

**Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials
and Experts for North Africa**

Thirty-fifth meeting

17 November 2020

Theme: “Recovering from COVID-19: Policies and Strategies for North Africa”

Provisional programme of work

Tuesday, 17 November

10.00 –10.30 a.m. **Opening session (agenda item 1)**

Opening statements:

- **Mr. Omar Abu Eish**, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
- **Dr Vera Songwe**, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- **Mr. Taïeb Baccouche**, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)

Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda items 2 and 3)

10.30 –11.30 a.m. **The evolution of economic and social conditions in North Africa: regional profile review – North Africa (agenda item 4)**

- *Presentation: UNECA*

Review of the Implementation of Regional and International Development Agendas and Special Initiatives (agenda item 5)

- *Presentation: UNECA*
- *General discussion*

11.30–12.00 a.m. **Statutory issues (agenda item 6)**

- **Report on the activities of the ECA Subregional Office for North Africa (October 2019-September 2020) and work programme for 2021**
- *Presentation: UNECA*
- *General discussion*

12.00 –12.15 p.m. **Date and venue of the next ICE meeting (agenda item 7)**

12.15 –12.30 p.m. **Any other business (agenda item 8)**

12.45 –13.00 p.m. **End of the meeting (agenda item 9)**

- *Vote of thanks*
- *Closing remarks.*