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About the Economic Commission for Africa

Established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1958 as one of the five regional commissions, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is tasked with promoting the economic and social development of its 54 member States, fostering intraregional integration and promoting international cooperation for Africa's development aspirations.

The development context is however changing globally. The world and Africa are 10 years away from 2030. Against this backdrop of an uncertain and volatile global environment, weakening multilateralism, slow growth, and rising inequality there is a need to revisit the development paradigm for Africa and the role of ECA. The year 2018 marked the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Economic Commission for Africa and

offered an opportunity to take stock of the Commission's achievements and to reflect on the way forward. The new strategic directions and proposed reforms offer a vision and implementation road map aimed to better support member States in their efforts to deliver on their vision and meet the Sustainable Development Goals. ECA's mission will therefore be to "Deliver ideas and actions for an empowered and transformed Africa; informed by the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 of the African Union" with the vision of "*Delivering ideas for a prosperous Africa*".

The new directions of ECA build on the growing and central importance of the private sector in Africa's development together with the impact of innovation, especially technology, in delivering a prosperous Africa.



In its implementation, it also emphasizes the need to not only generate ideas but to support member States in testing the viability of the ideas. As a result, partnerships are a cornerstone of the new vision as they will allow for the scaling up of ideas.

Consistent with its mandate and comparative advantage ECA's programme of work is accordingly centered around nine interdependent and complementary sub-programmes, which are focused on thematic or sectoral priorities that are key to the transformation of Africa as follows: (1) Macroeconomic

policy and governance; (2) Regional integration and trade; (3) Private sector development and finance; (4) Data and statistics; (5) Technology, climate change, and natural resource management; (6) Gender and women in development; (7) Subregional activities for development delivered through the five ECA's subregional offices covering North, West, Central, East and Southern; (8) Economic development and planning; and (9) Poverty, inequality and social policy.

The modalities for implementation will be aligned with the Commission's role as



a policy think tank engaged in multisectoral policy research and analysis with a view to harnessing the three pillars of sustainable development; as a convener of intergovernmental platforms and forums such as the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, for the exchange of solutions, promotion of peer learning and articulation of a common African voice at the global level in support of the 2030 Agenda, Agenda 2063, and as an operational provider of capacity development services, which include supporting member States in their efforts to comply with international agreements, treaties, norms

and standards, through policy advocacy, consensus building, technical support, policy advisory services and training measures. ECA is headed by an Executive Secretary, who is assisted by two Deputy Executive Secretaries (DES): one DES (Programme) overseeing all substantive Divisions, subregional offices and the Dakar-based African Institute for Economic Development and Planning; and a DES (Programme Support) overseeing the support Divisions of Administration and the Publications, Conference and Knowledge Management Division.



About the Catalogue

Welcome to the 2020 edition of the ECA Publications Catalogue. This year's Catalogue features reports and studies that will be made available over the course of the year.

Suggested covers for the 2020 publications are for thematic purposes only; as actual covers will be made available as they are issued. It is however worth mentioning that after several months of collective efforts, in October 2016, the Commission launched a comprehensive brandbook to project the striking features of ECA's personality. In translating this effort towards consistency and standardization, all the 2020 publications of ECA will reflect this easily recognizable brand identity.

In addition to multimedia resources, publications are available in print and also in

digital format on our website for immediate viewing or download. The publications – which include the Economic Report on Africa, our flagship publication – represent the work of ECA and cover a wide range of thematic areas forming part of the transformative development agenda for the renaissance of Africa. More specifically, the publications capture the work ECA does to monitor Africa's economic growth, understand megatrends and their implications for African economies, and promote the rise of emerging economies, and promote the rise of emerging economies.

The current clustering is undertaken for each category of deliverables in 2020 based on the Annual Programme Plan and submissions received from the various subprogrammes.



The publications featured in the Catalogue are clustered in the following categories:

1. Integrated multidimensional modelling, policy analysis and institutional reforms
2. Trade and regional integration; AfCFTA
3. Private sector development, innovative finance and infrastructure development
4. Poverty, gender and social policy
5. Data, statistics and digital transformation
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Issue date: May 2020

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Issue date: December 2020

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Fostering sustainable transformation of agriculture in Africa through inclusive green economy: the case of livestock value chain in Zambia.

With a focus on the livestock (beef, dairy, hides, skins and leather) value chain in Zambia, the study explored and makes policy recommendations how to strengthen the mainstreaming of inclusive green economy principles and approaches in the transformation agriculture

Issue date: August 2020

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Climate change and development in Africa (CCDA) conference report.

The CCDA conference is a pan-Africa dialogue space where climate scientists, researchers, policy makers, civil society, media and youth gather annually to share lessons, practices and solutions needed to respond to climate change challenges.

Issue date: December 2020

Availability:  



Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa (WISER) July-December 2019 and July 2019 - June 2020 implementation report.

Report on the implementation of the policy and enabling environment component of the WISER programme

Issue date: August 2020

Availability:  





Private sector and climate resilience investment strategy.

To realize climate change interventions needed to build resilience, governments have to engage with the private sector. This report will assess current practices, opportunities and challenges, and identify strategies for effective involvement of the private sector.

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Issue date: June 2020

Availability:  





Guide for “Reviewing and Improving Africa’s Mineral Regimes for Benefits Optimisation towards realizing the Africa Mining Vision (AMV)”.

The purpose of the guide is to appraise some of the instruments and strategies available to countries to achieve the objectives of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV). It seeks to provide a mining sector context for various instruments and strategies that are used or can be used by governments to maximise the value of mining to their countries’ development beyond revenues.

Issue date: September 2020

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Tools for assessing Employment statistics.

This report will assess the current state of the methodologies and tools developed in North Africa to produce employment and unemployment statistics.

Issue date: February 2020

Availability:  



Africa report on digital economy.

The report will examine the scope value of digital economy in Africa and its impact of achieving sustainable development goals.

Issue date: June 2020

Availability:  



Cybersecurity issue in Africa.

Africa has been embarked for years by an escalation of violence due to the number of high profile of cyber-attacks and terrorism-attacks. In this regards the report will identify specifics actions for African countries to build confidence and ensure security in the use of digital technologies,

Issue date: February 2020

Availability:  



Measuring demographic dynamics in West Africa: Challenges and Prospects.

This report will assess the state of play of the data ecosystem of demographic dynamics in West Africa and identify the challenges and prospects, in the data revolution era.

Issue date: June 2020

Availability:  





Report on open data.

The document will guide on how to make official statistics open by default.

Issue date: March 2020

Availability:  



Operational guideline/Manual on the compilation of Supply-Use table.

The document will provide guidance on how to compile the Supply-Use table

Issue date: August 2020

Availability:  



Policy guidelines for the establishment of spatial data infrastructures and their linkages with other plans and strategies.

In line with the global trends to bring geography and statistics to facilitate spatial analytics and the locational management of information, this publication attempts to develop guiding principles on SDI development and implementation and how it can be linked to other national plans and strategies

Issue date: June 2020

Availability:  





Manual on standard guiding principles on an African statistical and geospatial framework.

The African statistical spatial framework comprises five overarching principles for the integration of geospatial and statistical information. It is articulated around the following dimensions: Scale; Policy; Institutional; Modelling. Both national statistical offices and national mapping agencies can adapt, adopt, and apply the spatial statistical framework to their national context, for instance in geo-enabling the national strategies for statistical development; in ensuring effective collaboration between statistical and geospatial community; in building basic data themes and use of common specifications and standards; and making geospatial analysis a core competency in any Census Office.

Issue date: August 2020

Availability:  





Economic Governance Report

This publication is themed around institutional architecture to address illicit financial flows from Africa.

Issue date: March 2020

Availability:  



Macroeconomic model for developing countries in Africa.

The paper focuses on the applications of ECA's macroeconomic model to selected African countries.

Issue date: April 2020

Availability:  



Africa quarterly economic outlook (4).

Based on Africa's economic performance and the associated emerging economic issues

Issue date: April and October 2020

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Publication on Employment.

The paper will assess the extent to which youth unemployment can be addressed through employment creation in Industries. The paper will assess the extent to which youth unemployment can be addressed through employment creation in the industries without smokestacks in Egypt, and the skills required for individuals to be absorbed into these industries.

Issue date: June 2020

Availability:  



Population dynamics modelling: empirical evidences in West Africa.

Using the T21 Sahel Aggregated model, the report will present the prototype of population model with the simulations results based on relevant issues of population dynamics.

Issue date: December 2020

Availability:  



Single currency and Economic Structural transformation in West Africa.

This report is the outcome of a Colloquium on ECOWAS single currency in West Africa. The session is postponed to 2020. Henceforth, the best papers presented during the Colloquium will be partially used for a special edition of a report on peer review journals and the others will be published as proceeding of the Conference

Issue date: December 2020

Availability:  



African migration: normalizing the African migration narrative – a technical report of the HLPF.

The report advances an understanding of issues of international migration from an African perspective and builds momentum for constructive policy dialogues on international migration in Africa.

Issue date: February 2020

Availability:  



African migration: governance, frameworks and human rights protection – a technical report of the HLPF.

Per the objective of the HLPF, the report promotes migration frameworks that have already been developed, drafted and adopted by the African Union, such as the Migration Policy Framework for Africa, and provide guidance to member States and regional economic communities on the development of migration policies that promote integration through migration, as part of efforts to strengthen migration governance for regional economic integration and inclusive development.

Issue date: February 2020

Availability:  



Migration: Regional integration and development in Africa – a technical report of the HLPF.

Propose innovative ways for governments, parliaments, civil society organizations, the business sector, academia and local communities to engage in migration policy dialogues and mobilize for practices that encourage the effective utilization of political, financial and intellectual resources of migrants for development in Africa. It is also a useful report for sensitizing policymakers to the benefits of integrating migration into national plans and strategies.

Issue date: February 2020

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African migration: Narratives and Perspectives.

The report sensitizes African countries and other stakeholders, such as civil society organizations, academia and think tanks, and international development partners, of the need to develop workable methods to leverage the benefits of migration for all.

Issue date: February 2020

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Report of (BPfA) +25: Africa Regional Review 1995–2019.

The report highlights the 12 Critical Areas of Concern to guide member States in mainstreaming gender in laws, policies, strategies and programmes. Every 5 years, member States are required to meet to review their progress and re-activate their commitments towards implementation of the Declaration and Platform for Action.

Issue date: March 2020

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Measuring gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa.

The report presents the status of gender equality in the 15 African countries that were part of phases 3 and 4 of the African Gender and Development Index (AGDI), highlighting the disparities between men and women in the areas covered by the index. The countries covered by the report are: Chad, Eswatini, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, the Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Zimbabwe. It is based mainly on the findings of the national reports prepared by the 15 countries.

Issue date: March 2020

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Report on the status of gender equality in Africa.

The report takes stock of Africa's progress towards equality of opportunity for women and men, access to services and participation in civil and political life. It also draws on a review of African initiatives and policies that promote gender equality, and a collection of case studies emerging from UNECA's and AfDB's support to African countries. The report focuses on five areas: women and education and health, young women and jobs, agricultural development, climate change and energy, and leadership.

Issue date: March 2020

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Women's Economic Empowerment Report: Education and Finance for Productive Entrepreneurship.

The report is based on the premise that educational attainment and access to finance are two critical and self-reinforcing determinants of productive entrepreneurship for women. Education plays an instrumental role in accessing finance which is often reported as the most binding constraint by women-owned firms. However, injecting capital alone is unlikely to transform firms' productive capacity, move them along the value chain and transition them into more lucrative sectors. Entrepreneurs must have sufficient education and relevant skills to identify opportunities and take informed risks.

Issue date: June 2020

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State of Urbanization in Africa.

The report examines Africa's new economic geography articulated around cities, urban regions and urban corridors resulting from rapid urban growth, and the implications for regional economic integration. These emerging configurations serve as crucial entry points for promoting scale economies in a wider geographical space by improving connectivity and facilitating cross-border flows of investment and trade. The report thus critically reviews the role of cities and urban agglomerations at different scales as production and consumption centers in driving trade and economic integration. It further points to policies and investments needed better plan and manage cities in order to enhancing industrialization and trade along Africa's transport and infrastructure corridors.

Issue date: November 2020

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New Approaches for Funding Research and Innovation in Africa.

The overall aim of this work is to not only provide a compendium of existing and emerging research and innovation funding schemes, models and their support instruments but also offer rigorous analytical research insights that fill in some of the knowledge gaps.

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Emerging tech for health care.

Improve Africa's innovation and entrepreneurial capacity to design, develop, fabricate, maintain and use health technologies for improved healthcare outcomes in the increasingly digital age.

Issue date: March 2020

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Unleashing the potential of the private sector to drive green growth and job creation.

Publication is intended to generate and provide an evidence and knowledge base to inform and orient private sector decision making and investments and influence the design, and implementation of public policies, programmes and other interventions to upscale private green investments that can generate green growth while creating decent employment

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Determinants of green innovation in the global south.

The paper will map out, propose and argue for a subset of cost-effective enablers of green innovation in resource-based manufacturing in selected countries from the global South.

Issue date: September 2020

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Emerging technologies on transportation.

Taking into consideration the Africa Regional Free Trade Agreement, the ambitious target set in Agenda 2063 and the rapid rate at which Africa is urbanizing (concepts and actualization of smart cities), the continent need to get ready now to brace for the changes and potential impacts – be they negative or positive – of emerging technologies on Africa's system of transportation

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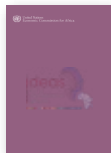


Fiscal policy, the progress towards agreed-upon regional and international development agendas.

Based on the monitoring of sustainable developments analysis the present report will provide budget allocations analysis related to relevant achievements of the ECOWAS member States.

Issue date: July 2020

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Sustainable Development Goals Progress Report.

The report reviews Africa's performance on the goals, related targets and indicators of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the corresponding goals, related targets and indicators of Agenda 2063. The report uses the latest data from international sources to track performance and highlight lessons learned in the implementation of the two agendas.

Issue date: September 2020

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Report on Enabling the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals through development planning: evidence from Central Africa.

The report explores the role that development planning could play in fostering industrialization and the other SDGs in Central Africa. It recalls the role, importance and key success factors of development planning, and reviews the experience of Central African countries with respect to these. It explores some good practices in policy making and reforms in the area of industrial policy and interrogates the extent to which these practices have been present or lacking in Central Africa. It looks at the current status of central African countries as regards some key SDGs that are said to be game changers and estimates their financial Cost. The report proposes a set of actions to governments and non-state actors in order to make the most of the function of planning and fast-track the process of sustainable development in Central Africa.

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STEPS and Country profiles are flagship products of ECA intended to serve as a vehicle for the production and dissemination of country and region-specific policy analyses and recommendations, geared towards promoting sustainable growth and social and economic transformation, deepening regional integration, development planning and economic governance, and contributing to the mitigation of various risks that could impact on member States' development efforts.



STEPS profile Ghana.

The STEPS profile of Ghana aims to be a strategic vehicle to produce and disseminate specific national data and policy analysis on structural transformation, with a view to promoting sustainable economic and social development

Issue date: December 2020

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2020 West Africa Socio Economic Profile.

This report will analyze in West Africa region the economic and social situation in 2019 and the prospects in 2020.

Issue date: September 2020

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Socioeconomic profile in West Africa: “Demographic Dividend and sustainable development in West Africa”.

Based on the monitoring of populations trend and key indicators the present report will provide data analysis related to relevant achievements of the member States in translating the principles of demographic dividend into social structural changes.

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Sub-regional STEPS Profile.

The sub-regional STEPS Profile aims to be a strategic vehicle to produce and disseminate specific data and policy analysis on structural transformation, in Central Africa

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STEPS Profile Sao Tome and Principe (STP).

The STEPS profile of STP aims to be a strategic vehicle to produce and disseminate specific national data and policy analysis on structural transformation, with a view to promoting sustainable economic and social development.

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STEPS Profile Congo.

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Issue date: August 2020

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Trade Facilitation in North Africa for Enhanced Regional Economic Integration: Challenges, Opportunities and the Way Forward.

The report provides an analysis of the position of North Africa with regards to the trade facilitation agenda.

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The Potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area for ECCAS member States - A Computable General Equilibrium Modelling Assessment.

The report produced by SRO-CA evaluates the economic impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in the Economic Community of Central Africa States using a Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) computable general equilibrium (CGE) model and database to measure the static effects of the establishment of the AfCFTA on industrial production, trade flows and consumption.

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) website. At the top, there are logos for 'ideas', the UN emblem, and the text 'United Nations Economic Commission for Africa'. Language options for 'English' and 'Français' are visible, along with a search bar. A navigation menu includes 'ABOUT ECA', 'OUR WORK', 'SUBREGIONAL OFFICES', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'EVENTS', 'MEDIA CENTRE', and 'CONTACT US'. The main content area features a large video player with a thumbnail showing a meeting and the text 'ECA estimates billions worth of losses in Africa due to COVID-19 impact'. To the right, a 'MAJOR EVENTS' section lists the 'ECONOMY-BASANT FINANCIAL WEB EVENT ON TECHNOLOGY AGAINST COVID-19' (23 APR, 2020) and a 'VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON COVID-19 IMPACT ON AFRICA' (19 MAR, 2020). Below this is a 'RECENT STORIES' section with four articles: '19 APRIL 2020 African Union Commission, Commission on Africa, Commission on Africa and UNCTAD Joint', '19 APRIL 2020 COVID-19: Data for a resilient Africa', '17 APRIL 2020 The essential role girls play in the success of education reform plans (COVID-19)', and '16 APRIL 2020 Without adequate protection, estimates show that over 300,000...'. A 'FEATURED' section includes 'AFRICA POVERTY CLOCK' and 'SDG 8 FOR AFRICA'. A 'OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK' diagram is shown, centered on 'STRATEGIC DIRECTION' with five pillars: 'ADVOCATE', 'BUILD', 'FORMULATE', 'IMPLEMENT', and 'REFLECT'. The 'MAIN AREAS OF WORK' section lists: Macroeconomic Policy, Social Development, Private Sector Development & Finance, Regional Integration and Trade, Natural Resource Management, Innovation & Technology, Gender, Governance, and Statistics.

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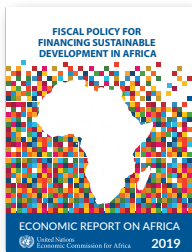
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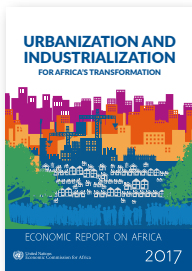
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Economic Report on Africa 2019: Fiscal policy for financing sustainable development in Africa



The report provides an evidence-based assessment of the nature and performance of fiscal policy in Africa, including an analysis of challenges and opportunities together with best practices. The report argues that the current level of government revenue to GDP is low (19.1 per cent) and African countries can double government revenue, boosting it to as much as 39.4 per cent.

Industrialization and Urbanization for Africa's Transformation *Economic Report on Africa - 2017:*

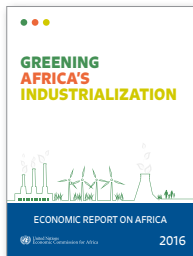


The 2017 Economic Report on Africa focuses on the linkages between industrialization and urbanization. Urbanization is one of Africa's mega trends with profound implications for the social, economic, environmental dimensions of growth and transformation. Theory and experience demonstrate that industrialization and urbanization can be mutually reinforcing processes. It is therefore imperative to explore the linkages between urbanization and industrialization given the profound implications for structural transformation in Africa.



Greening Africa's Industrialization

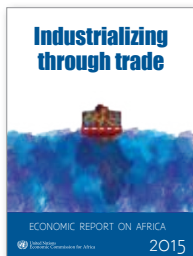
Economic Report on Africa 2016



The 2016 edition of the Economic Report on Africa (ERA 2016) focuses on greening industrialization and highlights sustainable and people-centred industrialization. Given the impacts of climate change, resource scarcities and environmental degradation, measures for de-risking Africa's development are critical. The form and pattern of Africa's industrialization, shaped by its abundant natural resources especially water and renewable energy sources, are discussed within the scale and scope that tackles inequality and promotes inclusivity.

Industrialization through trade

Economic Report on Africa 2015



The 2015 edition addresses the question of how trade can serve as an instrument in accelerating industrialization in Africa, amidst appropriate changes in a country's fiscal, monetary and exchange rate policies among others. The report examines and provides analysis on the critical elements of effectively fostering industrialization and hence structural transformation based on an extensive review of experience with industrialised countries and Africa's post-independence attempt at industrialization.

2018 Africa Sustainable Development Report: Towards a Transformed and Resilient Continent



This progress report on Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2018) provides rigorous assessment of Africa's progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063 and serve as a basis for policy discussion, peer learning and advocacy.

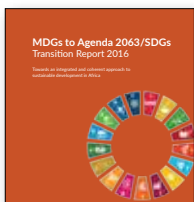
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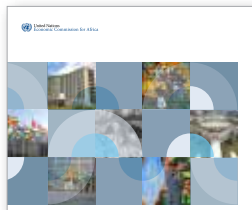


MDGs to Agenda 2063/SDGs Transition Report 2016



As a successor to the MDGs report, this transition report, prepared by ECA and partners (AUC, AfDB and UNDP) is both stock-taking and forward looking. The report updates readers on progress based on the goals, targets and indicators of the MDGs. On the other hand, it is forward looking in the sense that it draws on existing data to assess the current trends in social, economic and environmental sustainability in Africa.

1958-2018 | ECA – 60 Years in Step with African Development



The book narrates and illustrates ECA's privileged story made possible over the last 60 years of its establishment through the confidence of African continental leaders and the trust of young men and women who have shaped ECA's thinking, challenged its views and inspired the institution to continue walking with Africa towards an inclusive free, integrated and just Africa.

Healthcare and economic growth in Africa



This publication served as a background document to the African Business: Health Forum providing a strategic direction that enables African countries to better engage with the private health sector to accelerate the health status of African people. In so doing, the report also draws on specific country experiences in Africa illustrating the need for concerted efforts to address healthcare financing gaps.

Linkages between double taxation treaties and bilateral investment treaties



The study looks into double taxation treaties and bilateral investment treaties, both of which are common types of international investment policy agreements on the continent, and their relationship. These treaties may pose obstacles to policymakers pursuing sustainable development and overlap, further compounding these issues. This study identifies the potential challenges, including those stemming from their interactions, and discusses policy options for African policymaker to address these issues.

Digital Trade in Africa: Implications for Inclusion and Human Rights



The publication will assess the inclusion and human rights implications of digital trade, in the context of Africa's trade policy underpinned by the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement. It will cover a number of human rights themes including public participation, the right to development, the right to work, digital literacy and skills, access to information, privacy, digital identity, and groups in focus such as young people, women's rights, and business and human rights.

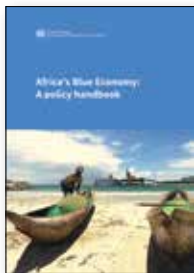


Investment policies and bilateral investment treaties (BITs) in Africa: Implications for regional integration



This publication aims to shed light and contribute to the policy dialogue on the experience with BITs in Africa and on the risks that restrict countries' policy space and legitimate public policy making. It offers informed lessons on how governments should approach and craft future international investment agreements, including regional models. The goal should be to minimize costly disputes and allow countries to pursue their national and regional transformation objectives.

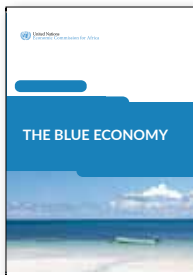
Africa's blue economy: A policy handbook



This handbook intends to raise the level of understanding of the Blue Economy concept and related international frameworks by all relevant stakeholders, including African island States, coastal and land-locked countries, regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations. It also provides a step-by-step guide on how to mainstream the Blue Economy into continental, sub-regional and national policies, plans, laws, regulations and practices.



The Blue economy in Eastern Africa



The study provides a description of the socio-economic challenges and opportunities in the sub-region, in particular Western Indian Ocean (WIO) island States and coastal countries in leveraging untapped opportunities in various sectors of the blue economy (fisheries, strategic maritime routes, minerals resources, tourism, etc.) and addressing potential threats linked to climate change and natural disasters.

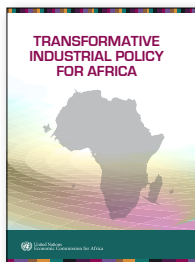
The demographic profile of African countries



The report examines the trends and levels of key demographic indicators for African countries, including population size, growth rate, distribution, fertility and mortality levels, age structure and international migration. In doing so, it builds on data from the 2015 revision of World Population Prospects, as well as other United Nations databases as relevant sources of data.



Transformative industrial policy for Africa



Evidence from successful experiences shows that an active industrial policy has been key to advancing national economic development efforts. However, the conditions under which African countries will advance industrialization have changed and thus the need for industrial policy measures that are context based through careful policy rebranding and refitting as well as policy measures for smart specialization in regional and global value chains, smart sequencing of negotiations and implementation of trade and investment policies and agreements.

16 Infrastructure projects for African integration



This book is condensed from two technical reports prepared by ECA and NEPAD Agency: one profiling the 16 projects adopted at the Dakar Financing Summit (DFS) on Infrastructure Financing and the other, “Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Implementing NEPAD National and Regional Programmes - Africa Looks Within”, prepared at the behest of African Heads of State by ECA and NEPAD Agency.

Africa Regional Integration Index - Report 2016



The Index 2016 report covers member States of the eight regional economic communities recognized by the African Union. The Index is made up of five dimensions, which are the key socio-economic categories that are fundamental to Africa's integration. Sixteen indicators (based on available data), which cut across the five dimensions, have been used to calculate the Index. Future editions of the Index will grow in scope as more data becomes available.

Social cohesion in Eastern Africa



The term “social cohesion” is a multidimensional concept involving a number of elements, including trust, equity, beliefs, acceptance of diversity, perceptions of fairness and respect. Accordingly, this publication does not purport to provide a comprehensive assessment of the state of social cohesion in Eastern Africa. Instead, using a combination of qualitative and quantitative data from a wide range of sources, it presents a broad “social audit” of the state of social cohesion and development in the subregion.



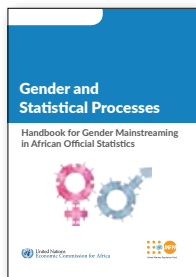
African Gender and Development Index (AGDI) regional synthesis report: Measuring gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa



The report is a synthesis of country reports on the AGDI in the thirteen countries of phase II of the AGDI project. This synthesis report shows some staggered and inconsistent progress made by African member States in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in the social, economic and political sectors. The report discusses progress made as well as challenges encountered by African countries in their endeavors to implement national, regional and international instruments on gender equality and women's

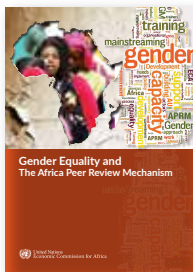
empowerment.

Gender and statistical processes: Handbook for gender mainstreaming in African official statistics



This handbook aims to provide data producers and users across Africa with a common understanding of gender statistics and how to produce them. It outlines issues, challenges and solutions aimed at helping statisticians integrate gender concerns in all phases of the statistical production process, from collection to dissemination. It is also a useful reference for users of gender statistics to improve their understanding of how data are produced.

Gender equality and the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)



The study analyses the extent to which the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) provides meaningful, concrete and sustainable approaches towards addressing the long-standing and outstanding problem of gender inequality in Africa. It assesses the policy and institutional frameworks from a gender perspective, as well as processes and actors that are established at national and continental levels under the mechanism.

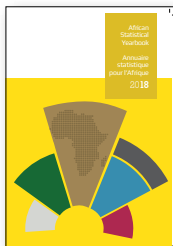
African Statistical Year Book (ASYB) 2019



The Year Book presents time-series data showing how African Countries performed on several economic and social thematic areas. The data in the Yearbook are arranged generally for latest nine years for which data are available. It is published in one volume consisting of two parts: a set of summary tables followed by country profiles. The African Statistical Yearbook is jointly produced by the Economic Commission for Africa, African Development Bank and the African Union Commission.

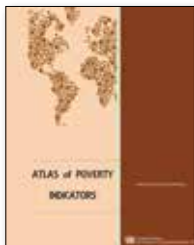


African Statistical Yearbook - 2018



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Atlas of poverty indicators



ECA has produced the poverty maps for Africa for the national level poverty and inequality indicators, selected from the global SDG indicators. The publication of these maps is a timely attempt to show the relevance of geospatial information in measuring, reporting, and tracking progress made towards achieving the SDGs. The data source used for these maps are from the SDG Index and Dashboard Global Report.

Statistical Atlas: Geovisualisation of key statistical indicators



This report is an attempt to exploit the enabling capabilities of Spatial Statistics to complement traditional forms of data presentation and analysis, by focusing attention on possible spatial relationships and patterns. It spatially represents selected key statistical indicators relevant to the current issues and challenges of the African development agenda.

African Governance Report (AGR V): Natural Resource Governance and Domestic Revenue Mobilization for Structural Transformation



The fifth edition of the AGR argues that many natural resource-rich African countries have not managed their natural resources to increase government revenue and foster inclusive and transformative growth. The report emphasizes the role of the state in long-term development planning as a tool for good governance of natural resources. It also emphasizes formulating a strategy to foster diversification and structural transformation and to address such cross-cutting issues as promoting social inclusion, combating corruption and protecting the environment.

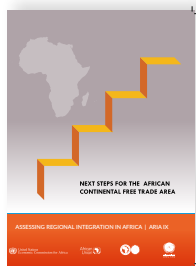
African Governance Report (AGR IV): Measuring corruption



This 4th edition of AGR provides a critique of perception-based measurements of corruption as well as an assessment of existing alternative, mostly mixed, measures of corruption. It highlights that pure perception-based measurements are highly subjective and do not provide insights into the institutional and policy reforms needed to combat corruption and improve economic governance.

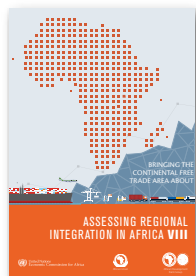


Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA) IX: Next steps for the African Continental Free Trade Area



The report focuses on the challenges of implementation following the ratification and entry into force of the Agreement establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area. The three main policy areas – investment, intellectual property, and competition policy – in phase 2 of the negotiations are analyzed to guide negotiators in addition to examining the implications of the spread of digital trade for the African Continental Free Trade Area.

Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA VIII): Bridging the African Continental Free Trade Area About



The 8th edition of ARIA looks at what will be needed to ensure that the African Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) is implemented and that it fulfils its potential to deliver economic transformation for Africa. Drawing on political economy analysis, the report analyzes what kind of institutional set-up will be needed to ensure the CFTA's implementation as well as the capacity building needs at the national, regional economic community and continental levels.

A case for external debt cancellation for Ebola-affected countries



Based on available data, this appendix of the study on the Socio-economic impact of the Ebola virus disease on Africa presents the external debt situation of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, makes the case for debt cancellation, and puts forward recommendations on how to use the resulting freed-up funds.

Socio-economic impact of the Ebola virus disease on Africa



The study assesses the socioeconomic impacts of the disease not only on the countries with widespread and intense transmission, but West Africa more widely and the continent as a whole—both the real costs as well as growth and development prospects. The study looks at the outbreak's impacts—qualitative and quantitative—endeavouring to grasp the interrelations among them. Analyzing these findings, the study offers recommendations to mitigate the disease's impacts, including building more systematic coping and response mechanisms.



Innovative financing for the economic transformation of Africa



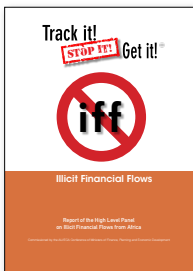
This book is a compilation of reworked versions of the well-researched and evidence-led issues papers that were presented at the Ninth African Development Forum (ADF IX). It examines five thematic issues areas of development financing: domestic resources mobilization, illicit financial flows, private equity, climate financing and new forms of partnerships. It analyzes ways of better equipping African countries to be able to capture currently unexplored or/and poorly developed sources of development financing.

Africa-India, Facts & Figures



Africa and India have shared a rich distinguished history. Today, the relationship is vibrant and multilayered. It is one of equal partners focused on prosperity and a quest for mutually beneficial economic development. This publication presents data that bears testimony to the depth and breadth of the sectors that Africa and India place the greatest levels of engagement

Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs)



This High Level Panel Report on Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) works to develop a realistic and accurate assessment of the volumes and sources of these outflows from Africa while providing a concrete understanding of how these outflows occur. It is clear that steps that must be taken to radically reduce these outflows to ensure that these development resources remain within the continent, knowing that Africa is annually losing more than \$50 billion through illicit financial outflows.

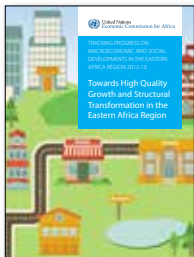
Private equity and its potential role in economic growth in Africa: Demystifying the asset class for policy makers



This policy paper on private equity in Africa, gives a synoptic overview of the asset class and its challenges, and what African governments can do to help boost private equity investments in Africa by existing players and new entrants alike. It is meant to be an educational bridge and awareness tool for government agencies and policymakers.

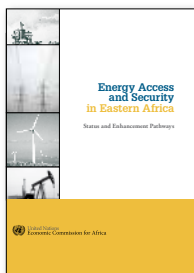


Tracking progress on macroeconomic and social developments in the Eastern Africa region 2012-13



This report focuses particularly on the issue of insufficient ‘structural transformation’, meaning a shift towards high income generating activities, and away from a traditional dependence on the production of commodities and unprocessed goods. In policy circles, discussion about the importance of achieving ‘structural transformation’ has become commonplace. A number of studies have emerged in recent years looking into the reasons for the lack of structural diversification across African economies.

Energy access and security in Eastern Africa



This study offers a detailed overview of the state of energy access and energy security in Eastern Africa. It assesses energy security challenges from a regional and country perspective and maps existing initiatives to overcome the problem. It recognizes the importance of energy in supporting ongoing economic and social development in the subregion and outlines policy options and strategies to enhance energy security and access in the short and long-term horizons.

Africa–BRICS cooperation: implications for growth, employment and structural transformation in Africa



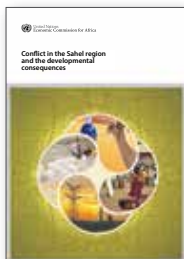
What effect could trade with, and investment and aid from, the BRICS (Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa) have on growth, employment and structural transformation in Africa? How can Africa maximize the benefits of its engagement with the BRICS, and minimize the risks? This study answers these two questions via a comparative analysis of BRICS' practices in their cooperation with Africa, and offers policy recommendations.

Conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Causes, impact and implications for the Great Lakes region



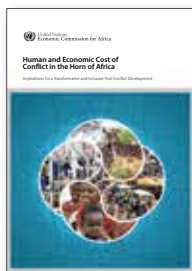
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New fringe pastoralism: Conflict, security and development in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel



modern State.

The study highlights two tensions between the promising economic opportunities that await African pastoralists and the prominence of conflicts between pastoralists and agriculturalists, and pastoralists and the State. Together these characteristics point to the emergence of new pastoralists who have on one hand retained certain residues of old pastoralism, while on the other hand have entered into new activities and livelihood patterns. These new pastoralists have reinvented and made use of centuries tested capabilities shaped by geographic mobility and separation from the authority of the

Green economy in West Africa



The study analyzes the potential of green economy in West Africa, with an emphasis on the opportunities and challenges of promoting green growth in the agriculture and industrial sectors, towards mitigating and adapting to climate change. It also reviews the challenges to green economy governance at regional and national levels, related to the gap in competences, public finance, and private investment in the sectors of green growth and the weakness of financial partnerships that accentuate the economic crisis in underdeveloped countries.



Migration in North African development: Policies and strategies



This study on the relation between migration and development provides a comparative analysis of measures taken in six North African countries. It clearly shows that more and more decision-makers and policy planners are taking interest in the positive impact of migration on development, as migration is quickly growing in number and complexity in Africa and especially North Africa.

Improving access to finance for the empowerment of rural women in North Africa: Good practices and lessons learned



This study identifies the difficulties and discriminations that women face regarding their access to and control of funding resources. It highlights best practices and analyzes the prospects for a better adjustment of strategies to enhance rural women's access to finance, in order to promote their rights and role as development players. It suggests tools to address other issues such as access to productive resources and entrepreneurship; banks/micro-credit organizations and women customers, etc.

Sustainable Development Goals for the North Africa subregion



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Sustainable Development Goals for the Central Africa subregion



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Sustainable Development Goals for the Eastern Africa subregion



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Sustainable Development Goals for the Southern Africa subregion



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Industry and the green economy in North Africa: Challenges, practices and lessons learned



The present report, which covers four countries (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia), is a contribution to the debate on the green economy in North Africa, at a time when the national sustainable development strategies (Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt) and growth plans (Algeria) are being updated to face the many challenges of sustainable growth, environmental governance, energy transition, job creation, industrial integration and the reduction of social and regional disparities.



Being young in the Maghreb



Combining a quantitative and qualitative approach, the study tackles the issues of education, employment, leisure, health, vulnerability and participation of the young, in addition to the question of inter-generational dialogue and youth policies implemented in the region. It proposes a series of guidelines helping young people to expand their participation in development and ensure better implementation of their rights.

Regional cooperation policy for the development of renewable energy in North Africa



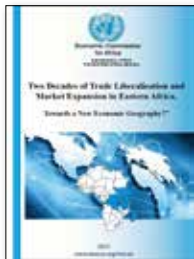
This publication examines issues related to energy transition in North Africa, the way it is understood by the countries, their progress and major challenges faced, in promoting the regional cooperation policy for the development of renewable energy in North Africa. It focuses on key opportunities for cooperation in four key areas: funding, the development of a regional market, industrial integration and skills development.

Diversification and sophistication as a lever for the structural transformation of North African economies



This report sheds light on some issues and challenges relating to the contribution of diversification and sophistication in the structural changes in North Africa. What is the status of diversification and sophistication in the region? What are the determinants thereof? What relation between sophistication, productivity and growth? What role regional integration can play in the process of diversification and sophistication of economies? What lessons to be drawn from the specific experiences in Africa or in the emerging countries?

Two Decades of trade liberalisation and market expansion in Eastern Africa –Towards a new economic geography?



Trade liberalization over the last two decades in Eastern Africa has been pronounced, and has resulted in significant increases in exports and imports both through inter-regional trade and intra-regional trade. Measures of diversification show that trade liberalization has resulted in a more diversified export structure, however the region's comparative advantage has not changed significantly. The study argues that there is still scope for pursuing further trade liberalization – especially regional integration – as a way to diversify export markets.



Sustainable tourism master plan for the IGAD region: 2013-2023



The Sustainable Tourism Master Plan (STMP) is guided by the aim, objectives and principles of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD). The main aim of the IGAD STMP is to provide member States with a regional framework for sustainable tourism development with a view to contribute to socio-economic development and poverty alleviation and to promote regional integration.

Industrialization for economic transformation and sustainable development in Southern Africa: Addressing the gaps



This report re-examines the critical observations on Africa's industrialization experience which were made in the Lagos Plan of Action in 1980, namely: the inadequacy of domestic markets as a basis for far-reaching industrialization under the import substitution industrialization strategy; and technological dependence.

Opportunities and challenges in using intellectual property systems to strengthen regional cooperation through policy harmonization in the SADC region



The study assesses the feasibility of harmonizing national intellectual property frameworks in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region and aligning them to subregional mechanisms with the view to strengthen regional integration. It outlines the current status of intellectual property rights in SADC member States and specifically reviews national intellectual property policies and legislation.

Frontier markets in Africa



The positive recent characterization of Africa as a rising continent is derived in part from the rapid socioeconomic changes and improvements in governance that have transpired. However, it reflects the fact that limited information and long-held misperceptions about Africa don't match reality. This report identifies the opportunities for investment in Africa, corrects misperceptions about the business environment and suggests general areas of focus for future partnership between Africa and the United States of America.



