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## 1. Opening Session

The 29th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) will start at 9h00 on Tuesday March 4, 2014, at the hotel Tour Hassan, Rabat. Speeches will be delivered on this occasion..

## 2. Election of the bureau

The outgoing Chairman will invite the Committee to elect the new bureau consisting of a President, a Vice-President and Rapporteur

## 3. Adoption of the agenda and the work programme

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda and the meeting work programme.

## 4. Economic and social conditions

The Bureau shall submit to ICE, to comment and approve the report on the changing economic and social conditions that prevailed in North Africa in 2013 and prospects for 2014. Particular emphasis will be placed on the issue of industrialization as the engine of the structural transformation of North African economies. The Bureau will also present a Conceptual and methodological approach to analyze Country Profiles. Recommendations will be made on all subjects covered by the report.

## 5. Round Table: « Develop regional value chains to accelerate the diversification and sophistication of North African economies »

The choice of this theme fits in the context of the next ECA Conference of Ministers which will address the issue of "industrialization for sustainable and inclusive development in Africa". A brief presentation of the Economic Report on Africa 2014 ERA will be made as an introduction.

The round table will be an appropriate framework for reflection and discussion on the issue of development of regional value chains in North Africa, especially on the key factors that should inform an operational strategy to accelerate the diversification and sophistication of production processes for better integration into global value chains. The round table should lead to specific recommendations that will help drafting terms of reference for a study on the issue to be carried later by the Bureau.

## 6. Post-2015 development agenda

The Bureau will present a report to the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals in North Africa, for information and possible improvements to be included in this report. Communications will also be made on the preparatory process of the development agenda of Post 2015, the Africa Vision 2063 and Challenges for North Africa.

## 7. Agendas régionaux et internationaux et autres initiatives spéciales

The Bureau will submit to the Committee a report on the activities pertaining to other international and regional agendas, including those related to sustainable development, climate change, population, gender issues, international trade and ICT. Recommendations will be made to states, regional cooperation institutions and other stakeholders and partners involved in the development issues

8. Statutory issues

The ECA will submit to the Committee a report on the Bureau achievements during the period from March 2013 to February 2014. The overall program of ECA activities during 2014 will be presented.

9. Session on regional integration

The Bureau will submit to the Committee a report on the sub-regional initiatives, with a particular emphasis on activities implemented in the framework of multiannual cooperation between ECA-AMU for the period 2013-2014. Communication will also be made on the conceptual and methodological approach defined by the ECA to develop an index of regional integration in Africa. Recommendations will be to states, regional cooperation institutions and other stakeholders and partners involved in these initiatives.

10. Review and approval of the round table recommendations

The Committee will be informed of the findings and recommendations of the round table "Developing regional value chains to accelerate the diversification and sophistication of North African economies", which will be submitted for approval.

11. Review and adoption of recommendations and ICE report

The Committee will consider and adopt the findings and recommendations of the work of the 29th session of the ICE as well as the report of the meeting

12. Date and venue of ICE next meeting

The Committee will decide the date and venue of the 30th meeting.

13. Other matters

The Committee will consider, where appropriate, the issues raised by the participants

14. Closure of the meeting

The Chairman will declare the 2 th ICE meeting closed