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**Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting
Diversification and sophistication in the economic
transformation of the countries of North Africa**

Provisional Programme of work

26 - 27 February 2013 – Rabat, Morocco

Tuesday February 26th 2013

Roundtable diversification and sophistication in the process of economic transformation of the countries of North Africa

14:30 – 16:00 Special session : Diversification, sophistication and structural economic transformation

Keynote speech by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Najib Boulif, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of General affairs and Governance, Kingdom of Morocco

Nicolas Peridy, LEAD Toulon University, France: "Diversification, sophistication and North African economies structural transformation"

Youssef Saadani, Competitiveness Expert, former World Bank Economist: "Building effective policies for economic diversification: some guiding principles"

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Session 1 (continued)

Adam El Hiraika, EDND, UNECA : "Accelerating Value Addition in Africa"

Ravi Ratnayake, Director TID, UN ESCAP : "Structural economic transformation and diversification with a trade-led growth "

Mario Cimoli, Director DPPM, UN ECLAC : "Structural economic transformation : Latin American experience"

Wednesday, February 27th 2013

9:00 – 11:00 Session 2 : Diversification and sophistication in North Africa

Kaouther Abderahim, AfDB , "Transformation and sophistication of North African economies : current status and way forward".

Lahcen Achy Carnegie Middle East Center, "Diversification and economic transformation: the Moroccan Experience"

Rafik Bouklia, Oran University, Minister Adviser, Algeria, "Structural transformation and diversification in Algeria"

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 3 : Diversification, sophistication and SMEs

Mohamed Lamin Dhaoui , UNIDO Director -Business Investment and Technology Branch :
"competitiveness and upgrading to achieve economic structural transformation"

Faruk Ulgen, Grenoble University: "Sophistication strategy and sectoral analysis"

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Session 4 : Green economy and sophistication opportunities for economic structural transformation

Ryad Mezzour CGEM, green economy commission, "Green economy: new weapon of massive development"

Ron Steenblik, Environment, Climate Change and Development OECD, "Green economy and sophistication opportunities for economic structural transformation"

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 18:00 Session 5 : Trade and Regional Integration as lever for diversification and sophistication

Mustapha Sadni-Jallab, WTO, "Trade and economic transformation": the role of capacity building and trade related technical assistance in the region"

Nassim Oulmane, SRO-NA, UN ECA , "Continental Free Trade Area, trade facilitation and impacts on North African economies"

Nizar Jouini, Tours University "Regional integration and specialization scenarios"

Pierregiuseppe Fortunato, ECIDC, UNCTAD, "Export sophistication, trade integration and development: how to avoid the middle income trap"

Friday March 1st 2013

11:00 – 11:30 Session 6 Review and approval of the recommendations of the EGM