



# United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

## Office for North Africa Mission Report

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<b>Objective:</b>	To participate in the workshop on Trade in Services Negotiations Techniques in the OIC member countries, organized by Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT)
<b>Dates:</b>	12-13 February 2020
<b>Venue:</b>	Casablanca, Morocco
<b>Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The workshop has the objective of “training member states on the latest issues related to trade in services negotiations and techniques and increasing their capacity to trade in services negotiations in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) levels, thus boosting intra OIC trade and contributing to economic development of member countries”</li><li>- Experts from member states of the OIC, regional and international organizations have produced presentations on different issues related to trade in services, such as: WTO’s General Agreement on Trade in Services, Development and trade in services, Trade in services and regional dynamics (GAFTA, AfCFTA and others), Digital trade, negotiation techniques...etc. The programme of work is attached for details on the content of the workshop</li><li>- SRONA has produced a presentation “Trade in services liberalization at the regional level: Case of the AfCFTA”. See attached copy</li><li>- Potential of collaboration between ECA and ICDT has been discussed with the new General Director of ICDT, Ms Latifa BouAbdellaoui, former Morocco’s chief negotiator.</li><li>- In the context of the Office preparation to organize a regional workshop on trade in services in 2020, ways of collaborations were explored with colleagues from UNCTAD and other experts.</li></ul>
<b>Some people met:</b>	Latifa Bouabdellaoui, Mamoudou Bocar, Kenan Bagci (ICDT) Claudia Locatelli, (WTO) Bahgat M. Aboelnasr (Arab League) Ali Ihabi (Agence Marocaine de Développement des Investissements et des Exportations AMDIE) Khairedine Ramoul (UNCTAD)
<b>Annex:</b>	Programme of work Presentations made during the meeting are available