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Senior Officials and Experts of Central Africa

Theme:

# Building skills for economic diversification in Central Africa

## DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Date: 11 and 12 November 2020  
*By videoconference*

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### 1. ICE OPENING SEGMENT

This part will include the following:

- ***Introductory statement by the Director of the ECA Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa - Mr Antonio Pedro***

The Director will welcome everyone and give a brief presentation of the general context of the session.

- ***Speech by the outgoing President of ICE, Head of the delegation of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea***

The outgoing President of ICE, who will also be Head of the delegation of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, will briefly revisit the key items of the recommendations of the previous session of ICE, with a focus on the progress made. He will also establish a nexus between the previous session and the current one.

- ***Opening speech by the Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration of the Republic of Congo, H.E. Ms Ingrid Olga Ghislaine Ebouka-Babackas***

The Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration of the Republic of Congo will deliver the opening speech of the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICE) for Central Africa.

### 2. ELECTION OF THE ICE BUREAU AND ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME

Representatives of Member States and development partners will elect a chair and a vice-chair to lead the proceedings, as well as two rapporteurs.

### 3. PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING DOCUMENT “BUILDING SKILLS FOR ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION IN CENTRAL AFRICA”

An economist from the ECA Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa will present the report on “Building Skills for Economic Diversification in Central Africa” which will serve, among other things, as a basis for the discussions that will follow.

### 4. HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE THEME: “REVOLUTIONIZING SKILLS FOR ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION IN CENTRAL AFRICA IN THE COVID-19 ERA - A CALL FOR BETTER RECONSTRUCTION”

For two (2) hours, high-level panelists from Member States and other development players from Central Africa will join the ECA economists to debate on the issue of skills development for economic diversification in Central Africa. The panelists will discuss the practical path to be urgently adopted in order to mobilize essential skills for economic diversification in

Central Africa, while drawing lessons from the particular context of COVID-19. The debate will lead to advice, which will form an integral part of the ICE recommendations. In addition to the panelists, the moderator will also give the floor to participants for interactive exchanges. In view of the time allotted, no speaker will speak for more than two minutes.

**5. PRESENTATION OF THE ECA/SRO-CA ACTIVITY REPORT SINCE THE 35<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE ICE AND THE 2021 WORK PROGRAMME**

The ECA Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa will present an assessment of the implementation of its 2020 work programme, stating the progress made vis-à-vis the recommendations of the last session of the ICE. The Bureau will also present its 2021 work plan.

The ICE participants will discuss the items of the Bureau's work programme and give their opinions thereon.

**6. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENDAS AND OTHER SPECIAL INITIATIVES IN THE SUB-REGION: INTEGRATION OF NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SDG 12 IN CENTRAL AFRICA**

The ECA Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa will present a status report on the implementation of regional and international agendas and other special initiatives in the sub-region. The report will focus on mainstreaming natural capital accounting for the achievement of SDG 12 in Central Africa. The ICE participants will then discuss the presentation.

**7. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT ON THE CREATION OF A SINGLE MOBILE TELEPHONE NETWORK IN CENTRAL AFRICA**

The ECA Sub-Regional Office for Central Africa will present a report on the creation of a single mobile telephone network in Central Africa. The report comes in a particular context of the community regime for free roaming of mobile telephony in the CEMAC area, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Central African Economic Union (CAEU), on 10 August 2020. The presentation will feed discussion by the ICE.

**8. PRESENTATION ON THE INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING TOOLKIT (IPRT) ON SDGs AND AGENDA 2063**

ECA's Macroeconomics and Governance Division will give a presentation on the Integrated Planning and Reporting Toolkit (IPRT) on SDGs and Agenda 2063. This is an ECA sponsored web application developed to meet the needs of African countries to simultaneously adopt and integrate the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 into their national development programmes. This tool allows them to report the progress made in a harmonized manner.

The presentation will be discussed by the ECA and participants of the ICE.

## 9. **THEME, DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT ICE MEETING AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee will propose the venue and date of the next ICE meeting.

## 10. **READING OF HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATEMENT OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ICE DELIBERATIONS, WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED AND SHARED BY EMAIL**

An outline of the conclusions and recommendations of the ICE deliberations will be presented by the meeting rapporteurs, so that all the salient points of the meeting are reflected in a report which will be sent to all participants subsequently. Given the relatively short time of the virtual meeting, it will not be necessary to present a formal version of the report or to read it out completely on the spot.

## 11. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH THE PRESS**

The ICE 2020 Bureau, together the ECA, will hold a question-and-answer session with the press in order to convey the message of ICE 2020 to the general public. The short session will be conducted under the guidance of a designated moderator.

## 12. **ICE CLOSING SEGMENT**

This part will include the following:

- ***Vote of thanks by a delegated participant***

A participant of the ICE 2020, designated by the entire meeting, will take the floor to thank the organizers, Member States, participants and any other stakeholder that contributed to the success of the session.

- ***Word from the ICE President elect***

The ICE President elect will deliver a word on the conduct of the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the ICE in Central Africa, with a call for the implementation and follow-up of the recommendations by all those concerned.

- ***Closing speech by the Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration of the Republic of Congo, H.E. Ms Ingrid Olga Ghislaine Ebouka-Babackas***

The Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration of the Republic of Congo will deliver the concluding speech of the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICE) for Central Africa.