



Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting

"Youth employment and sustainable development in North Africa"

3-6 October 2017, Rabat (Morocco)

Draft programme of work

Tuesday, 3 October

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Opening Session

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: **Amal Elbeshbishi**, ECA

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Session 1: Opportunities and challenges in promoting decent work for young people in North Africa

- Moderator: **Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome**, Professor of Political Science, African & Women's Studies, New York
- Youth Employment in North Africa : Challenges and Opportunities,
Presentation: **Amal Elbeshbishi**, ECA
- The Demographics of Youth in The Sudan: Filling the Gaps in Economic and Social Policies on Youth Employment
Presentation: **Hassan Musa Youssef**, Population and Social Development Consultant- Sudan
- General discussion

Wednesday, 4 October

Morning

- 09:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Session 2: Presentation and discussion of national case studies**
- Moderator: **Amal Elbeshbishi**, ECA
 - Youth Unemployment and Sustainable Development in North Africa: Egypt, Mauritania and Sudan
Presentation: **Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome**, *Professor of Political sciences, African and Women's Studies, New York*
 - Youth Unemployment and Sustainable Development in Morocco, an approach on Algeria, Tunisia and Libya
Presentation: **Sara Garrido Nebrija**, ECA Consultant
 - 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?**
- Moderator: **Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome**
 - Economic Empowerment of Youth and Entrepreneurship promotion towards Youth Employment and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Presentation: **Amany Asfour**, President- Egyptian Business Women Association (EBWA), African Alliance for Women Empowerment (AFRAWE), Afro Arab Network for Women Empowerment- Egypt
 - The national strategy for the promotion of employment: experience of Morocco
Presentation: **Amal Reghay**, Director of Employment, Ministry of Employment and Vocational Integration, Morocco
 - Challenges of youth employment in Tunisia facing the ODDs
Presentation: **Imen Jaouadi**, - Assistant Professor, Higher Institute of Commerce and Accountability - University of Carthage, Tunisia
 - General discussion
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. *Lunch break*

Afternoon

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| 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. | <p>Session 4: Integrating youth employment policies into national development policies: lessons learned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Sara Garrido Nebril, ECA Consultant - Youth employment and sustainable development in Tunisia: Challenges and trends related to the social and solidarity economy Presentation: Fethi Touzri, Former Secretary of State for Youth and Sports, Tunisia - Capacity building in micro-entrepreneurship for disadvantaged young people and the informal sector Presentation: Mohammed Reda Bouayad, Head of Youth Associations, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Morocco - Towards Decent Employability in Egypt: Challenges & Opportunities, Enas Zakareya Abdallah, Executive Director, Economic Issues, Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Egypt - General discussion |
| 4:00 – 4:30 | Coffee break |
| 4:30 – 5:30 | <p>Session 5: Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa: main conclusions and proposed recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Hassan Musa Youssef - Recommendations, Sara Garrido Nebril - Recommendations, Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome - General discussion |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | End of the meeting |



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Provisional agenda

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7. Closing of the meeting