



**ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION
13TH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL
FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA)
05 DECEMBER 2020
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JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

12.00 – 12.15 hrs

OPEN SESSION

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

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 **(10 min)**

12.45 – 15.00 hrs

IV. STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT **(5 min)**

15.00 – 16.00 hrs

LUNCH BREAK

CLOSED SESSION (Cont'd)

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| 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) <i>(3 min)</i> |
| | VII. VOTE OF THANKS BY A PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE, DR. AMANY ASFOUR, INTERIM PRESIDENT, AFRICA BUSINESS COUNCIL <i>(3 min)</i> |
| 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 |