Economic Commission for Africa
Subregional Office for North Africa

The Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)
Thirty-Second Session
Rabat, Morocco, 3 – 6 October 2017

Under the theme:
“Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa”

Draft programme of work

Tuesday, 3 October

8:30 – 09:30 a.m. Registration of participants
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)

  Statements:
  • ICE outgoing Bureau chairman
  • Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
  • HE Mr. Taïeb Baccouche, Secretary General of Arab Maghreb Union
  • HE Mr. Rachid Talbi Alami, Minister of Youth and Sports (Kingdom of Morocco)
  • HE Mr. Mohamed Yatim, Minister of Employment and Vocational Integration (Kingdom of Morocco)

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break and group photo

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 3)

  Evolution of economic and social conditions in North Africa: Review of the North African subregional profile (agenda item 4)
  Mr. Zoubir Benhamouche, ECA

  Discussion

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch break
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Special session: The Development Agendas 2030 and 2063 (agenda Item 5)

1. Results of the African Regional Forum for Sustainable Development 2017 (2017 FADD)
   Presentation: Mr. Nassim Oulmane, ECA

2. Preparation of the first report on the implementation of MDGs in the Maghreb: preliminary results
   Presentation: Ms. Marieme Bekaye, ECA

General discussion

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Opening of the ad-hoc Experts' Meeting on “Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa” (agenda item 6)

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
• Ms. Amal Reghay, Director of Employment, Minister of Employment and Vocational Integration (Kingdom of Morocco)
• Draft agenda of the meeting
   Presentation: Ms. Amal Elbeshbishi, ECA

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

Presentation: Ms. Amal Elbeshbishi, ECA

General discussion

Wednesday, 4 October 2017
Continuation of the Expert Group Meeting: “Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa”

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Session 2: Presentation and discussion of national case studies

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?

General discussion

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch break
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  |  Session 4: Integrating youth employment policies into national development policies: lessons learned
                  |  General discussion
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.  |  Coffee Break
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  |  Session 5: Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa: main conclusions and proposed recommendations
                  |  Discussion
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.  |  End of the Expert Group Meeting

Thursday, 5 October

Continuation of the ICE Meeting

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  |  Regional and international agenda and other special initiatives (agenda item 7)
                   |  Presentation: Ms. Marieme Bekaye, ECA
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. |  Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. |  Implementation of the subregional initiatives in North Africa
                   |  Presentation: Mr. Aziz Jaid, ECA (agenda item 8)
11:30 – 12:30 p.m. |  Statutory questions (agenda item 9)
                   |  9.1 Report on ECA activities
                   |  Presentation: Ms. Eskedar Naga, ECA
                   |  Presentation: Mr. Salem Sebbar, ECA
                   |  9.3 Presentation of the 2018-2019 programme
                   |  Presentation: Mr. Isidore Kahoui, ECA
12:30 – 13:30 p.m. |  Launch of the Economic Report on Africa: Industrialization and Urbanization for Africa’s Transformation (agenda item 10)
                   |  Presentation: Mr. Khaled A. Hussein and Ms. Semia Solange Guermas de Tapia, ECA
13:30 – 14:30 p.m. |  Lunch
Afternoon          |  Work of the Secretariat (Preparation of the draft report)
Friday, 6 October

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Review of the EGM recommendations: “Youth Employment and Sustainable Development in North Africa” (agenda item 11)

11:30 – 12:00 a.m. Review and adoption of the recommendations of the ICE Meeting (agenda item 12)

12:00 – 12:15 p.m. Date and venue of the next ICE meeting (agenda item 13)

12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Any other business (agenda item 14)

12:30 – 13:00 p.m. End of the meeting (agenda item 15)
- Vote of thanks
- Closing remarks
- Lunch break