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ECA CURRENT WORK STREAM WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19 &
HIGHLIGHTS OF ECA ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES OF FOCUS

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1. ECA RECENT REFORMS & STRATEGIC FOCUS

Ideas for a prosperous Africa



STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS



THEMATIC SPECIALIZATIONS BY SUB-REGIONAL OFFICES

- Employment skills & balanced dev't
- Deepening regional integration through AfCFTA
- Demographic dynamics for development
- Economic diversification policy & reforms
- Inclusive industrialization

CORE FUNCTIONS

- Think tank
- Convening
- Operational

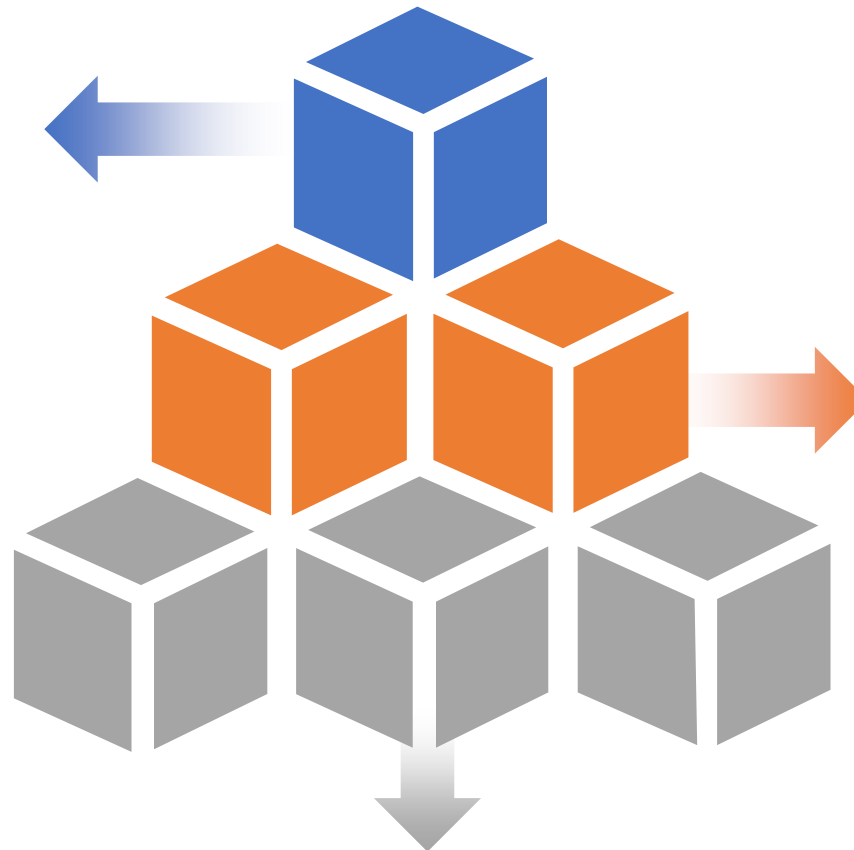
INTEGRATED DELIVERY IN SELECTED COUNTRIES OF FOCUS

NA: Egypt, Mauritania and Sudan **WA:** Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea and Liberia **CA:** Cameroon, Chad, Congo **EA:** D.R. Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Seychelles **SA:** Namibia, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe

2. ECA'S CURRENT WORK STREAM WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF COVID 19

THINK-TANK

- **Analytical pieces** on the social and economic effects of the COVID-19 crisis (regional and sub-regional), incl. Africa-wide model to estimate the impacts of Covid-19
- Assessment of Covid-19 related **financing needs** of African countries
- COVID-19 **Impact studies** for countries, e.g. energy, tourism, aviation, etc. and on African cities
- Lockdown: **Exit strategies** for Africa
- Rapid assessment on the implication of COVID-19 on **censuses scheduled for 2020/ CRVS plans**
- Analysis of the **fiscal space, debt profile and external debt** exposure of African countries
- Policy brief on **trade policies** for Africa to tackle Covid-19, informal traders etc.



CONVENING

- Meetings with Finance Ministers
- Sessions with Resident Coordinators and Regional Directors

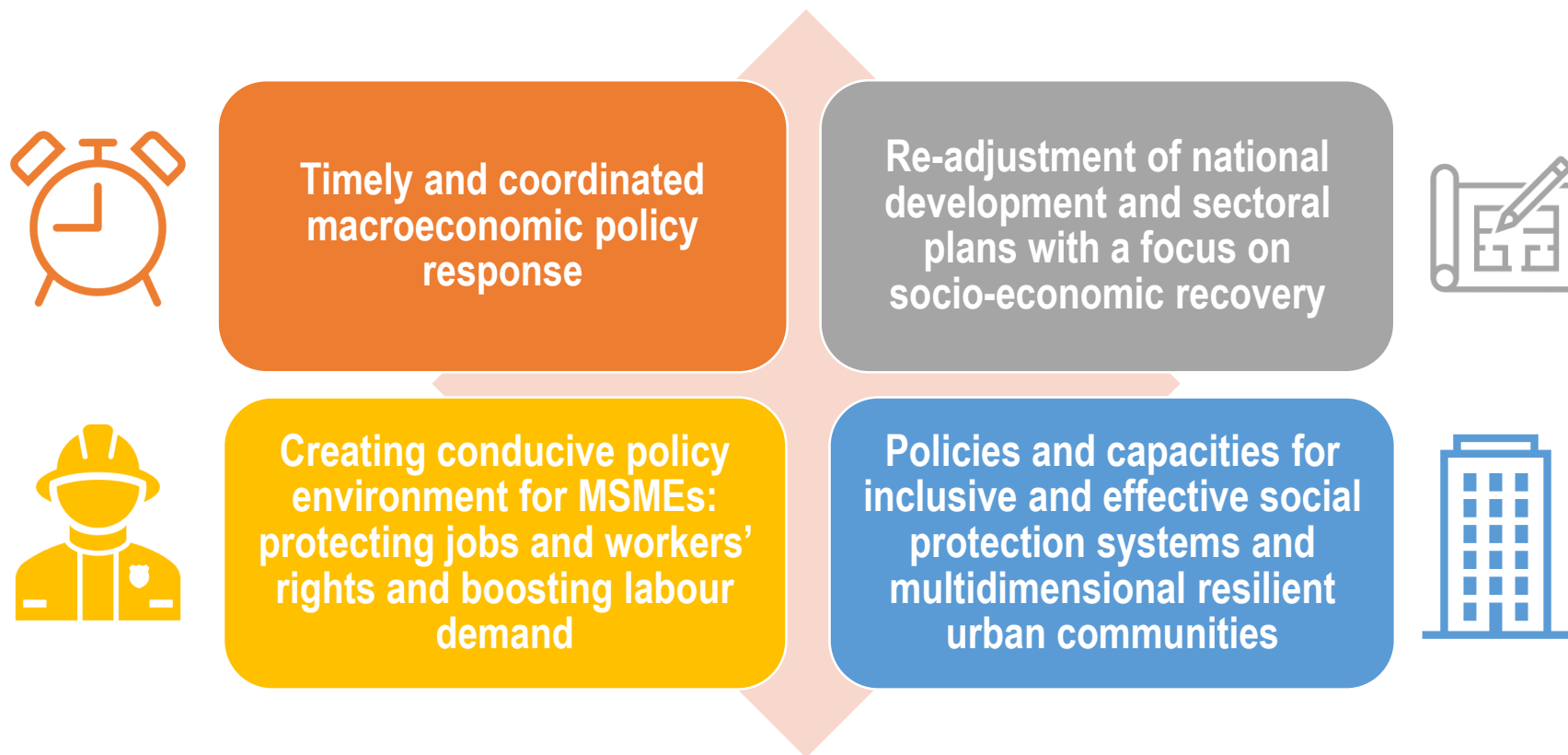
OPERATIONAL

- **Advocacy** for US\$100bn package
- Africa-wide COVID-19 **digital platform** (ACIP)
- Establishment of the **African Medical Supplies Platform** with AU CDC, and AFRIEXIMBank in Scaling up of local **manufacturing and pooled procurement** of COVID-19 related supplies (www.ampsp.Africa)
- Leveraging **technology** to assist Small and Medium Scale enterprises to improve trade and access global market in the context of COVID 19 (with Alibaba Group)
- **Webinars & Virtual Policy Dialogues:** e.g. *DRM, post Covid-19; Webinar for Urban Leaders on COVID-19; COVID-19 Recovery Mechanism and the AfCFTA; E-commerce – an economic tool towards post-COVID-19 recovery and digital business sustainability*” etc.
- **Collaboration with RCs/UNCTs**, e.g. Ethiopia, Niger, Ghana etc.

3. ECA'S STRATEGIC & PROGRAMME DIRECTION FOR 2021

Key focus:

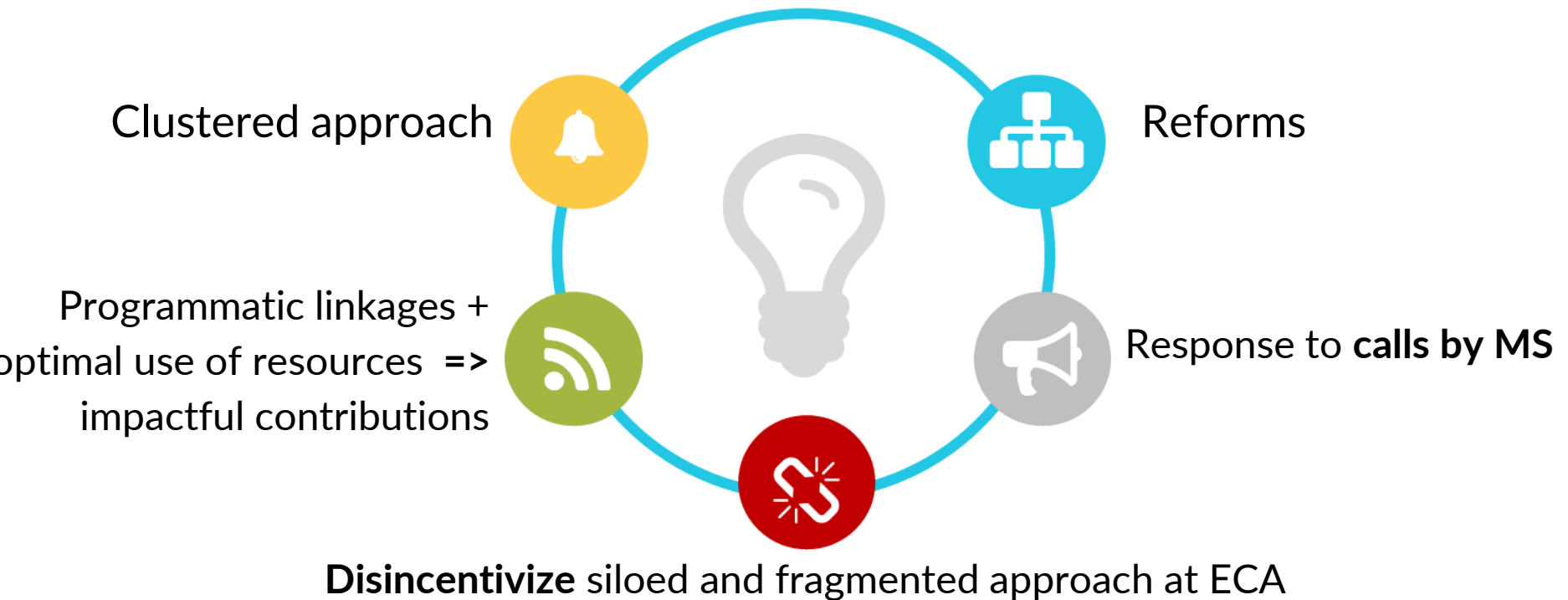
Supporting post-COVID economic and social recovery / “building back” efforts in four interrelated domains



4. ECA ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES OF FOCUS (22)

ECA'S APPROACH TO PROGRAMME DELIVERY IN COUNTRIES OF FOCUS

RATIONALE:



4. ECA ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES OF FOCUS (22)

NORTH AFRICA

1. Egypt
2. Mauritania
3. Sudan

CENTRAL AFRICA

1. Cameroon
2. Chad
3. Congo

EASTERN AFRICA

1. Eritrea
2. Ethiopia
3. Kenya
4. Rwanda
5. Seychelles

WEST AFRICA

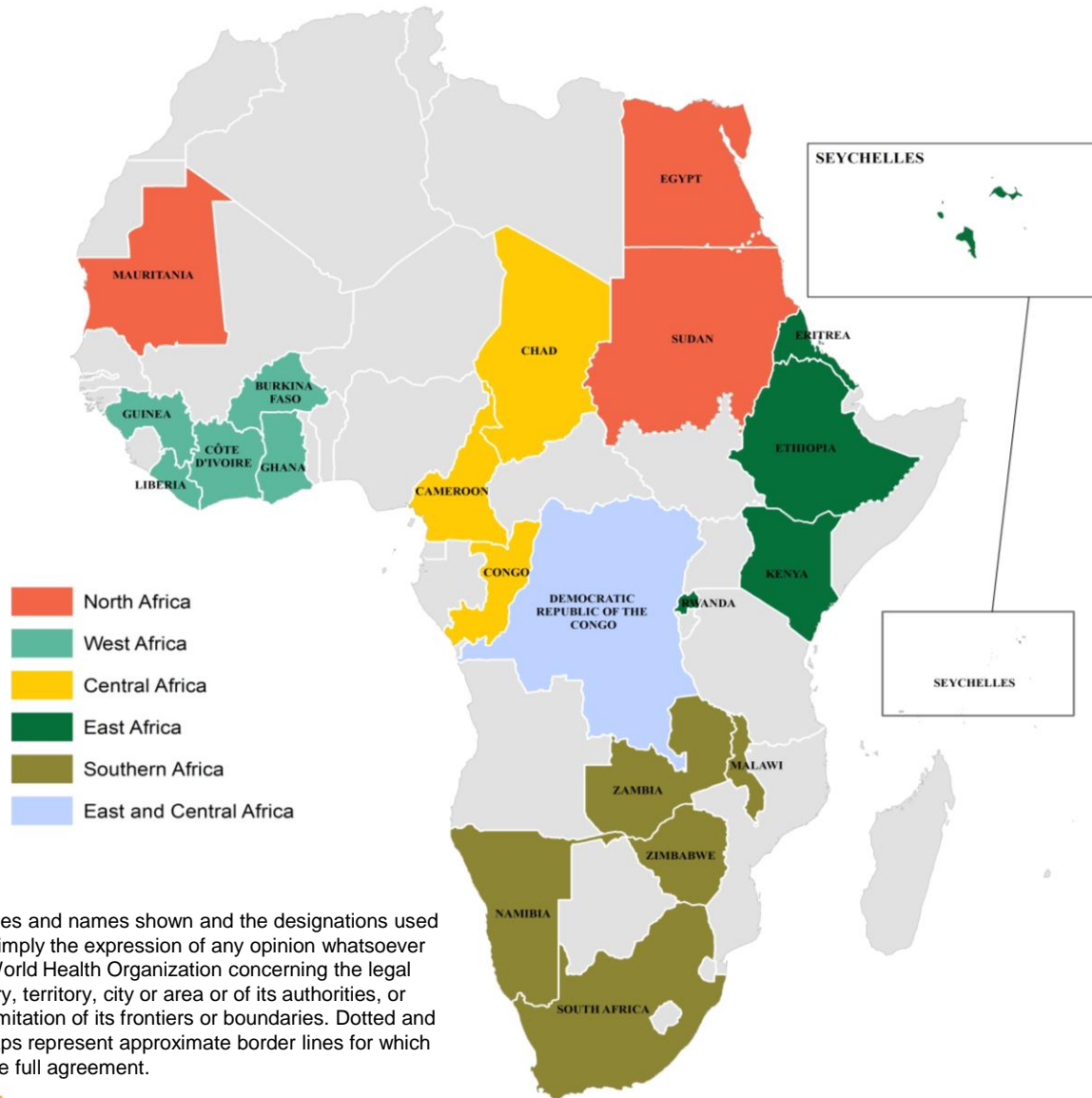
1. Burkina Faso
2. Côte d'Ivoire
3. Ghana
4. Guinea
5. Liberia

EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA

1. DR Congo

SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. Malawi
2. Namibia
3. South Africa
4. Zambia
5. Zimbabwe



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4. ECA ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES OF FOCUS (22) CONT'D

NORTH AFRICA



SUDAN

Foreign Resource Mobilisation in Sudan

- Policy brief on Foreign Currency Mobilization

Macroeconomic policies

- Capacity building on the ECA Macro econometric model
- Research paper on Fiscal policy and SDGs showing North Africa

Statistics

- Technical assistance to the Bureau of Statistics on its action plan & GDP Rebasing

Trade and regional integration

- National AfCFTA forum with the Ministry of Industry and Trade

Development Planning and SDGs

- Workshop on **development planning** for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, the Population Council, the National Council of Strategic Planning and planning focal points in various ministries
- Workshop and collaboration on the **IPRT**
- (Organising) Stakeholders forum on **mainstreaming the national development plans at sectoral and state levels**



GHANA

Macroeconomics

- Support to the production of the Compact of Chief Directors of the Civil Service of the Republic of Ghana in support of the implementation of the Country's development agenda

Mining

- Study on opportunities in upstream value addition in Ghana's mining sector
- Assistance in facilitating South-South cooperation between in Mining between the government of Ghana and Chile

Regional integration, Industrialization and Trade

- National Conference on the AfCFTA in August 2019 on the theme of: Harnessing the Benefits of the African Continental Free Trade Area for Ghana Beyond Aid.
- Training workshop with on designing national AGOA utilization strategies

SDG: Strengthening capacities for Integrated Planning and Reporting

- Training on the use of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Tool (IPRT)

WEST AFRICA

4. ECA ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES OF FOCUS (22) CONT'D

CENTRAL AFRICA



CAMEROON

Economic diversification policy

- Support to the coordination of the review and the operationalisation of the country's Industrial Development Masterplan (PDI)
- High-level policy dialogues on economic diversification, structural transformation and related issues.
- Support to the review of Cameroon's Strategic Document for Growth and Employment (DSCE 2010-2019)

Macroeconomic management, fiscal policy and statistics

- Domesticating the ECA macro-model to support evidence-based policy making and analysis in Cameroon

Trade

- Formulation of Cameroon's national AfCFTA strategy
- Sensitization forum on AfCFTA

Digital transition

- Support to the implementation of Cameroon's digital development strategy



ETHIOPIA

EAST AFRICA

Macroeconomic & Fiscal management practices

- Macroeconomic modelling training workshop for experts from the Ministry of Finance and the National Bank of Ethiopia

Trade and regional integration

- Study on the potential impact of AfCFTA ratification on the Ethiopian economy
- Support to the Ethiopian Investment Commission in business negotiations with a view to settling disputes and strengthening regulatory framework

Digital identity

- Formulation of a strategy for the planning and roll-out of an effective digital identity programme

Energy sector

- Review of the energy regulatory framework of Ethiopia

National Statistical System

- Assistance to the newly established Immigration, Nationality and Vital Events Agency in developing systems on CRVS

4. ECA ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES OF FOCUS (22) CONT'D

SOUTHERN AFRICA



MALAWI

Trade and regional integration

- AfCFTA stakeholder sensitization workshop
- (Ongoing) Support to the preparation of the National AfCFTA Strategy and Implementation Plan

Aligning national development plans with the SDGs and Agenda 2063

- Establishment of Community of Practice (CoP)/ Network for National Planning Entities (NPEs) in the region



THANK YOU!

Ideas
to
Action