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Morning Session

8:00 – 9:00 Participants' Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony (Item 1 of the agenda)

- The outgoing Chairman of ICE Bureau
- Ms Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director of ECA Office for North Africa
- Representative of Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)
- Representative of the hosting country

Election of the bureau (Item 2 of the agenda)

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break and group photo

10:30 – 13:00 Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme (Item 3 of the agenda)

Evolution of economic and social conditions in North Africa, 2012-2013 (ECA-NA) (Item 4 of the agenda)

- 4.1 Discussion of the economic and social report
- 4.2 Conceptual and methodological approach of Country Profiles

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch break

Afternoon session

14:15 – 16:15 Round table (Item 5 of the agenda) : « Develop regional value chains to accelerate the diversification and sophistication of North African economies » (Item 5 of the agenda)

Introduction, ECA

- Presentation of the theme of the round table

Panel 1: What cooperative approach between North African countries to develop RVC?

- Mr. Andreas Maurer, WTO
- Mr. Nuno SUZA, European Commission : Issues and challenges in the development of RVC as a lever for regional integration
- Discussion

16:15 – 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 – 18:30 **Panel 2:** What operational strategy to be adopted in North Africa to develop RCV?

- Mr. Massato ABE, UNESCAP, Development of regional Chain values in Asia
- Mr. Chakib JENANE, UNIDO, A conceptual framework for the analysis and development of value chains: the case of agribusiness
- Discussion

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9:00 – 11:00 Development Agenda Post-2015 (Item 6 of the agenda)

6.1 MDGs and Post 2015 prospects

6.2 SDG

6.3 2063 Vision

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Regional, international agendas, and other special initiatives (Item 7 of the agenda)

Statutory issues (Item 8 of the agenda)

8.1 Report on the activities of the Office and 2014 Program

8.2 Report on the activities of the ECA

13:00 – 14:30 lunch

Afternoon Session

14:30 – 16:00 Session on regional integration (Item 9 of the agenda)

9.1 Report on sub-regional initiatives

9.2 Concept and methodology to measure integration in Africa

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/ tea break

16:30 adjournment and secretarial work

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9:00 – 15:30 Secretarial work continued: Preparation of a summary of the round table recommendations and the report of the ICE meeting

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

Afternoon Session

16:00–16:30 Review of the round table recommendations « Develop regional value chains to accelerate the diversification and sophistication of North African economies » (Item 10 of the agenda)

16:30–17:00 Review and adoption of the recommendations and the report of the ICE (Item 11 of the agenda)

17:00–17:10 Date and venue of ICE next meeting (Item 12 of the agenda)

17:10–17:30 Other matters (Item 13 of the agenda)

17:30–18:00 Closing of the meeting (Item 14 of the agenda)

