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Rabat (Morocco)
1 – 4 March 2016

Under the theme

“Green Economy to Accelerate Industrialization in North Africa”

Provisional Programme of Work

31st meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)

Morning session

- 8:00 – 9:00 **Registration of participants**
- 9:00 – 10:00 **Opening session** (Item 1 on the agenda)
- ICE Outgoing Bureau Chairman
 - Mr. Nassim Oulmane, Acting Director of the ECA Office in North Africa
 - HE Mr. Habib Ben Yahia, Secretary General of Arab Maghreb Union
 - HE Mrs Hakima El Haité, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, in Charge of Environment (Kingdom of Morocco)
- Election of the bureau** (Item 2 on the agenda)
- 10:00 – 10:30 *Coffee break and group photo*
- 10:30 – 13:00 **Adoption of the agenda** and work organization (item 3 on the agenda)
- Evolution of Economic and Social Conditions in North Africa, 2014-2015 (ECA-NA)** (Item 4 on the agenda)
- Review of the North Africa Regional Profile
 - Member States' presentations on 2015 challenges and outlooks for 2016
 - Discussion
- 13:00 – 14:15 *Lunch*

Afternoon

- 14:15 – 16:15 **Special session: Green Economy to Accelerate Industrialization in North Africa**
- Industry and Green Economy in North Africa, Ms Marieme Bekaye, ECA
 - Green Industrialization in Africa, Mr. Hopestone Kayiska Chavula, ECA
- 16:15 – 16:45 *Coffee break*
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Opening of the ad-hoc experts' meeting on “Industrialization through Trade in North Africa in the Context of the Continental Free Trade Area and Mega Trade Agreements”** (item 6 on the agenda)
- Mr. Nassim Oulmane, Acting Director of the ECA Office in North Africa
 - Mr. Jaime Moll De Alba, UNIDO Representative in Morocco
 - HE Mr. Mohamed Abbou, Minister in charge of Foreign Trade
 - Draft Agenda of the meeting

17:00 – 18:00

Session 1: Mega Agreements and Regional Dynamics

- *The Stakes of Mega Agreements in North Africa*, Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Dieye, Expert
- *Industrializing Africa Through Trade*, Mr. Ochozias Gbaguidi, ECA
- Discussion

Wednesday 2 March

Morning

09:30 – 11:00

Session 2: International Experiences

- *The Latin American and the Caribbean Experiences*, Mr. Mario Cimoli, ECLAC
- *Western Asia's Experience*, Mr. Mohamed Chemingui, ESCWA
- Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Session 3: Which Trade Policy for Industrialization ?

- *Margins of Manoeuver in Multilateral Negotiations*, Mrs. Alicia Greenidge, Expert
- *Trade Policy and Production Structure*, Mr. Piergiuseppe Fortunato, UNCTAD
- Discussion

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

Afternoon

14:30 – 16:00

Session 4: What Industrial Policy?

- *Macroeconomics, Between Stabilization and Development*, Mr. Mario Cimoli, CEPAL
- *Industrial Transformation in North Africa: where to and how?*
Mr. Haraguchi Nobuya, UNIDO
- Discussion

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00

Session 5: The Role of Regional Integration

- *Regional Value Chains for Industrialization*, Mr. Chamel Azmeh and Mr. Ali Harbi, Experts
- *Regional Integration: a Pro-Industrialization Policy Tool*, Mr. Nassim Oulmane, ECA
- Discussion

18:00 – 18:15

End of the expert group meeting

Thursday 3 March

Morning

09:00- 10:30	Regional & International Agendas and other Special Initiatives (Item 7 on the agenda)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12h	Special session on the Social Development Index
12:00 – 13:30	Statutory questions (Item 8 on the agenda) 8.1 Report on the Office activities (March 2015 – February 2016), Ms Houda Mejri, ECA 8.2 Report on the ECA activities, Ms J. Marealle-Ulimwengu, ECA 8.3. Presentation of the 2018-2019 strategic framework , Mr. Ochozias Gbaguidi, ECA
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>

Afternoon

Secretariat work (draft report)

Friday 4 March

11:00- 11:30	Review of the EGM recommendations: « Industrialization through Trade in North Africa in the Context of the Continental Free Trade Area and Mega Trade Agreements » (Item 9 on the agenda)
11:30-12:00	Review & adoption of the recommendations and the ICE report (Item 10 on the agenda)
12:00-12:15	Date and venue of the next ICE meeting (Item 11 on the agenda)
12:15-12:30	Any other business (Item 12 on the agenda)
12:30-13:00	End of the meeting (Item 13 on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Vote of thanks– Closing remarks