Provisional Agenda

JOBS IN AFRICA OR JOBS FOR AFRICANS?
INTEGRATING SKILLS MIGRATION IN NATIONAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

Expert Group Meeting

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) ▪ Addis Ababa

Caucus Room 11

31 October – 01 November 2023

DAY 1 – Tuesday 31 October 2023

09.00 – 09.30  Registration

Opening Session  Welcome and Introductory Remarks

09.30 – 09.45  Chair:  Saurabh Sinha, Chief Social Policy Section/GPSPD
Introductory remarks:  Sweta Saxena, Director, a.i. GPSPD (tbd)
Self-introduction:  Participants

Session 1  Setting the stage

09:45 –11:00  Chair:  Abebe Shimeles, AERC
09:45 – 10:15  Presentation:  Saurabh Sinha – Issues linking demographics, jobs, skills and migration in Africa
10:15 – 10:30  Discussants:  Adrian Gauci, Independent Consultant
10.30 – 11.00  Interactive discussion
11.00 – 11.30  BREAK

Session 2  Africa’s demographic profile: Prospects for a demographic dividend?

11:30–12:30  Chair:  William Muhawava, ACS/UNECA
11:30 – 12:00  Presentation:  Helina Dawit, SPS/UNECA – Africa’s Demographic Profile and projections
12.00 – 12.30  Interactive discussion
12.30 – 14.00  LUNCH BREAK

Session 3  Education and skills in Africa

14.00 –15.15  Chair:  Wafa Aidi, SPS/UNECA
14:00 – 14:20  Presentation:  Dejene Mamo, SPS/UNECA
14:20 – 14:40  Discussant:  Abdoulaye Salifou, Chief of Education, UNESCO
14.40 – 15.15  Interactive discussion
15.15 – 15.45  BREAK
Session 4  Youth employment trends in Africa: Challenges in reaping the demographic dividend
15.45 –17.00  Chair: Alexio Musindo, ILO
15:45 – 16:15  Presentation: Marcellin Bella, SPS/UNECA
16:15 – 16:30  Discussant: Abebe Shimeles, AERC
16.30 – 17.00  Interactive discussion
17:00  Close of Day 1

DAY 2 – Wednesday 01 November 2023

09.00 – 09.15  Recap of Day 1 (Mamusu Siyunyi, SPS/UNECA)
Session 5  Skills Migration or Brain Drain in Africa? Exploring the difference
09.15 – 10.30  Chair: Said Adejumobi, Coordinator, Migration Working Group, UNECA (tbc)
09:15 – 09:45 Presentation: Saurabh Sinha, SPS/UNECA
09:45 – 10:00 Discussants: IOM
               AUC (tbc)
10.00 – 10.30  Interactive discussion
10.30 – 11.00 BREAK

Session 6  Regional and Global Skills Partnerships
11.00 – 12.15 Chair: Francis Ikome, UNECA
11:00 – 11:30 Presentation: Wafa Aidi, SPS/UNECA
12:30 – 11:45 Discussants: AUC (tbd)
11.45 – 12.15 Interactive discussion
12.15 – 13.30 LUNCH BREAK

Session 7  Country experiences
13:30 – 15:00 Chair: TBD
13:30 – 14:30 Country presentations
14:30 – 15:00 Interactive discussion
15.00 – 15.30 BREAK

Session 8  Closing Session
15.30 –16.30 Chair: Saurabh Sinha, Chief Social Policy Section/GPSPD
15:30 – 16:00 Moderated discussion on key policy recommendations
16:00 – 16:30 Open discussion
16.30  Close of the meeting