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## Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Sub-regional office for North Africa

## Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)

Thirty-third meeting

Tunis, 30 October– 02 November 2018

### Provisional programme of work

#### Tuesday, 30 October

#### 33rd Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | <b>Registration of participants</b>   |
| 09.30 – 10.00 | <b>Opening session</b> ( <i>agenda item 1</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Opening statements:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Chair of the outgoing Bureau</li><li>– <b>Ms Lilia Hachem Naas</b>, Director of the ECA Office in North Africa</li><li>– <b>HE Mr. Taïeb Baccouche</b>, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)</li><li>– <b>Mr. Samir Majoul</b>, President of the Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA)</li><li>– <b>HE Mr. Zied Ladhari</b>, Minister of Development, Investment and International Cooperation (Republic of Tunisia)</li></ul></li><li>▪ Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (<i>agenda items 2 and 3</i>)</li></ul> |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | <b>The evolution of economic and social conditions in North Africa: regional profile review – North Africa</b> ( <i>agenda item 4</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– General discussion</li></ul>  |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | <i>Coffee break and group photo</i>   |
| 11.45 – 13.00 | <b>Special session: The agreement for the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and its impact for North Africa</b> ( <i>agenda item 5</i> ) <p>Moderator: <b>M. Aziz Jaid</b>, ECA</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Mr. Simon Mevel-Bidaux</b>, Economist, ECA</li><li>– <b>HE Mr. Taïeb Baccouche</b>, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)</li></ul>   |

- Representant of Trade and Industry, African Union Commission (To be confirmed)
- **Mr. Hakim Ben Hammouda**, international Expert, Former Minister of Economy and Finance, Tunisia (To be confirmed)

General discussion

13.00 – 15.00

*Lunch break*

15.00 – 15.30

**Session 1: Opening of the expert group meeting: “Data revolution in North Africa: putting data at the service of structural transformation” (agenda item 6)**

- *Opening statements:*
  - **Ms Lilia Hachem Naas**, Director of the ECA Office in North Africa
  - **Mr. Diego Zorrilla**, UN Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program in Tunisia
  - **Mr. Saidi Hedi**, Directeur général de l’Institut national de la statistique de la Tunisie

Presentation of the objectives of the meeting and of the programme of work: **Mr. Isidore Kahoui**, ECA

15.30 – 16.30

**Session 2: Big data and structural transformation in Africa**

- Current situation, challenges, and prospects, **Mr. Molla Hunegnaw Asmare**, African Centre for Statistics, ECA
- Big data and structural transformation of economies in Africa, **Mr. Fabrice Djossou**, International expert
- General discussion

16.30 – 17.00

*Coffee break*

17.00 – 18.00

**Session 3: Lessons from the project on the use of mobile technologies in the production and exploitation of statistical data in two pilots in North Africa**

- **Tunisia’s** experience in applying price-index data to household consumption and in other surveys, National Institute of Statistics, Tunisia
- **Egypt’s** experience in applying price indices and using tablets in the general census of population and housing: Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS)
- General discussion

## Wednesday, 31 October

### Continuation of the Expert Group Meeting: “The data revolution in North Africa”

- 09.00 – 11.00      **Session 4: Presentation of national case studies**
- Presentation of the results of the national case studies (ECA consultant)
  - Presentation of the synthesis of the study’s report (ECA consultant)
  - General discussion
- 11.00 – 11.30      *Coffee break*
- 11.30 – 13.00      **Session 5: Employment statistics in North Africa: what are the key good practices, challenges, and prospects?**
- Presentation of the experiences of the member countries
  - General discussion
- 13.00 – 14.30      *Lunch*
- 14.30 – 16.00      **Session 5 (continued...)**
- Presentation of the experiences of the member countries
  - General discussion
- 16.00 – 16.30      *Coffee break*
- 16.30 – 18.00      **Session 6: the data revolution in North Africa: putting data at the service of structural transformation – main conclusions and proposed recommendations**
- Presentation of the main conclusions and recommendations
  - General discussion
- 18.00 – 18.15      **Closing of the ad-hoc expert group meeting**

## Thursday, 1 November

### Continuation of the 33rd meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts

- 09.00 – 09.45      **Regional and international agendas and other special initiatives** (*agenda item 7*)
- Presentation: **Ms. Marieme Bekaye**, ECA
- General discussion
- 09.45 – 11.00      **Statutory issues** (*agenda item 8*)
- 8.1 Revised Strategic Framework of Economic Commission for Africa for 2018 – 2019
- Presentation: **Mme Josephine Ulimwengu**, ECA
- 8.2 Report on the office activities (October 2017 – September 2018) and programme of work 2019
- Presentation: **Ms. Lilia Hachem Naas**, Director of the ECA Office in North Africa
- General discussion
- 11.00 – 11.15      *Coffee break*

- 11.15 – 13.00
- 8.3 Strategic Positioning of the Office
- Youth employment and sustainable development in North Africa  
Presentation: **Ms Amal Nagah Elbeshbishi**, ECA
  - Implementation and monitoring of the Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 in North Africa  
Presentation: **Ms. Marieme Bekaye**, ECA
- 8.4 Exploration of new areas of intervention
- Introduction: **Mr. Omar Abdourahman**, ECA
  - The status of the blue economy in North Africa  
Presentation: **Ms. Alaa Kolkaila**, Expert
  - Comparative analysis of the integration of migration in national development policies in North Africa  
Presentation: **Ms. Kenza Aggad**, Expert
  - General discussion
- 13.00 – 14.30
- Afternoon*
- Work of the secretariat (Preparation of the draft report)**

**Friday, 2 November**

- 10.00 – 10.45
- Launch of the first report on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the Maghreb**
- 10.45 – 11.00
- Coffee break*
- 11.00 – 11.45
- Review and approval of the EGM’s recommendations: “The data revolution in Africa” (agenda item 9)**
- 11.30 – 12.00
- Review and adoption of ICE’s report and recommendations (agenda item 10)**
- 12.00 – 12.15
- Date and venue of the next ICE meeting (agenda item 11)**
- 12.15 – 12.30
- Any other business (agenda item 12)**
- 12.30 – 13.00
- End of the meeting (agenda item 13)**
- Vote of thanks
  - Closing remarks
- Lunch*