



**7th edition of the
North Africa Development Forum (NADF)**

"Governance, Structural Transformation and Sustainable Inclusive Development "

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I. Context and justification

Following the adoption, in 2015, of the Sustainable Development Program to the Horizon 2030 and the 2063 Agenda by the African countries, ECA is committed to accompany the countries in the realization of these agendas, mainly by promoting the structural transformation of their economies. This process involves with time, a dynamic move from a traditional economic structure of low added value to a dynamic economy more competitive and more productive, supported by a more favorable environment. Within the framework of its mandate, ECA promotes the thinking and organizes debates in order to offer to member countries and to renowned experts in the various target areas, a platform to facilitate information, experiences and lessons exchange that make possible to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 and 2063 Agendas.

It is to contribute to this thinking that the North Africa Sub regional office of the ECA organizes from 21 to 22 November 2017, the 7th edition of the North Africa Development Forum (NADF) and from 23 to 25 November 2017 the 11th edition of the Rabat International Colloquium. Both the Forum and the Colloquium are organized in collaboration with the different UN agencies, WTO Chair at Mohammed V University, the University of Toulon and the African Center of Trade Policies, and they will be a contribution to the reflection on the links and interactions between "governance, structural transformation and sustainable and inclusive development ".

In this context, the Forum will look into the issue of governance related to topics crucial for the structural transformation such that the resilient infrastructures, inclusive and sustainable industrialization, the efficiency of public institutions or even the integration into world trade, while the Colloquium will deepen the impact of governance on the alignment to the multilateral trading system on regional integration and global value chains.

II. Objectives of the Forum

The main objective of the Forum is to contribute to the deepening of the reflection on the links and interactions between governance, structural transformation and sustainable development. To do this, the Forum will bring together researchers and renowned experts in their field of competence and development national and regional development actors in order to compare the scientific and academic research with the practice on the field. This dialog between scientific researchers and development practitioners will also be enhanced by holding the Forum in conjunction with the 2017 edition of the Rabat International Colloquium. These discussions and reflections will allow producing recommendations which will contribute to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 and 2063 Agendas, mainly in their governance dimension.

The specific objectives of the meeting are the following:

- To have a common understanding of structural transformation process and governance in North Africa;
- Improve our understanding of institutional inefficiencies and their impact on the economic transformation and inclusive development;
- Understand the process of political inclusion and good governance;
- Understand the links and the effects of conflicts on development;
- Allow sharing of good practices, on the basis of the experience of other geographical areas, and finally;
- Identify the areas of reforming the governance in North Africa to reach a faster and more inclusive economic transformation.

III. Expected Outcomes

In a specific way, at the end of the Forum:

- The participants will be aware of the importance of governance in the structural transformation and sustainable development process. In this context, the participants will get acquainted with the ECA capacity-building program in terms of governance and planning ;
- They will agree on the priority axis of governance enabling to accelerate the structural transformation of North African economies and draw lessons from others' experiences;
- They will formulate efficient recommendations to improve governance in the process of structural transformation and sustainable development;
- They will contribute to setting up a framework of formal reflection (electronic platform) to continue dialog and exchange between researchers and practitioners.

IV. Organization of the Forum

The Forum is organized in four major thematic sessions and one session will be dedicated to capacity-building and knowledge sharing:

Session 1: Better governance and structural transformation to accelerate inclusive economic growth (ODD 9)

The links between structural transformation, inclusive economic growth and human development can be apprehended in various ways and in this session, taking into account the ECA mandate, two entry points which have a strategic impact on the structural transformation have been selected:

- Links between institutions and structural transformation
 - **Zoubir Benhamouche** (Economic Commission for Africa/Subregional Office for North Africa (ECA/SRO-NA)): Institutions and structural transformation: empirical facts.
- **Governance and Infrastructure :**
 - **Rawda Omar Clinton** (UNECA): Improve the governance for the Financing of Infrastructure Program for African integration- Public/Private Partnership;
 - **Autoroutes du Maroc**: The experience of Morocco in developing and managing its infrastructure: example of Controlled Access Highways.
- **Governance and industrialization**
 - **Zouhour Karray**, Consultant: Industrial Policy Territorialisation and inclusive growth: a comparative analysis of the countries in the sub-region;
 - **Semia Guermas de Tapia**: (UNECA): Governance, industrialization policy and urbanization (ERA 2017).

Session 2 : Rule of law, independent and transparent judiciary, and efficient institutions, are essential for the attainment of sustainable development (SDO 16)

Enhancing the rule of law, stability and good governance are the essential conditions for structural transformation, sustainable development and job creation. This session will focus on economic governance and the efficiency of justice and public institutions to minimize the impact of decays such as corruption, fraud, theft and tax noncompliance on growth and development.

- **Governance and combating corruption**
 - **Kamel Sidisafi** (Ain Temouchent University, Algeria): Relationship Between Democracy and Corruption;
 - **ECA/PDM**: Report on Governance in Africa: Corruption and Structural Transformation or How to Measure Corruption and Understand its International Dimensions.

- **Governance and efficiency of institutions in charge of Development**
 - **Yousif A. Suliman** (ECA Consultant): Evaluation of institutions in charge of Economic Planning: the Sudan experience;
 - **Arthur Minsat** (OECD): Job Creation: The Challenge Underlying Governance Trends in North Africa.

Session 3: Governance and economic diversification

Assisting member countries to increase their participation in world trade in order to structurally transform their economy and meet the priority objective of job creation constitutes a decisive axis of ECA work. This session will emphasize governance enabling the development of available resources (natural resources, human resources and financial resources) to support the economic diversification in order to increase the share of our member countries in international trade. Particular attention will be given to the articulation of this session with the Colloquium.

- **Governance for valorizing natural resources: The diversification issue**
 - **ECA/SRO-NA**: Diversification and sophistication as a lever of the structural transformation of North African economies;
 - **Bouklia-Hassane Rafi**: Strategy of economy diversification: The Algerian Experience.
- **Natural Resources Governance, Strategic Issues of Sustainable Development**
 - **ECA/SRO-EA**: Management of Marine Resources and activities for Sustainable Development in Africa: Blue Economy in Africa;
 - **Hamadi Baba Hamadi**: The Experience of Mauritania in Fishery Resources Management.

Session 4: Economic cost of conflict over sustainable development

- **Petros Sekeris** (High School of Trade, Montpellier): Institutions, Conflict and Development;
- **Ochozias Gbaguidi** (ECA/SRO-WA): Presentation of the ECA report: Conflicts in the Sahel region and their consequences on development.

Session 5 : Knowledge sharing and capacity development in the service of sustainable development

Sharing of knowledge and capacity development are two priority axis of ECA work and mandate. They are useful for the actors involved in the development to benefit from successful experiences and capitalize on the achievements of various development actors.

- **Salem Sebbar** (ECA/SRO-NA): Presentation of the Program and the platform for sharing of knowledge;
- **IDEP**: Presentation of the capacity strengthening program of the development actors.

V. Forum and Colloquium Format

The Forum and the Colloquium will be held on 5 consecutive days and will be organized in such a way as to facilitate exchanges and reflection. They will mainly take place in plenary sessions to discuss the major issues and more specifically for the Colloquium, a limited number of parallel sessions around more specific topics will be organized. A more detailed program of work will be developed for each of the events.

VI. Participation and contribution

Actors from various backgrounds, especially the academic research, national, regional and international institutions as well as experts renowned in their competency will take part in these meetings. Will also take part in the meeting, representatives of the private sector, workers organizations and the civil society as well as representatives of the media.

VII. Partnerships

These meetings will be organized by the Bureau of the CEA-North Africa in collaboration with the divisions at ECA headquarters, IDEP, UMA, the WTO Chair of Mohammed V University in Rabat, the African Trade Policy Center, the Laboratory of Development-Applied Economics (LEAD, University of Toulon), and other partners.

VIII. Date and place

The Forum and the Colloquium will be held in Rabat from 21 to 25 November 2017. The Forum will take place at Golden Tulip Farah Hotel in Rabat, on 21 and 22 November 2017 and the Colloquium works will be held from 23 to 25 November 2017 at Mohammed V University in Rabat.

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