

Concept Note

Validation of Case Studies

ECA Mission to Cameroon for the UN Development
Account Tenth Tranche Project title

*“Strengthening of the Capacities of African
Governments for Integrating Accountability in
Development Planning”*

November 5-6, 2018

La Falaise Hotel, Yaoundé

I. BACKGROUND

In 2016, ECA's Capacity Development Division has received funding for a DA Tenth Tranche project. The overall objective is to strengthen the capacity of African national planning institutions to integrate accountability frameworks and evidence-based policies in their development planning processes and to strengthen the capacity of African national statistics institutions to collect, compile and produce the data necessary to inform and support development planning.

The bedrock of this process is an evidence-based and data-driven policy-making approach, which relies on building credible accountability frameworks into the planning process with specific milestones and targets that can be verified, measured, and monitored. Project activities focus on five African countries (Benin, Cameroon, Egypt, Kenya and Zambia) for a duration of three years (June 2016 – June 2019).

In February of 2017, the Capacity Development Division, in collaboration with ECA's Sub-regional Office-Central Africa, launched the 10th Tranche Development Account project in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Since the launch, two Cameroonian National Consultants have been recruited for the implementation of the project: One in Development Planning, and the other in Statistics. In the first phase of the project the Planning Consultant was to develop a case study of Cameroon by assessing the status and progress of its national planning process; and examining the existing evaluation and monitoring frameworks to gauge entry points for strengthening Cameroon's accountability and evidence-based policymaking mechanisms. Similarly, the Statistics Consultant to develop a case study of Cameroon by assessing the national statistical institution's ability to collect, compile, produce and use the data necessary for strengthening accountability in development planning.

The two Case studies have now been submitted by both national Consultants, and in this regards, a national workshop is being organized in order to serve as a platform for the validation of the results of the Case Studies with all the stakeholders.



II. OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The main objective of this national workshop is to validate and showcase the findings of the Case Study on mainstreaming accountability in development planning in Cameroon to all the stakeholders.

More specifically, this workshop aims to:

- Acquire a common understanding of the different stages of the case studies including adopted methodologies;
- Decide on the content of the final reports in accordance with the objectives of the Development Account project;
- Obtain technical input from Cameroon's planning and statistics experts to make necessary amendments to the final case study reports.

III. EXPECTED RESULTS

The main expected results are:

- Stakeholders have an improved and common understanding of the different stages of conducting case studies and methodology;
- All necessary amendments are made to the Final Report of the Case Studies;
- The final reports of the Case Studies are validated and available to all stakeholders.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

The national workshop for the validation of the Case Studies on mainstreaming accountability in development planning in Cameroon will involve the 70 participants, including:

- Executives and planning experts;
- Statistics executives and experts;
- Partners involved;



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- o Concerned civil society organizations;
- o Concerned private sector organizations.



V. DATES AND LOCATION OF WORKSHOP

The workshop is proposed to be organized with the collaboration with SRO-CA, location: TBD for the dates of 5 to 6 November 2018, La Falaise Hotel, Yaoundé, Cameroon.

VI. WORKING LANGUAGES

The workshop will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation in all languages.

VII. COMPOSITION OF THE ECA DELEGATION

The ECA delegation will be composed of the following staff:

1. Mr. Sylvain Boko, Capacity Development Division (Chief of Mission)
2. Mr. Assogba Hodonou, Lead Consultant of the DA project
3. Ms. Bitanya Tarekegn, Consultant, Capacity Development Division
4. Ms. Iman Mohamed, Administrative Assistant, Capacity Development Division

VIII. FOCAL POINTS

At ECA, it will be coordinated by the Capacity Development Division (CDD). The focal person is **Prof. Sylvain BOKO**, Principal Regional Advisor and Head, Development Planning and Statistics Cluster/Advisory Services. Email: sylvainb@un.org ; Tel: +251-11-544-5058; Cell: +251-94-025-6882.

In Cameroon, it will be coordinated by ECA's Sub-regional Office-Central Africa (SRO-CA). The focal person is **Dr. Mama KEITA**, Head of the Data Center. Email: keita11@un.org ; Tel: +237 671 041 431