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Under the theme

Implementing Agenda 2063
Planning, Mobilizing and Financing
for Development

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and
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Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening session

The 30th meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) will start at 9 a.m. on Tuesday 3 March 2014, at Tour Hassan Hotel, Rabat. Keynote speeches will be delivered on the occasion.

2. Election of the Bureau

The outgoing Chairman will ask the Committee to elect the new executive bureau made up of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda and programme of work.

4. Economic and social conditions in North Africa

The Subregional Office will submit to the ICE, for comments and adoption, the Survey on Socio-economic conditions in North Africa in 2014, and the prospects for 2015. A special focus will be placed on the impact of the international and subregional environment and the challenges of the structural transformation of North African economies. The Subregional Office will make a presentation on the Country Profiles prepared in 2014. Recommendations will be made on the main subjects discussed.

5. Session on Subregional Integration: « Trade for the industrialization in North Africa »

This theme has been chosen in line with the focus of ECA on industrialization and subregional integration as engines for the structural transformation and development of the continent. A brief presentation of the Economic Report on Africa (ERA) 2015 will be given. It will be followed by statements on the outcomes of studies conducted by ECA in 2014 on the promotion of subregional value chains, trade facilitation and inter-State transport in North Africa, and preparations for the negotiations on the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) initiative. The session will be an opportunity for reflection and discussion on the relationship between trade and industrialization in North Africa, the pre-requisites for the development of sub-regional value chains and the ways and means of fostering greater trade exchanges among the countries of North Africa, and between them and the rest of the continent.

6. Special Session on the implementation of Agenda 2063 : « Planning, mobilizing and financing for development »

ECA will make introductory remarks on the challenges of Agenda 2063 for the development of Africa, the focus of the upcoming Conference of African Ministers in charge of Planning and Economic Development, ahead of the third International Conference on Development Financing, to be held from 13 to 16 July 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. That Conference will take stock of the progress made regarding the Monterrey Consensus and the Declaration of Doha, as well as emerging issues, with the aim of strengthening international cooperation, for the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Other presentations, (followed by discussion), will be made by experts – with a particular focus on the capacities and weaknesses of the North African countries in mobilizing the necessary resources to fund their economies in the medium and long term.

7. Round table /Expert Group Meeting : « Strategy for a green and sustainable economy »

A round table /ad hoc expert group meeting will be organized in parallel with the ICE, on the theme "Strategy for an inclusive green economy in North Africa". On the basis of the visions and existing strategies in this regard, it will be aimed at raising awareness among stakeholders to the challenges and advantages of the green economy and analyzing the links and relationships that should be created between industry and the development of an inclusive and green economy.

8. Regional and international agendas and other special initiatives

The Bureau will submit to the Committee a report on the activities performed under the international and regional agendas, including those relating to the Post-2015 Development Agenda, climate change (COP 2015), population, gender issues (regional assessment Beijing+20), or governance (ADF IX). Recommendations will be made to States, regional cooperation institutions and other stakeholders and partners dealing with these development issues.

9. Statutory issues

ECA will submit to the Committee a report on the Bureau's achievements during the period from March 2014 to February 2015, the draft programme of activities for 2016-2017, and will make a statement on the overall programme of ECA activities.

10. Review and adoption of the round table/EGM recommendations

The Committee will be informed about and invited to adopt the findings and recommendations of the round table/EGM on "Strategy for an inclusive green economy in North Africa".

11. Review and adoption of the draft ICE Report and recommendations

The Committee will review and adopt the findings and recommendations arising from its deliberations at the 30th session of the ICE as well as the draft report of the meeting.

12. Date and venue of the next ICE Meeting

The Committee will decide on the date and venue of the 31st ICE meeting.

13. Any other business

The Committee will consider, where appropriate, any issues raised by participants.

14. Closing of the meeting

After discussion of all items on the agenda, the Chairman will declare the 20th ICE meeting closed.

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