



Thirty-First Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)

Rabat (Morocco)  
1 – 4 March 2016

*Under the theme*

**“Greening the Economy to Accelerate Industrialization in North Africa”**

**Provisional Program of Work**



**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

*31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE)*

*Morning session*

- 8:00 – 9:00            **Registration of participants**
- 9:00 – 10:00        **Opening session** (Item 1 on the agenda)
- ICE Outgoing Bureau Chairman
  - Mr. Nassim Oulmane, Acting Director of the ECA Office in North Africa
  - UMA Representative
  - H.E. Mrs Hakima El Haité, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, in Charge of Environment (Kingdom of Morocco)
- Election of the bureau** (Item 2 on the agenda)
- 10:00 – 10:30        *Coffee break and group photo*
- 10:30 – 13:00        **Adoption of the agenda** and work organization (item 3 on the agenda)
- Evolution of Economic and Social Conditions in North Africa, 2014-2015 (ECA-NA)** (Item 4 on the agenda)
- Review of the North Africa Regional Profile
  - Member States' presentations on 2015 challenges and outlooks for 2016
  - Discussion
- 13:00 – 14:15        *Lunch*

*Afternoon*

- 14:15 – 16:15        **Special session: Greening the Economy to Accelerate Industrialization in North Africa**
- Industry and Green Economy in North Africa
  - Green Industrialization in Africa
- 16:15 – 16:45        *Coffee break*



16:45 – 17:00 **Opening of the ad-hoc experts' meeting on “Industrialization through Trade in North Africa in the Context of the Continental Free Trade Area and Mega Trade Agreements”** (item 6 on the agenda)

17:00 – 18:00 **Session 1: Global Framework and Lessons Learned for North Africa**

- The Challenges of Mega Agreements for North Africa, ITC
- Industrializing Africa through Trade, ECA
- Discussion

## Wednesday 2 March 2015

### *Morning*

09:30 – 11:00 **Session 2: International Experiences**

- The Latin American and Caribbean Experience, ECLAC
- The East Asian Experience, ESCAP
- Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 3: Which Trade Policy for Industrialization ?**

- Opportunities related to the Continental Free Trade Zone, ECA
- Flexibilities offered by the Multilateral Trade Negotiation Framework, WTO
- Trade and Development, UNCTAD
- Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

### *Afternoon*

14:30 – 16:00 **Session 4: Selecting industrial policies**

- Macroeconomics between Stabilization and Development, ECLAC
- The Issue of Rent Creation, UNIDO
- Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 **Session 5: The Role of Regional Integration**

- Regional Value Chains for Industrialization in North Africa
- Regional Integration as an Industrialization Policy Tool, ECA
- Discussion

18:00 – 18:15 **End of the experts group meeting**



## Thursday 3 March 2015

### *Morning*

09:00- 10:30 **Regional & International Agendas and other Special Initiatives**  
(item 7 on the agenda)

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12h **Special session on the Social Development Index**

12:00 – 13:30 **Statutory questions** (Item 8 on the agenda)

8.1 Report on the Office activities (March 2015 – February 2016)

8.2. Presentation of the 2018-2019 strategic framework

8.3 Report on the ECA activities

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*

### *Afternoon*

**Secretariat work (draft report)**

## Friday 4 March 2015

11:00- 11:30 **Review of the EGM recommendations: « Industrialization through Trade in North Africa in the Context of the Continental Free Trade Area and Mega Trade Agreements »** (Item 9 on the agenda)

11:30-12:00 **Review & adoption of the recommendations and the ICE report**  
(Item 10 on the agenda)

12:00-12:15 **Date and venue of the next ICE meeting** (Item 11 on the agenda)

12:15-12:30 **Any other business** (Item 12 on the agenda)

12:30-13:00 **End of the meeting** (Item 13 on the agenda)