



# Status of Implementation of the Work Programme

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# Proposed Work programme 2016-2017

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## Preamble

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# Preamble



## Work programme for 2014-2015 and 2016-2017 inspired by

- The new Strategic Framework
- Revised Mandate (resolution 908 of 46th session of ECA Ministerial Meeting, Abidjan 25 -26/03/2013)
- Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union endorsement [20<sup>th</sup> ordinary summit (Assembly/AU/Dec.450 (XX)) in 01/2013]
- General Assembly and ECOSOC resolutions 718 (XXVI), 726 (XXVII), 779 (XXIX), 809 (XXXI) and 844 (XXXIX)
- ICE meetings have validated the SF 2014-2015 and the SF 2016-2017
- Interactions with members States, RECs and other partners



## Objective

To strengthen the capacity of member States, RECs and IGOs to formulate evidence-based policies to support structural transformation for inclusive and sustainable development

## Expected outcomes

1. Enhanced capacity of member States to produce and disseminate quality and timely data for evidence-based planning, policymaking and improved economic management at the national and sub-regional level
2. Enhanced capacity of member to address economic, social and environmental regional and sub-regional development issues in collaboration with the AMU and enhanced sub-regional cooperation and dialogue among member States



## Major outcomes



### Enhanced capacity of member States in the North Africa ...

- Better understanding of the mechanisms of participation of NA countries in global and regional value chains (Agenda Item 5)
  - Expert panel discussion (ICE XXIX) (Rabat, Mar 2015)
  - Study on “Developing regional value chains towards accelerating the diversification and the sophistication of N A economies”
  - EGM (Rabat, 19-20 Nov 2014)
  - Colloquium “Trade, location of FDI and participation of the Mediterranean countries to the value chains: What are the development spinoffs?” (Rabat, 20-21 Nov 2014)



### 1. Enhanced capacity of member States in the North Africa subregion ...

- 5 Country profiles (CP) completed
  - CP Mechanism fine tuned to ensure consistency and synergy as well as harmony in the approach
  - With thematic analysis on...
    - Diversification and reduction of the dependence on hydrocarbons (Algeria)
    - Industrialization and new trends (Morocco)
    - Green economy and fishery sector governance (Mauritania)
    - Green jobs and regional development (Tunisia)
    - Social sectors reforms (Tunisia)





## 2. Enhanced capacities of the Arab Maghreb Union and ...to accelerate the elaboration or implementation of the sub-regional initiatives

- Strategy validated for financial autonomy of AMU (Rabat, 12 June 2014)
- Regional action plan for the facilitation of transport and trade formulated (Agenda Item 5)
- Partnership Enhanced in support of integration in North Africa



## 2.Enhanced capacity of ...cont'

### Enhanced partnership in support of integration in North Africa

- Bilaterally: Enhanced AMU/SRO NA relationship  
New MYP (Rabat, 20 May 2014)for the period 2014–2015

#### 3 main areas :

- ✓ Capacity-building for the General Secretariat
- ✓ Acceleration of regional integration
- ✓ Mainstreaming of gender, youth and migration policies in the regional agenda



- Multilaterally: Subregional Cooperation Mechanism (SRCM)



SRCM: framework for consultation, coordination and promotion of common or joint initiatives in support of regional programmes

- Formally adopted in June 2014 following years of consultations with a platform for cooperation
- Further strengthen and enhance the efficiency of partnerships towards greater integration in NA
- Serve as a medium-term programming tool for the coordination and promotion of synergies among assistance actions

**SRCM Governance mechanism include:** Annual meeting, Joint coordinators for each of the 7 thematic groups, A network of focal points, Ad hoc liaison unit with secretariat functions



SRCM Area of Cooperation	Coordination
Institutional Capacity building	UMA, CEA-AN
Trade, Industry, Market access and Economic Integration	UMA, CEA (Trade and Industry)
	UMA, BAD (market access and Economic Integration)
Agriculture-, Food Security and Rural Development	UMA, FAO-AN
Environment, Population and Urbanization	UMA, CEA-AN
Human Empowerment, Employment, Public Health	UMA, OIT-Maghreb
Infrastructures Development: Energy, Water, Transport and TIC	UMA, BAD
Science, Technology and Promotion of Knowledge Product	UMA, BAD



# Focus on Technical assistance and other special initiatives



- Coorganisation with ATPC of the second regional Workshop on towards the implementation of the Boosting Intra-African Trade/Continental Free Trade Area initiative for UMA region (Casablanca, on 28 and 29 October 2014)
- Coorganisation with ACPC of the National workshop for the validation of the study on inclusive green economy policies and the structural transformation in Tunisia (20–22 October 2014)
- Capacity-building for the use of inward remittances by migrant workers for development purposes (Mar 13 Oct 2014).
- Co-animation of a seminar on non-tariff trade barriers between African Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries(19-21 Nov )





# Strategic Partnership



To implement joint project or contribute to reflection:

- Economic Commission for Europe
  - Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and of countries with economies in transition to facilitate border-crossing procedures, cooperation and regional integration”
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
  - 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (Beirut, 11 Dec 2014)
  - The Arab Consultative Meeting on an Accountability Framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda (Tunis 15-16 Sep 2014)
  - Implementation of the resolution 1325
  - Ministerial Conference
  - Committee for transport (Rabat , 27-28 Jan 2015)
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (IGE – Rabat, Morocco, 5-6 March 2015)





To contribute to reflection of national and regional think tank

- IRES ( Morocco)
- OCP (Morocco)
- CARE (Algeria)
- Civil Aviation Association



## Status report on the implementation of the recommendations made at the XXIX ICE



To use official data produced by public authorities, including national statistics offices and public accounts, as the principal source for country profiles

- Priority to national data sources
- Support to data collection thru mobile technology
- Formal and informal consultations with the NSO for signing of cooperation agreements for the supply of the primary source data
- Introduction of a technical assistance facility for the member States in the field of statistics.



To integrate into the CP an analysis of country vulnerability to climate change and an assessment of the economic and social impact of natural disasters

- Special attention given to Climate Change in the CP
- Introduction of risk analysis indicators in the CP
- Work in progress with ACPC as far as CC is concerned to for 2015 CP's

To initiate, jointly with relevant institutions, a study on regional value chains

- The study was launched and validated at an expert meeting held in Rabat (joint initiative with UNIDO)



# Challenges, lessons learnt



## Capacity of the AMU and implementation of the multi-year cooperation programme

- Real interest of partners in working together to support RI and AMU
- Need to further develop UMA's resources

Political and social conditions of the region are still challenging

Improvement of the Monitoring and evaluation framework with introduction of Dashboard as impact management tools

Periodic review of the subregional priorities under the ECA-AMU multi-year cooperation programme and under ICE required to ensure consistent alignment of the activities of the Office with the expectations of its member countries



- CP
  - Launching CP at COM (Addis Ababa, 28 Mar 2015)
  - Produce more CP
- North African Development Forum
- Implementation of Field Projects in support to AMU
  - Action Plan to Combat Desertification in the Maghreb
  - Develop UMA's gender strategy
- Engendering agriculture statistics (with FAO)



# PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME 2016-2017

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- Meetings
  - Intergovernmental Committee of Experts
  - Ad-hoc Expert Group Meetings
    - ✓ Integration and structural transformation in North Africa
    - ✓ Territorialisation and inclusive development
    - ✓ Youth employment and sustainable development
  - North African Development Forum
  - Consultative meetings in support to RCM activities
- Publication and other documents
  - Country profiles
  - Regional and international agendas and other special initiatives in the sub-region
  - Annual report on the work of ECA in NA, including the status of implementation of the multi-year programme
  - Publication resulting from EGM



- Work closely with
  - ACS and NOS to collect, compile and use quality, comparable and harmonized statistics pertaining to the region
  - UN agencies, the private sector, universities and civil society
- Provide adequate support to MS in the sub region in their efforts to improve their statistical operations
- Develop and maintain a sub-regional repository of statistical information to feed into ECA common databank
- Provide assistance to UMA to implement the roadmap for a more integrated Maghreb
- High standard of Monitoring and evaluation



- We thank you for your interest for this presentation and for ECA's work
- We Count on your continuous support to delivering of our WP 2015 and above
- We will appreciate receiving your feedback on our outcome and your support to the WP2016-2017



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