Tuesday, 30 October

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

09.00 – 09.30  Registration of participants

09.30 – 10.00  Opening session (agenda item 1)

   ▪  Opening statements:
     –  Chair of the outgoing Bureau
     –  Ms Lilia Hachem Naas, Director of the ECA Office in North Africa
     –  HE Mr. Taïeb Baccouche, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)
     –  Mr. Samir Majoul, President of the Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA)
     –  HE Mr. Zied Ladhari, Minister of Development, Investment and International Cooperation (Republic of Tunisia)

10.00 – 11.00  The evolution of economic and social conditions in North Africa: regional profile review – North Africa (agenda item 4)

   –  General discussion

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee break and group photo

11.45 – 13.00  Special session: The agreement for the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and its impact for North Africa (agenda item 5)

Moderator: M. Aziz Jaid, ECA

Panellists:

   –  Mr. Simon Mevel-Bidaux, Economist, ECA
   –  HE Mr. Taïeb Baccouche, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)
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  Lunch
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