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## Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Sub-regional office for North Africa

## Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)

Thirty-third meeting

Tunis, 30 October– 02 November 2018

### Provisional programme of work

#### Tuesday, 30 October

#### 33rd Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | <b>Registration of participants</b>   |
| 09.30 – 10.00 | <b>Opening session</b> ( <i>agenda item 1</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Opening statements:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Chair of the outgoing Bureau</li><li>– <b>Ms Lilia Hachem Naas</b>, Director of the ECA Office in North Africa</li><li>– <b>HE Mr. Taïeb Baccouche</b>, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)</li><li>– <b>Mr. Samir Majoul</b>, President of the Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA)</li><li>– <b>HE Mr. Zied Ladhari</b>, Minister of Development, Investment and International Cooperation (Republic of Tunisia)</li></ul></li><li>▪ Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (<i>agenda items 2 and 3</i>)</li></ul> |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | <b>The evolution of economic and social conditions in North Africa: regional profile review – North Africa</b> ( <i>agenda item 4</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– General discussion</li></ul>  |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | <i>Coffee break and group photo</i>   |
| 11.45 – 13.00 | <b>Special session: The agreement for the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and its impact for North Africa</b> ( <i>agenda item 5</i> ) <p>Moderator: <b>M. Aziz Jaid</b>, ECA</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Mr. Simon Mevel-Bidaux</b>, Economist, ECA</li><li>– Representent of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)</li></ul> <p>General discussion</p>   |
| 13.00 – 15.00 | <i>Lunch break</i>  |

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| 15.00 – 15.30 | <p><b>Session 1: Opening of the expert group meeting: “Data revolution in North Africa: putting data at the service of structural transformation” (agenda item 6)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Opening statements:</i></li> <li>– <b>Ms Lilia Hachem Naas</b>, Director of the ECA Office in North Africa</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Diego Zorrilla</b>, UN Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program in Tunisia</li> <li>– <b>Mr. Saidi Hedi</b>, Directeur général de l’Institut national de la statistique de la Tunisie</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of the objectives of the meeting and of the programme of work: <b>Mr. Isidore Kahoui</b>, ECA</p> |
| 15.30 – 16.30 | <p><b>Session 2: Big data and structural transformation in Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Current situation, challenges, and prospects, <b>Mr. Molla Hunegnaw Asmare</b>, African Centre for Statistics, ECA</li> <li>– Big data and structural transformation of economies in Africa, <b>Mr. Fabrice Djossou</b>, International expert</li> <li>– General discussion</li> </ul>   |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | <i>Coffee break</i>   |
| 17.00 – 18.00 | <p><b>Session 3: Lessons from the project on the use of mobile technologies in the production and exploitation of statistical data in two pilots in North Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Tunisia’s</b> experience in applying price-index data to household consumption and in other surveys, National Institute of Statistics, Tunisia</li> <li>– <b>Egypt’s</b> experience in applying price indices and using tablets in the general census of population and housing: Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS)</li> <li>– General discussion</li> </ul>   |

## Wednesday, 31 October

### Continuation of the Expert Group Meeting: “The data revolution in North Africa”

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| 09.00 – 11.00 | <p><b>Session 4: Presentation of national case studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Presentation of the results of the national case studies (ECA consultant)</li> <li>– Presentation of the synthesis of the study’s report (ECA consultant)</li> <li>– General discussion</li> </ul> |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | <p><b>Session 5: Employment statistics in North Africa: what are the key good practices, challenges, and prospects?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Presentation of the experiences of the member countries</li> <li>– General discussion</li> </ul>                                      |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | <i>Lunch</i>   |

14.30 – 16.00	<b>Session 5 (continued...)</b> – Presentation of the experiences of the member countries – General discussion
16.00 – 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 – 18.00	<b>Session 6: the data revolution in North Africa: putting data at the service of structural transformation – main conclusions and proposed recommendations</b> – Presentation of the main conclusions and recommendations – General discussion
18.00 – 18.15	<b>Closing of the ad-hoc expert group meeting</b>

## Thursday, 1 November

### Continuation of the 33rd meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts

09.00 – 09.45	<b>Regional and international agendas and other special initiatives</b> ( <i>agenda item 7</i> ) Presentation: <b>Ms. Marieme Bekaye</b> , ECA – General discussion
09.45 – 11.00	<b>Statutory issues</b> ( <i>agenda item 8</i> ) 8.1 Revised Strategic Framework of Economic Commission for Africa for 2018 – 2019 Presentation: <b>Mme Josephine Ulimwengu</b> , ECA 8.2 Report on the office activities (October 2017 – September 2018) and programme of work 2019 Presentation: <b>Ms. Lilia Hachem Naas</b> , Director of the ECA Office in North Africa – General discussion
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 13.00	8.3 Strategic Positioning of the Office – Youth employment and sustainable development in North Africa Presentation: <b>Ms Amal Nagah Elbeshbishi</b> , ECA – Implementation and monitoring of the Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 in North Africa Presentation: <b>Ms. Marieme Bekaye</b> , ECA 8.4 Exploration of new areas of intervention – Introduction: <b>Mr. Omar Abdourahman</b> , ECA – The status of the blue economy in North Africa Presentation: <b>Ms. Alaa Kolkaila</b> , Expert – Comparative analysis of the integration of migration in national development policies in North Africa Presentation: <b>Ms. Kenza Aggad</b> , Expert – General discussion
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	<b>Work of the secretariat (Preparation of the draft report)</b>

## **Friday, 2 November**

10.00 – 10.45	<b>Launch of the first report on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the Maghreb”</b> ( <i>agenda item 9</i> )
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 11.45	<b>Review and approval of the EGM’s recommendations: “The data revolution in Africa”</b> ( <i>agenda item 10</i> )
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Review and adoption of ICE’s report and recommendations</b> ( <i>agenda item 11</i> )
12.00 – 12.15	<b>Date and venue of the next ICE meeting</b> ( <i>agenda item 12</i> )
12.15 – 12.30	<b>Any other business</b> ( <i>agenda item 13</i> )
12.30 – 13.00	<b>End of the meeting</b> ( <i>agenda item 14</i> )
	– Vote of thanks
	– Closing remarks
	<i>Lunch</i>