



**Economic Commission for Africa**  
Subregional Office for North Africa

**The Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)**  
Thirty-Second Session  
Rabat, Morocco, 6 – 3 October 2017

## Draft programme of work

### Tuesday, 3 October

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| 8:30 – 09:30 a.m.  | Registration of participants   |
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  | Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)   |
|                    | Statements:  |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ICE outgoing Bureau chairman</li><li>• Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</li><li>• HE Mr. Taïeb Baccouche, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union</li><li>• HE Mr. Mohamed Yatim, Minister of Employment and Vocational Integration (Kingdom of Morocco)</li></ul> |
|                    | Election of the Bureau (agenda item 2)   |
| 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. | Coffee Break and group photo   |
| 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.  | Adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 3)   |
|                    | Evolution of economic and social conditions in North Africa: Review of the North African subregional profile (agenda item 4)   |
|                    | Mr. Zoubir Benhamouche, ECA  |
|                    | General Discussion   |
| 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.   | Lunch break  |
| 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.   | Special session: The Development Agendas 2030 and 2063 (agenda item 5)   |
|                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Results of the African Regional Forum for Sustainable Development 2017 (2017 FADD)<br/>Presentation: Mr. Nassim Oulmane, ECA</li><li>2. Preparation of the first report on the implementation of MDGs in the Maghreb: preliminary results<br/>Presentation: Ms. Marieme Bekaye, ECA</li></ol>                         |
|                    | General discussion   |
| 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.   | Coffee Break   |

- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Opening of the ad-hoc Experts' Meeting on "Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa" (agenda item 6)
- Statements:
- Ms. Lilia Hachem Naas, Director of the ECA Office in North Africa
  - Mr. Mohamed Ali Deyahi, Director of the ILO Office for the Maghreb Countries
  - HE Mr. Mohamed Yatim, Minister of Employment and Vocational Integration (Kingdom of Morocco)
  - Draft agenda of the meeting
- Presentation: Ms. Amal Elbeshbishi, ECA
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Session 1: Opportunities and challenges in promoting decent work for young people in North Africa
- Presentation: Ms. Amal Elbeshbishi, ECA
- General discussion

## **Wednesday, 4 October 2017**

Continuation of the Expert Group Meeting : "Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa"

- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Session 2: Presentation and discussion of national case studies
- General discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Session 3: Evaluation of policies and programs for the promotion of youth employment: what are the main good practices, challenges and opportunities?
- General discussion
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Session 4: Integrating youth employment policies into national development policies: lessons learned
- General discussion
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Session 5: Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa: main conclusions and proposed recommendations
- General Discussion
- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. End of the Expert Group Meeting

## Thursday, 5 October

### Continuation of the ICE Meeting

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Regional and international agenda and other special initiatives (agenda item 7)  
Presentation: Ms. Marieme Bekaye, ECA
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11h30 a.m. Implementation of the subregional initiatives in North Africa  
Presentation: Mr. Aziz Jaid, ECA (agenda item 8)  
General Discussion
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Statutory questions (agenda item 9)  
9.1 Report on ECA activities  
Presentation: Ms. Eskedar Nega, ECA  
9.2 Report on the Office activities (March 2016–September 2017)  
Presentation: Mr. Omar Abdourahman, ECA  
9.3 Presentation of the 2018-2019 program of work  
Presentation: Mr. Isidore Kahoui, ECA  
General Discussion
- 12:30 – 13:30 p.m. Launch of the Economic Report on Africa: Industrialization and Urbanization for Africa's Transformation (agenda item 10)  
Presentation: Mr. Khaled A. Hussein and Ms. Semia Solange Guermas de Tapia, ECA  
General Discussion
- 13:30 – 14:30 p.m. Lunch break
- Afternoon Work of the Secretariat (Preparation of the draft report)

## Friday, 6 October

- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Review of the EGM recommendations: "Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa» (agenda item 11)
- 11:30 – 12:00 a.m. Review and adoption of the recommendations of the ICE Meeting (agenda item 12)
- 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. Date and venue of the next ICE meeting (agenda item 13)
- 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Any other business (agenda item 14)
- 12:30 – 13:00 p.m. End of the meeting (agenda item 15)  
- Vote of thanks  
- Closing remarks  
- Lunch break



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## **Draft programme of work**

1. Opening session
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Adoption of the agenda and the programme of work
4. Economic and social conditions in North Africa: Review of the North African subregional profile
5. Special Session: Results of the African Regional Forum for Sustainable Development 2017 (2017 FADD), SID / ECA Addis Ababa
6. Ad hoc expert group meeting: "Youth employment and sustainable development in North Africa"
7. Regional and international agendas and other special initiatives
8. Implementation of sub-regional initiatives in North Africa
9. Statutory matters
  - 9.1 Report on the activities of the ECA Office for North Africa (March 2016 - September 2017)
  - 9.2 Presentation of the Draft Programme of Activities 2018-2019
  - 9.3 Report on ECA Activities
10. Launch of the Economic Report on Africa: Industrialization and Urbanization for Africa's Transformation
11. Review and approval of the recommendations of the ad hoc expert group meeting
12. Review and adoption of the report and recommendations of the ICE meeting
13. Date and venue of the next ICE meeting
14. Any other business
15. Closing of the meeting