



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

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| 8:30 – 09:30 a.m. | Registration of participants |
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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) Election of the Bureau (agenda item 2) |
| 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 – 11h30 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 9.2 Report on the Office activities (March 2016 – September 2017) 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

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| 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vote of thanks- Closing remarks- Lunch break |