Press Release

ECA Missions to Burkina Faso

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Ouagadougou, 26-09-2016. Technical Assistance Missions of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to visit Burkina Faso from 26 to 30 September 2016.

Within the framework of its support mission to member States and on the request of Burkina Faso’s Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Development (MEFD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will send a technical assistance fact-finding mission to Burkina Faso, from the 26th to 30th September 2016. The overall objective of this mission is to set the basis of an ECA technical assistance to Burkina Faso, to support its development strategy, mainly with regard to development planning systems and statistics. In parallel and over the same period, the ECA Subregional Office for West Africa will organise, at the request of Nigerien authorities, a mission to share experiences on the strategy to promote development poles, between half a dozen senior officials from Niger and their counterparts from Burkina Faso.

This multifaceted and fact-finding technical assistance mission of the ECA, composed of experts from Specialised Divisions of its Headquarters and the Subregional Office for West Africa, should help the ECA and Burkinabe authorities, notably through the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Development, to agree on a check-list comprising the guidelines of an action plan and a roadmap for implementing the basis of the technical cooperation between the ECA and Burkina Faso. After the implementation of this cooperation basis, Burkina Faso shall: (i) have its first country profile, (ii) improve on its statistics production capacities, (iii) produce the regional integration index and the African social development index, (iv) boost its development planning process, (v) ensure national ownership, nationalisation and follow-up and evaluation of Agenda 2063 of the African Union and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), (vi) strengthen national capabilities regarding formulation, negotiation and implementation of mining contracts and (vii) strengthen its capacity in strategic development planning, follow-up and evaluation of public policies and macroeconomic models.

The mission of the senior officials from Niger falls within the scope of the technical assistance requested by the Government of Niger from the ECA, to elaborate its strategy to promote regional development poles. Included in the mission’s agenda are discussions in Ouagadougou on the strategies, stakeholders, resources and processes relating to development poles as well as a field visit to the Bagre development pole, known as Bagrepole. The delegation of experts from Niger’s Government shall be accompanied by experts from the ECA Subregional Office. This mission is also placed under the auspices of Burkina Faso’s Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Development.