Report on the progress in implementing the recommendations of the 3rd session of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology

Recommendations	*Implementation Progress*
A. Developments in sustainable energy and infrastructure in Africa in the post-pandemic era	
Member States must	
a) Facilitate investments in maritime transport to ensure landlocked countries were connected to the coast and to help enhance their capacity.	
b) Harmonise and integrate regulatory and institutional frameworks at the regional and continental levels, which should be incorporated into national systems	
c) Develop strategies for regional integration, considering the distortions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to the supply and demand chain.	
d) Develop policies to improve local production and reduce the cost of energy and infrastructure development.	
e) Encourage innovative technology in cross-border relations to improve transport and trade connectivity.	
f) Design regulatory frameworks to protect the private sector and divide the risk of public-private partnership investments between the private and public sectors.	
ECA must	
a) Continue the prioritisation and investment opportunities of projects under the PIDA through domestic resource mobilisation and innovative finance mechanisms.	
b) Conduct studies to identify practical finance solutions besides PPPs to bridge the gap between development needs and available resources.	
B. Accelerating Africa's economic transformation in the post-pandemic era through productive investments and services trade liberalisation within the framework of the AfCFTA.	
Member States must:	
a) Support efforts by the secretariat to disseminate the recommendations of the three reports, encourage their subsequent uptake by all relevant stakeholders and ensure that those recommendations fed into the ongoing negotiations of the AfCFTA	
b) Strike a careful balance in their investment policymaking between investor protection on the one hand and investor obligations and the right to regulate on the other.	

c)	Prioritise investment opportunities for value addition and chain connectivity and identify a path from high-emission to low-emission investments.	
ECA must:		
a)	Continue to support Member States in building and strengthening capacity concerning sustainable investment and services trade issues, especially during negotiations of the relevant protocols to the Agreement establishing the AfCFTA.	
b)	Analyse industry-specific issues and areas of need arising from the three reports presented and use the findings to inform the development of corresponding legal and regulatory frameworks at the national, regional and continental levels.	
c)	Scale up technical support to conduct services value chain analyses for African member States and further study promising regional value chains.	
C. Advancing science, technology and innovation policies on emerging technologies for economic growth in the post-pandemic era		
For Member States		
a)	Strengthen or establish institutions such as national councils (or equivalent institutions) on science, technology and innovation chaired at the highest levels of government to provide continuous, time-relevant and realistic leadership, support, and monitoring and evaluation processes.	
b)	Develop science, technology and innovation implementation plans and strategies for harnessing emerging technologies with clear priorities and financing mechanisms for effective and efficient realisation of their policies and development aspirations.	
c)	Fully utilise the ECA science, technology and innovation policy formulation and implementation guide and the UN Science, Technology and Innovation Roadmaps for the SDGs as tools to inform policymaking and implementation.	
d)	Support and encourage their institutions to fully participate in the recently launched Alliance of Entrepreneurial Universities in Africa and the Africa Technology Development and Transfer Network as tools for knowledge sharing and drivers of economic transformation.	
ECA must:		
a)	Continue to support Member States in building and strengthening capacity in science, technology and innovation policy making, implementation and monitoring, including the development of science, technology and innovation roadmaps for the SDGs	

b)	Undertake rigorous research on domestic and international technology development and transfer trends, practices, and legal and regulatory regimes in emerging technologies to inform policies and strategies.	
c)	Support the Member States in designing and implementing their digital strategies, legal and regulatory regimes, tools, and applications under the African Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa (2020-2030).	
d)	Research and provide technical support to member States on emerging energy technologies, given their importance in meeting climate change commitments, creating green jobs, expanding the energy mix and bringing clean energy to the 600 million African inhabitants without electricity	
D.	**Presentation and general discussion on the theme of the session, "African economic development in the post-pandemic era: the role of regional integration, infrastructure and technology."**	
ECA must		
a)	Support the development of national capacities in the structuring and developing renewable energy projects and contract negotiation, considering the challenges the member States face regarding institutional capacity.	
b)	Assist in developing resource mobilisation strategies for the full and widespread deployment of renewable energy capacity development in member states.	