

## WORK PROGRAMME 2008 - 2009 ECA/SRO –WA

### A. Servicing of Intergovernmental Expert Bodies

#### 1. *Substantive servicing of Meetings*

Two sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) (One in 2008, one in 2009)

#### 2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

Seven reports to the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on:

- i. Report on the economic and social conditions: tracking progress in West Africa (one in 2008, one in 2009)
- ii. Progress report on the implementation of regional and international agendas, including NEPAD, the United Nations Millennium Programme Goals and other special initiatives in the sub-region (one in 2008, one in 2009)
- iii. Report on the work of ECA in the subregion (one in 2008, one in 2009)
- iv. Propose Programme plan for the biennium 2010-2011 for the sub-regional Office for West Africa (One in 2009)

#### 3. *Ad hoc expert group meetings on*

- i. An emerging developmental challenge facing West Africa.(one in 2008);
- ii. Annual consultative meetings of experts of regional economic communities, African Union Commission, NEPAD secretariat and United Nations agencies on the implementation of the AU/NEPAD programmes in the subregion (one in 2008, one in 2009);
- iii. Assessing the subregional office for West Africa and ECOWAS multi-year programme (one in 2009);

- iv. Harnessing research and development in support of the transformation of the agricultural systems and development of agro-industries in West Africa (One in 2009)

## **B. Other substantive activities**

### **1. Non- recurrent publications:**

- i. One report on Harnessing research and development in support of the transformation of the agricultural systems and development of agro-industries in West Africa (one in 2009)
- ii. Report on a topical issue identified in the subregional office for West Africa and ECOWAS multi-year programme (One in 2008)
- iii. Status of implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision, with particular emphasis on air transport security in West Africa (one in 2008)

### **2. Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:**

Joint AU Commission/AfDB/ECA (subregional office — West Africa) prospectus on integration in West Africa (One in 2008, One in 2009);

### **3. Special event:**

West Africa Development Forum: employment for youth (one in 2009)

### **4. Technical material:**

- i. Electronic brief on major activities of the subregional office — West Africa, including other subregional initiatives (One in 2009)
- ii. Methodology for collection of gender-disaggregated data for monitoring progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (one in 2008);
- iii. technical document and presentations on fiscal policy and financing economic and social development in West Africa (One in 2008)
- iv. web-based information site on available advisory services (One in 2009).

## **C. Technical cooperation**

### **1. Advisory services:**

Ten advisory missions, upon request by member States, regional economic communities, intergovernmental organizations and civil society organizations on institutional and sectoral policy issues, in relation to the consolidation of regional economic integration and sustainable development (2008/2009)

### **2. Training Courses, Seminars and Workshops:**

Two training/workshops

- i. Workshop for approximately 10 Professionals on building effective public-private partnerships to small and medium-sized enterprises;
- ii. Workshop for approximately 15 Professionals on exchange of experience in the development and implementation of poverty reduction strategies

### **3. Field Projects:**

Two field projects on

- i. Institutional strengthening of ECOWAS and UEMOA
- ii. West African information and knowledge management platform on regional economic cooperation and integration