

ECA's Approach in supporting the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 11 and the New Urban Agenda in Africa

• Background/Short Description of the Event:

In support of the implementation of the urban commitments in Agenda 2030, Agenda 2063 and the New Urban Agenda, the Urbanization programme of ECA has prepared a tool, a Guidebook to support African member States in strategically integrating urbanization in national development planning as an accelerator of long term priorities for inclusive growth. The tool profiles well planned and managed cities as a necessary pathway to structural transformation, and sheds light on how cities and urbanization impact development, providing several entry points for policymaking and implementation. Further, and as a complement to the Guidebook, ECA has also supported the development of a Monitoring and Reporting framework for the NUA in Africa and a Regional Core Set of City Level Indicators to help countries monitor global, regional, national and sub-regional priorities, including Agenda 2030, Agenda 2063, the New Urban Agenda, and national priorities.

• Objectives:

To share and review a tool for integrating urbanization in National Development Planning in Africa to strengthen the implementation of SDG 11, the NUA and Agenda 2063, as well as a harmonized regional framework and a City Level Indicator Set to support monitoring and reporting.

More specifically, the EGM aims at:

- ➤ Reviewing the pertinence of ECA's tool for the integration of urbanization in national development planning to support implementation of SDG 11, the NUA and Agenda 2063;
- ➤ Reviewing the harmonized regional framework and City Level Indicator to support monitoring and reporting at regional and national levels;
- ➤ Obtaining insights on possible ways to scaling up the dissemination and application of the tools more widely among policy and decision-makers;
- ➤ Identifying opportunities for collaboration and technical assistance with member States and other partners and stakeholders;

• Expected Outcomes:

Strengthened awareness and capacities to implement, monitor and report urban related commitments; SDG 11, Agenda 2063 and the NUA through a multi-sectoral and strategic approach aligned to national development planning

• Target audience:

African national experts and policy makers from varied sectors, including national development planning, urban and territorial planning, economic planning. Representatives of local authorities, civil society, academia and other partners and stakeholders are expected to be present.

- Date, Venue and Time: 2 May 2018; King Fahd Palace Hotel, Salle C103; 09:00-17:00
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