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Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee
Of Experts (ICE)

Rabat (Morocco)

February 26th – March 1st 2013

Provisional Programme of work

February 26th – March 1st 2013 – Rabat, Morocco

Tuesday, February 26th 2013

XXVIIIth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)

Morning

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration of participants
- 9:00 – 10:00 Opening ceremony (Item 1 of the Agenda)
Chairman of the session : Chairman of the Outgoing Bureau of ICE
Speeches by :
 - Mrs Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, ECA-NA Director
 - Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union
 - Minister of Economy and Finance (Kingdom of Morocco)
- 10:00 – 10:10 Election of the Bureau (Item 2 of the Agenda)
- 10:10 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 10:45 Adoption of the agenda and programme of work (Item 3 of the Agenda)
- 10:45 – 13:00 Report on the “Economic and social conditions in North Africa, 2011-2012 » (ECA-NA) (Item 4 of the Agenda)
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Afternoon

- 14:30 – 16:00 Special Session : **Diversification, sophistication and structural transformation of economies**
Special speech by M. Mohamed Najib BOULIF, Minister delegate to the head of Government in charge of general affairs and governance
 - Nicolas Péridy (University of Toulon – France) : Diversification and sophistication within the structural transformation of North African Economies.
 - Youssef Saadani (Expert in Competitiveness) : Building efficient diversification policies : some guiding principlesDiscussion
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 18:00 Session 1 (contd)
 - Adam El Hiraika (EDND/ECA) : Accelerating Value addition in Africa
 - Ravi Ratnayake (UN ESCAP) : Structural economic transformation and diversification with a trade-led growth
 - Mario Cimoli (UN ECLAC) : Structural economic transformation : Latin America experienceDiscussion

Wednesday, February 27th 2013

Ad hoc meeting of experts ‘Sophistication and diversification of North African economies’

Morning

- 9:00 – 11:00 Session 2 : Current situation in North Africa
Kaouther Abderahim, AfDB : transformation and sophistication of North African Economies : Current status and prospects
Lahcen Achy (Carnegie ME) : Economic diversification and transformation : Moroccan experience
Rafik Bouklia (University of Oran): diversification and structural transformation : Algerian experience
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 – 13:00 Session 3 : **Diversification, sophistication and Small & medium businesses**
Mohammed Lamin Dhaoui (UNIDO) : Competitiveness and upgrading to ensure structural transformation of economies
Faruk Ulgen (University of Grenoble) : Sophistication strategy and sectoral analysis
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Afternoon

- 14:30 – 16:00 Session 4 : **Green economy and opportunities of the sophistication for a structural transformation of economies**
- Ryad Mezzour CGEM, Green economy commission : “Green economy : a new weapon of massive development”
- Ron Steenblik : Green economy and opportunities of sophistication for a structural transformation of economies
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 18:00 Session 5 : Regional Integration, a driver for the diversification and sophistication
- Mr. Mustapha Sadni-Jallab, WTO, “Trade and economic transformation: role of capacity building and of technical assistance in the region”.
- Mr. Nassim Oulmane, SRO-NA, UNECA, “Continental free trade zone, trade facilitation and impacts on North African Economies”.
- Mr. Nizar Jouini, University of Tours, “Regional integration and specialization scenarios”
- Pierregiuseppe Fortunato, ECIDC, UNCTAD : “sophistication of exportations, trade integration and development : how to avoid the middle income trap”.

Thursday, February 28th 2013

XXVIIIth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) (Contd.)

Morning

- 9:00 – 10:30 MDGs and Prospects of development Post 2015 (Item 6 of the Agenda)
- Speeches:
- Implementation of MDGs and process of Post 2015 Agenda (ECA-NA)
 - Regional preparatory process of the Post 2015 Agenda (ECA-EDND)
 - National process : Egyptian experience (UNDP Egypt)
 - National process and involvement of civil society (NGO Espace Associatif –Morocco)
 - Discussion
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11 :00 – 12 :45
- Special session on the regional integration in North Africa (ECA-NA and General Secretariat of Arab Maghreb Union) (Item 10 of the Agenda)
 - Status of the MYP implementation
 - Introduction : Facilitation of Trade and Performances of FTA (ECA-NA)
 - Facilitation of trade and transport-transit inter-states in North Africa : Experience of Tunisia (Ministry of Trade -Tunisia)
 - Opportunities and constraints regarding trade facilitation : opinion of the private sector (Universal Transit - Algeria) and the opinion of customs administrations (Moroccan Customs)
 - TIR Convention and opportunities for North Africa (Special TIR Advisor IRU)
- 12 :45- 14 :00 Lunch
- 14 :00- 15 :30
- Presentation of the report on the activities of the sub-regional office in 2012 ; Programme of work for 2013 and the Report on regional and international agendas (ECA-NA) (Item 7 of the Agenda)
 - Presentation of ECA activities (ECA/OPM) (Item 9 of the Agenda)
 - Presentation of the draft strategic framework of the office for 2014-2015 (ECA-NA) (Item 8 of the Agenda)
 - Communication on the follow up the 27th ICE recommendations.
- Discussion

Afternoon (contd.)

Elaboration of a synthesis of the recommendations and the report of the ICE meeting

Friday, March 1st 2013

- 11:00 – 13:30
- Review and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the experts meeting on sophistication and diversification of North African economies (Item 11 of the Agenda)
 - Date and venue of the next ICE meeting (Item 12 of the Agenda)
 - Review and adoption of the report of the XXVIIIth ICE meeting (Item 13 of the Agenda)
 - Any other business (Item 14 of the Agenda)
 - Closing of the meeting (Item 15 of the Agenda)