



Webinar on: “Skills for Economic diversification in Central Africa: leveraging experiences from successful comparators and building partnerships”

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Thurs 30 July 2020 from 10:00 to 12:15 Yaounde time (GMT+1).

Draft Programme

SEGMENT 1: Opening – Setting the scene

Segment summary: This segment is meant to provide context, establish rapport and set the broad scene on the thematic of: lessons learnt in building skills for and leveraging economic diversification in Africa and elsewhere.

	<i>Topic and speakers</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
10:00		
10:30	Intro/house rules (5 mins)	
	Welcome word from Mr. Antonio Pedro, Director, Subregional Office for Central Africa, ECA (5 mins)	Mr. Abel Akara Ticha, Communication Officer, ECA
	Presentation “The great leap into industrialization and economic diversification: lessons on skills-building from Africa and elsewhere.” By Mr. Jean Luc Mastaki, Head of the Economic Diversification Policy and Reforms Section, Subregional Office for Central Africa, ECA (15 minutes)	

SEGMENT 2: Lessons from young industrial economies

Segment summary: This segment is meant to tease out the steps taken by African countries, which were only recently at similar levels of economic transformation with those of Central Africa, in diversifying their economies to a commendable extent. How did they leverage skills building to achieve this? What practical stories are there behind successful projects and how can stakeholders in Central Africa collaborate with them? Apart from presentations, it will comprise a slot on comments and questions.

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10:30 11:20	<p>Presentation Transformation of Morocco’s agricultural, manufacturing and services sector through skills-building – how did it happen? By M. Larabi Jaidi, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat (10 mins)</p> <p>Narrating the success story of a Moroccan tourism giant and contact sharing (3 mins)</p> <p>Presentation Export substitution to leverage agribusiness, leather production and aviation services – what to learn from Ethiopia By Dr. Nabiyeleul Gessese Zellele, Industrial and chemical engineer/ researcher, Ethiopia (10 mins)</p> <p>Short story of a successful Ethiopian leather enterprise and contact sharing (3 minutes)</p> <p>Comments, questions and answers (20 minutes)</p>	Mr. Abel Akara Ticha, Communication Officer, ECA

SEGMENT 3: Lessons from experienced industrial economies

Segment summary: This segment is meant to unpack the structures, policies and skills ecosystems that have enabled economic diversification in some countries which have had a long history in advanced manufacturing and sophisticated services from both the global North and South. Apart from presentations, it will comprise a slot on comments and questions. This will be the concluding segment.

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11:20 12:15	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Adaptive skills development for boosting economic growth: the experience of post-WWII Japan By Dr. Shoko Yamada, Researcher, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, Japan</p> <p>(10 mins)</p>	Mr. Abel Akara Ticha, Communication Officer, ECA
	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Over a century of mineral beneficiation, manufacturing and quality services – Lessons on skills for economic diversification from South Africa. By Mr. Saliem Fakir, Executive Director, The African Climate Foundation, South Africa</p> <p>(10 mins)</p>	
	<p>Comments, questions and answers (30 minutes)</p>	
	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Mr. Antonio Pedro, Director, Subregional Office for Central Africa, ECA</p> <p>(5 mins)</p>	