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Introduction

The Office's strategic framework for 2014-2015 is widely founded on the reorientation of ECA activities and priorities for the sub-region. The work program of the biennium is based on the assumption of a pacific solution of the on-going political transitions and the continuation of efforts for socio-economic transformation; it takes into consideration the acceleration of regional integration by the effective establishment of certain fundamentals while foreseeing for sustainable development, activities in support to the implementation of the sub-regional action plan for the fight against desertification (PASR-LCD) and monitoring of the Rio+20 outcome. The Office also plans on continuing the reflection and analyses of the diversification and sophistication of the North African economies via studies and meetings on the regional value chains and the facilitation of intra-Maghrebian trade. A more precise type of monitoring of the economic transformation of North Africa will also be carried out via the regular publication of country profiles based on quality data collected by the Office from national sources.

Objective

The main objective of the 2014 programme of work is the capacity building in elaborating plans and policies based on fact data, to support the economic and social transformation of North Africa.

Expected outcomes

- a) Building capacities of member states to produce and disseminate real time statistics and analyses of good quality on policies to support national and sub-regional priorities for development.
- b) Building capacities of the Arab Maghreb Union and other sub-regional actors to accelerate the elaboration or implementation of the sub-regional initiatives.

Results

Activities and results of 2014

- a) Services for intergovernmental bodies and expert bodies
 - i) Operational services for the Intergovernmental committee of experts meeting;
 - ii) Documents to be submitted to the deliberating bodies : report of the situation of regional and international programmes and other special initiatives in the sub-region; report on the activities of ECA in North Africa; report on the implementation on the sub-regional initiatives in North Africa.
 - iii) Special expert group meetings: regional value chains for the diversification and added value in North Africa; Strategy for a green sustainable economy in North Africa; International transport and trade facilitation in North Africa.

b) Other operational services

- i) Recurrent publications : country profiles (4 in 2014);
- ii) Non recurrent publications: report on value chains for the diversification and added value in North Africa; strategy for a green sustainable economy in North Africa; international transport and trade facilitation in North Africa.
- iii) Technical support : information websites
- iv) Operational services to inter-organizations meetings : a consultative meeting to support the activities of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM).
- v) Technical cooperation
- vi) Consultative services: consultative missions at the request of member states, Arab Maghreb Union, or other sub-regional intergovernmental organizations on institutional matters or issues relating to the economic and social transformation of North African economies. Attention will be paid to requests corresponding to the priority areas of action of ECA and those consistent with the expected outcomes of the biennium.
- vii) Field projects: support the AMU for the elaboration of a gender equality strategy; support to the implementation of the sub-regional action plan to fight against desertification in the Maghreb.

External factors

This work programme will meet its goals and achieve its expected outcomes only if : i) member states and RECs maintain their commitment and their support to the Bureau; ii) member states recover their political stability; iii) member states and RECs accelerate the implementation of the regional integration programme by allocating more resources and facilitating the operation of decision-making bodies of the concerned RECs; iv) development partners allocate more extra-budget resources to meet the increasing demand of member states and RECs relating to capacity building and technical support.

