Virtual Policy Dialogue for North Africa

Theme: Improving access to financing for SMEs in North Africa for a better post-COVID-19 recovery

Tuesday 19 April 2022, from 9 to 11 am Rabat time

Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q2Y4HfwsRIKX1weTEYzOpA

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

09:00-09:05 Opening Session
Welcome and opening remarks:
Ms. Zuzana Brixiova Schwidrowski, Director, ECA/SRO-NA

09:05 -09:30 Session I: Keynote Speakers Intervention
- H.E. Younes Sekkouri, Minister of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills
- Pr. Fiona Tregenna, South African Research Chair (SARChI) in Industrial Development, University of Johannesburg
- Mr. Larabi Jaidi, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

Moderator:
Ms. Zuzana Brixiova Schwidrowski, Director, ECA/SRO-NA

Open discussion

09:35-10:20 Session II: Highlights of documents about SME financing and solutions for improvement in North Africa

Presenters:
- Ms. Amal Elbeshbishi, Senior Economist, Chief of the Employment and Skills Section, ECA SRO-NA
- Mr. Zoubir Benhamouche, Senior Economist, ECA/SRO-NA
- Mr. Grakolet Gourene, Fellow, ECA/SRO-NA

Q & A (15 minutes)

10:20 -10:55 Session III: Audience intervention
- Civil society and Private sector
- Policymakers
- Academic sector

10:55-11:00 Closing Session
Closing Remarks:
Ms. Zuzana Brixiova Schwidrowski, Director, ECA/SRO-NA