


**ECOSOCC /CIVIL SOCIETY PRE-SUMMIT SYMPOSIUM ON THE 2025 AFRICAN UNION THEME OF THE YEAR**

*“Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations”.*

 **10th February, 2025**

 **Ethiopian Skylight Hotel  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**PROVISIONAL MEETING AGENDA**

## MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2025

| TIME  | SESSION   | MODERATOR  |
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| 08:30 - 09:00   | <b>ARRIVAL &amp; REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS</b>   | ECOSOCC & TRUSTAFRICA                                      |
| 09:00 – 09:40   | <p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Anthem of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</li> <li>• African Union (AU) Anthem</li> </ul> <p>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr William Carew, Head of Secretariat, ECOSOCC;</li> <li>• Rep from Ethiopian CSO Council</li> <li>• FEMNET – Memory Kachambwa</li> <li>• Dr Solomon Dersso, Executive Director, Amani Africa</li> <li>• Dr Ebrima Sall, Executive Director, TrustAfrica</li> <li>• Special Adviser to the AU Chairperson on Policy Organs – Adwoa Coleman</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Khalid Boudali, Presiding Officer of ECOSOCC.</li> </ul>   | Mr. Osei Kyeretwie, Head of Programmes ECOSOCC.            |
| <b>GROUP PHOTO &amp; HEALTH BREAK</b>   |   |  |
| 09:40 - 10:00   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Photo</li> <li>• Administrative &amp; Logistical Arrangements</li> <li>• Health Break</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>SESSION ONE:</b>   |   |  |
| <b>UNPACKING THE AU 2025 THEME OF THE YEAR AND UNDERSTANDING THE AU AND MEMBER STATES PERSPECTIVES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THEME</b> |   |  |
| 11:00 –13:00  | <p>This session will provide a platform for representatives from AU Member States to share their perspectives on implementing the 2025 TOTY. It aims to highlight national/ regional priorities and strategies that can guide the implementation of the reparatory justice agenda. Additionally, the session will identify key gaps and challenges, including institutional, political, and resource-related barriers, to ensure effective implementation. Further, it seeks to foster dialogue and alignment among Member states, AU institutions, and other stakeholders, promoting synergy and collaboration for cohesive and impactful action on reparatory justice.</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of the PRC from North Africa –</li> <li>• Member of the PRC from West Africa –</li> <li>• Member of the PRC from East African –</li> <li>• Member of the PRC from Central African -</li> <li>• Member of the PRC from Southern Africa -</li> <li>• Founding Executive Director, Center for Global Africa - Professor Ezraha Aharone</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A:</b><br/>Discussions: All</p> | Angela Naa Afoley Odai<br>Head of Division<br>Diaspora AUC |

| TIME  | SESSION THREE  | MODERATOR  |
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| 13:00 -14:00  | LUNCH  |  |
| <b>SESSION TWO:<br/>RESTITUTION, REPARATIONS AND THE WORLD TO BE REIMAGINED</b>   |  |  |
| 14:00 - 15:30   | <p><b>Keynote Address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Kagoro, Managing Director, Programs, Open Society Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b>Roundtable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing experiences and challenges in restitution, and reparations</li> <li>• Discuss practical steps for countries to engage in restitution processes including strengthening institutions and networks and strategies for global advocacy and engagement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winani Thebele</li> <li>• Venitia Govender</li> <li>• Panashe Chigumadzi, Historian, Essayist, Novelist</li> <li>• Don Deya, CEO, Pan African Lawyers Union</li> </ul>  | Briggs Bomba,<br>Programs<br>Director,<br>TrustAfrica          |
| <b>SESSION THREE<br/>CIVIL SOCIETY AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TOTY</b> |  |  |
| 15:30 -16:30  | <p>This session will focus on exploring the unique role and capacity of CSOs in driving the implementation of the 2025 TOTY. It aims to spotlight the contributions of CSOs in popularizing, advocating for, and operationalizing the reparations and restitution agenda within the framework of justice, equity, and sustainable development.</p> <p>The session will also explore the importance of meaningful collaborations with CSOs and partners in driving the reparative justice efforts. Participants will explore how these collaborations can bridge the gaps in historical redress, build sustainable systems for advocacy, and promote equitable global development.</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative from Amani Africa</li> <li>• Representative from FEMNET</li> <li>• Representative from Reform Initiatives</li> <li>• Representative from TJN-A</li> <li>• Landless Peoples' Movement, Namibia - Joyce Muzengua</li> <li>• The Armah Institute of Emotional Justice - Esther Armah</li> </ul> | Tim Murithi,<br>Institute for<br>Justice and<br>Reconciliation |
| <b>CLOSING SESSION</b>  |  |  |
| 17:00- 17:30  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Summary of discussions and next steps</i></li> </ul>   | TRUSTAFRICA /<br>AU-ECOSOCC                                    |



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