**Operational**
- Implementing innovative solutions
- Providing policy advice to countries, and supporting the implementation of innovative solutions for development, implementing capacity development at regional, subregional and country levels in coordination with the Resident Coordinator system
- Providing training and policy support through the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

**Regional economic commissions: 3 core functions**

**Think tank**
- Generating knowledge and applied policy research
- Organizing expert reviews on the analytical work of ECA, and other stakeholders and facilitating the implementation of policy recommendations

**Convening**
- Providing regional intergovernmental platforms to discuss transboundary regional and subregional issues and issues of common concern
- Providing a platform for ECA policy organs
ECA FIVE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

BUILD
Analytical capabilities

FORMULATE
Macroeconomic and sustainable development policies

DESIGN
Innovative financing models

INTEGRATE
Regional and subregional transboundary initiatives

ADVOCATE
Continental ideas at the global level

Build on the unique position and privilege of ECA to foster local responses and adapt global solutions to the continent’s problems

- Leverage ECA’s analytical assets
- Build, improve and strengthen the analytical capabilities of ECA and member states to generate knowledge and applied policy to meet SDGs and the Agenda 2063
- Conduct evidence-based research and produce frontier analysis
- Infuse new knowledge into institutions and other think tanks through partnerships, including collaboration with the African Union and other strategic regional and global partners
- Manage for results and impact

Formulate policy options to accelerate economic diversification and job creation for the transformation of Africa

- Formulate macro and fiscal policy options for accelerated growth and stability
- Articulate policies for public institution-building & strengthening
- Develop sustainable climate smart policies
- Develop governance policies for inclusive and sustainable growth
- Provide advice on the management of public enterprises
- Endogenize the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063
- Strengthen partnerships for policy analysis with other stakeholders

Design and implement financing and leverage models for the development of human, physical and social infrastructure assets

- Develop and design new and innovative ways to finance Africa’s priority agenda: financing for the development agenda, the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063
- Support private sector development, including of institutions underpinning the creation of new and innovative financing tools
- Coordinate with other international financial institutions, the private sector, regional development banks, and United Nations agencies

Support ideas and actions to foster deeper regional integration, and the development of regional public goods, with a focus on peace, security and social inclusion

- Formulate strategies and provide support for the implementation of policies to advance regional integration
- Harmonize policies and regulations through regional and continental approaches
- Set standards and norms at the regional and continental levels
- Tackle emerging issues and challenges in Africa with a regional focus
- Connect Africa through regional and transboundary infrastructure, financing models, institutions, and consensus-building processes

Advocate for the common position for Africa at the global level and develop regional responses as a contribution to global governance issues

- Cultivate knowledge to educate, inform and advocate for the common position for Africa at the continental and global level on issues such as migration, peace and governance
- Provide policy solutions to global governance issues including the regional dimension and global financial stability
- Make ECA a platform for debate, exchange and innovation on issues related to the global public good
- Promote South–South exchanges
Supports the achievement of Africa’s development agenda through development planning, macroeconomic policy and economic governance, and public finance.

Contributes to achieving inclusive and equitable sustainable human and social development in Africa.

Focuses on improving public sector management and development planning in support of the structural transformation of member States.

Tackles effectively the development challenges faced by member States and regional economic communities in their respective subregions through the five subregional offices, which cover North, West, Central, East and Southern Africa, all of which are specialized in selected thematic areas.

Addresses emerging issues that impact on African women and girls and also promotes and supports member States in their work to achieve gender equality.

Plays a vital role in supporting the efficient management of the continent’s natural resource endowments, reducing the negative impacts of climate change by moving towards green transitions and climate-resilient development, and harnessing new technologies in the context of sustainable development.

Supports member States in their endeavour to achieve accelerated job creation, sustained economic growth and prosperity through leveraging the role and resources of the private sector, promoting innovative financing solutions and creating the environment in which private sector investments for agribusiness, energy infrastructure and other sectors can become viable.

Focuses on improving the production, dissemination and use of high-quality and comparable data and statistics in Africa to support evidence-based policymaking, planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.

Contributes to achieving inclusive and equitable sustainable human and social development in Africa.

Focuses on the central role of achieving effective regional cooperation and economic integration among member States by supporting efforts to deepen regional markets, boost intra-African trade and global trade, accelerate industrialization and tackle the challenges of structural transformation.

Centres on poverty, inequality and social policy, contributing to achieving inclusive and equitable sustainable human and social development in Africa.

Endorsed by the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, November 2018.

Programme budget adopted by the General Assembly on 26 December 2018.
SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Responsible for implementing ECA subregional activities for development, the five subregional offices of ECA are specialized in selected thematic areas, to ensure that priority issues of concern and development challenges faced by member States in their respective subregions are appropriately addressed.

NORTH AFRICA
Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia
Specialization:
Employment creation and skills for sustainable development

WEST AFRICA
Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo
Specialization:
Demographic dynamics for inclusive and sustainable development

EAST AFRICA
Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania
Specialization:
Deepening regional integration and the implementation of the AfCFTA

CENTRAL AFRICA
Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and Sao Tome and Principe
Specialization:
Macro stability and economic diversification policy and reforms

SOUTHERN AFRICA
Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe
Specialization:
Inclusive industrialization (including poverty reduction and inequality)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

The African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), a subsidiary and training arm of ECA based in Dakar, is responsible for the expansion of capacity development, advisory and policy dialogue programmes and activities targeted at mid-career and senior officials of African Governments.
The 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 1: No Poverty  
Goal 2: Zero Hunger  
Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being  
Goal 4: Quality Education  
Goal 5: Gender Equality  
Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation  
Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy  
Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth  
Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure  
Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities  
Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities  
Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production  
Goal 13: Climate Action  
Goal 14: Life Below Water  
Goal 15: Life on Land  
Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions  
Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

The overall programme of work of ECA is organized around nine interdependent and complementary subprogrammes (SP), as follows:

- SP1: Macroeconomics and governance
- SP2: Regional integration and trade
- SP3: Private sector development and finance
- SP4: Data and statistics
- SP5: Technology, climate change and natural resource management
- SP6: Gender equality and women’s empowerment
- SP7: Subregional activities for development (delivered through the five subregional offices of ECA)
- SP8: Economic development and planning
- SP9: Poverty, inequality and social policy

OBJECTIVE: Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

To gauge impact, ECA measures the achievement of the Goals and Agenda 2063.

To facilitate greater alignment of the work of ECA with the Sustainable Development Goals and systematic tracking of ECA contributions in order to advance the attainment of the Goals in Africa. This analysis is expected to guide efforts to revisit and, if necessary, strategically align programmes of work to maximize relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of their individual contributions.
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