



2022 AFRICAN UNION E-COMMERCE CONFERENCE

**15 - 18 November 2022
Harare, Zimbabwe**

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening
2. High-Level Panel session on the theme of the conference “Digital Economy and the future of Africa’s integration and economic development”
3. Panel Sessions on the following themes:
 - Digital Infrastructure in Africa – Universal access and affordability
 - Capacity development for digital economy development in Africa
 - Digital Inclusion and E-commerce in Africa
 - Data Governance and cross-border data flows in Africa’s e-commerce ecosystem
 - Creating enabling policies and regulations for e-commerce development in Africa
 - Youth and MSMEs participation in Africa’s digital economy
 - Digital finance and payment systems in Africa
 - Consumer Protection and Cybersecurity in a digital economy - towards a safe digital economy and digital trade in Africa
 - Role of Postal and Logistics Operators in e-commerce development and financial inclusion in Africa
 - Digital Currencies and Blockchain - the future of e-commerce payments in Africa
 - Digital Economy and Development in Africa – Recommendations for Policy Makers
4. Closing Session



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day One – 15 November 2022		
1.	08:00 - 09:00hrs	REGISTRATION
2.	09:00 – 09:30hrs	Session I: Opening of the Conference Welcome Remarks Representative of the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe Opening Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ H.E. Amb. Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry, and Minerals, African Union Commission ➤ UNCTAD (TBC) ➤ Representative – Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe,
3.	09:30 – 10:30hrs	Session II: High-Level Panel session on the theme of the conference “Digital Economy and the future of Africa’s integration and economic development” Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ H.E. Amb. Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry, and Minerals, African Union Commission ➤ UNCTAD (TBC) ➤ Smart Africa (TBC) ➤ TRALAC (TBC)
4.	10:30 – 10:45hrs	COFFEE BREAK
5.	10:45 – 11:30	Session III: Presentation and Launch of Upstream Programme on Digital Market Development for Africa – African Development Bank and AUC
6.	11:30 – 13:00	Session IV: Digital Infrastructure in Africa – Universal access and affordability

7.	13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
8.	14:00 – 15:15	Session V: Capacity development for digital economy development in Africa - Google
9.	15:15 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK
10.	15:30 – 17:00	Session VI: Youth and MSMEs participation in Africa's digital economy
DAY TWO – 16 November 2022		
1.	09:00 – 09:10	Opening
2.	09:10 – 10:40	Session I: Data Governance and cross-border data flows in Africa's e-commerce ecosystem
3.	10:40 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
4.	11:00 – 12:30	Session II: Digital Inclusion and E-commerce in Africa
5.	12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
6.	14:00 – 15:30	Session III: Africa Digital Currencies and Blockchain - the future of e-commerce payments in Africa – Ecommerce Forum for Africa
7.	15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
8.	16:00 – 16:30	Presentation by Ecommerce Forum Africa
DAY THREE – 17 November 2022		
1.	09:00 – 09:10	Opening
2.	09:10 – 10:40	Session I: Creating enabling policies and regulations for e-commerce development in Africa
3.	10:40 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
4.	11:00 – 12:30	Session II: Digital finance and payment systems in Africa - AfricaNenda
5.	12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
6.	14:00 – 15:30	Session III: Consumer Protection and Cybersecurity in a digital economy – Towards a safer digital economy and digital trade in Africa
7.	15:30 – 15:45	COFFEE BREAK
8.	15:45 – 17:00	Session IV: Role of Postal and Logistics Operators in E-commerce Development and Financial Inclusion in Africa
DAY FOUR – 18 November 2022		
1.	09:00 – 09:10	Opening
2.	09:10 – 10:40	Session I: Digital Economy and Development in Africa – Recommendations for Policy Makers

3.	10:40 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
4.	11:00 – 12:00	Closing