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**CONFERENCE OF THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICTs)  
OF THE AFRICAN UNION  
FIRST ORDINARY SESSION  
CAIRO, EGYPT 18 - 20 APRIL 2006**

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**MEETING OF EXPERTS: 18 - 19 APRIL 2006**

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**DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, 18 April**

- 08:00-09:00** Registration of Participants  
**09:00-09:30** Opening Session
- Statement by Dr. Tema, Director of HRST
  - Statement by Representative of Host Country
- 09:30-09:40** Election of the Bureau  
**09:40-09:50** Adoption of the Agenda  
**09:50-10:00** Organization of Work  
**10:00-10:15** **Tea/ Coffee Break**  
**10:15-12:00** Presentation of the Concept Paper by the AU Commission  
**12:00-13:00** Implementation of the African Regional Action Plan on Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE)  
**13:00-14:00** **Lunch**  
**14:00-16:00** Discussions on ARAPKE  
**16:00-16:15** **Tea/ Coffee Break**  
**16:15-17:00** Presentation and Discussions on the African ICT Week  
**17:00-17:30** Presentation of the PAN-African e-Network.

**Wednesday, 19 April**

- 09:30-11:00** Discussions on the Draft Cairo Declaration  
**11:00-11:30** **Tea/ Coffee Break**  
**11:30-12:30** Intervention by Partners  
**12:30-14:00** **Lunch**  
**14:00-17:00** Preparation of Report by The Commission  
**17:00-18:00** Consideration and Adoption of Report and Recommendations  
**18:00-18:30** Any Other Businesses