF THE JOHANNESBURG DECLARATION ON THE START OF TRADING UNDER THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA
- **18.45 19.00 hrs CLOSING CEREMONY**