Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting
"Youth employment and sustainable development in North Africa"
3-6 October 2017, Rabat (Morocco)

Draft programme of work

Tuesday, 3 October

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.  Opening Session

Statements:

- Ms. Lilia Hachem Naas, Director of the ECA Office in North Africa
- Mr. Mohamed Ali Deyahi, Director of the ILO Office for the Maghreb Countries
- HE Mr. Mohamed Yatim, Minister of Employment and Vocational Integration (Kingdom of Morocco)
- Draft agenda of the meeting
  Presentation: Amal Elbeshbishi, ECA

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Session 1: Opportunities and challenges in promoting decent work for young people in North Africa

- Moderator: Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome, Professor of Political Science, African & Women’s Studies, New York
- Youth Employment in North Africa: Challenges and Opportunities, Presentation: Amal Elbeshbishi, ECA
- The Demographics of Youth in The Sudan: Filling the Gaps in Economic and Social Policies on Youth Employment, Presentation: Hassan Musa Youssef, Population and Social Development Consultant- Sudan
- General discussion
Wednesday, 4 October

**Morning**

09:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Session 2: Presentation and discussion of national case studies**
- **Moderator:** Amal Elbeshbishi, ECA
- Youth Unemployment and Sustainable Development in North Africa: Egypt, Mauritania and Sudan
  Presentation: Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome, Professor of Politic sciences, African and Women's Studies, New York
- Youth Unemployment and Sustainable Development in Morocco, an approach on Algeria, Tunisia and Libya
  Presentation: Sara Garrido Nebril, ECA Consultant
- General discussion

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Coffee break**

11:30 – 1:00 p.m. **Session 3: Evaluation of policies and programs for the promotion of youth employment: what are the main good practices, challenges and opportunities?**
- **Moderator:** Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome
- Economic Empowerment of Youth and Entrepreneurship promotion towards Youth Employment and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
  Presentation: Amany Asfour, President- Egyptian Business Women Association (EBWA), African Alliance for Women Empowerment (AFRAWE), Afro Arab Network for Women Empowerment- Egypt
- The national strategy for the promotion of employment: experience of Morocco
  Presentation: Amal Reghay, Director of Employment, Ministry of Employment and Vocational Integration, Morocco
- Challenges of youth employment in Tunisia facing the ODDs
  Presentation: Imen Jaouadi, Assistant Professor, Higher Institute of Commerce and Accountability - University of Carthage, Tunisia
- General discussion

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Lunch break**
Afternoon

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  Session 4: Integrating youth employment policies into national development policies: lessons learned

- Moderator: Sara Garrido Nebril, ECA Consultant
- Youth employment and sustainable development in Tunisia: Challenges and trends related to the social and solidarity economy
  Presentation: Fethi Touzri, Former Secretary of State for Youth and Sports, Tunisia
- Capacity building in micro-entrepreneurship for disadvantaged young people and the informal sector
  Presentation: Mohammed Reda Bouayad, Head of Youth Associations, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Morocco
- Towards Decent Employability in Egypt: Challenges & Opportunities, Enas Zakareya Abdallah, Executive Director, Economic Issues, Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Egypt
- General discussion

4:00 – 4:30  Coffee break

4:30 – 5:30  Session 5: Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa: main conclusions and proposed recommendations

- Moderator: Hassan Musa Youssef
- Recommandations, Sara Garrido Nebril
- Recommandations, Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome
- General discussion

5:30 – 6:00  End of the meeting
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Provisional agenda

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7. Closing of the meeting