



ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION
Tenth Extraordinary Session
21 March 2018
KIGALI CONVENTION CENTRE
Kigali, RWANDA

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

09h00 – 10h00

CLOSED SESSION (1+4 Member States, Heads of AU Organs and CEOs of RECs, AfDB, UNECA)

- i. Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Draft Programme of Work (**5 minutes**)
- ii. Report by H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger and Leader of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) (**15 minutes**)
- iii. Consideration and Adoption of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Legal Instruments (**20 minutes**)
- iv. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Assembly Decision and Declaration on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) (**5 minutes**)
- v. Group Photo - Heads of State and Government and Heads of Delegation

Group Photo - Heads of State and Government, Heads of Delegation and Private Sector Representatives (**15 minutes**)

OPEN SESSION

10h00 – 10h50

OPENING CEREMONY

- i. AU Anthem (**5 minutes**)
- ii. Opening Statement by H.E. Paul Kagame, Chairperson of the African Union (**5 to 10 minutes**)

- iii. Statement by H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission **(5 to 10 minutes)**
- iv. Statement by H.E Mahamadou Issoufou, Leader of the African Continental Free Trade Area, President of the Republic of Niger **(5 to 10 Minutes)**

10h50 – 13h20

SIGNING CEREMONY

- i. The Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area
- ii. The Protocol to the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community relating to Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Right of Establishment
- iii. Kigali Declaration for the Launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area

13h20 – 13h30

Unveiling the Launching Plaque of the AfCFTA

13h30 – 15h00

LUNCH

15h00 – 17h00

STATEMENTS

- i. Statements by the Chairpersons of Regional Economic Communities **(3 minutes)**
- ii. Statements by the Heads of State and Government/Heads of Delegation **(3 minutes)**

17h00 – 17h30

CLOSING CEREMONY

- i. Vote of Thanks from a Private Sector Representative **(5 minutes)**
- ii. Closing Statement by the Chairperson of the Union **(5 to 10 minutes)**
- iii. AU Anthem **(5 minutes)**

17h30– 18h00

Press Conference by the Chairperson of the African Union, the Leader of the AfCFTA and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission