



# United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

## Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting

### Quality of institutions and structural transformation: distortions and resources allocation in North Africa

**Golden Tulip Hotel, Rabat, 26-27 September 2018**

## Programme of work

### Day 1: Wednesday 26 September 2018

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| 08h30 – 9h00  | Registration   |
| 09h00 – 9h15  | Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Ms Lilia Hachem Naas</b>, Director, ECA-North Africa</li><li>– <b>Mr. Ayache Khellaf</b>, Director of Forecasting and Foresight, High Commission of Planning, Morocco (HCP)</li></ul>  |
| 09h15 – 13h   | <b>Session 1: Structural transformation in Africa and North Africa</b>   |
| 09h15 – 10h45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Structural change and misallocation: theory and measurement (<b>Mr. Zoubir Benhamouche - ECA-NA</b>)</li><li>– Demand - driven structural transformation in Africa (<b>Mr. Nicola Cantore – UNIDO</b>)</li><li>– Discussion</li></ul>  |
| 10h45 – 11h00 | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 11h00 – 13h00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Country cases on structural transformation and policies</li><li>– <b>Mr. Yacine Belarbi</b>, Directeur Général, Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliquée pour le Développement – Algeria</li><li>– <b>Mr. Moctar Salem El Mouna</b>, Directeur Général, Etudes et Réformes, Ministry of Finance, Mauritania</li><li>– <b>Mr. Adil Hidane</b>, Directeur Adjoint, Direction des Etudes et des Prévisions Financières, Ministry of Finance, Morocco</li><li>– <b>Mr. Kabrain Hassan Gaffar Abdelrahman</b>, Deputy D.G for General Directorate for Planning and Economic Policies, Ministry of Finance, Sudan</li><li>– <b>Mr. Zouhair Elkadhi</b>, Directeur Général, Institut Tunisien de la Compétitivité et des Etudes quantitatives (ITCEQ) – Tunisia</li><li>– Discussion</li></ul> |
| 13h00 – 14h00 | <i>Lunch</i>   |

- 14h00 – 17h30 **Session 2: Sources of misallocation**
- 14h00 – 15h30
- Capital market distortions (**Mr. Hannes Mueller**, ECA-NA consultant)
  - Labor market distortions (**Mr. Zoubir Benhamouche**, ECA-NA)
  - Discussion
- 15h30 – 15h45 *Coffee break*
- 15h45 – 17h30
- Distortions of total factor productivity (**Mr. Bruno Conte Leite**, ECA-NA consultant)
  - Discussion

*End of day 1*

## **Day 2: Thursday 27 September 2018**

- 09h30 – 13h00 **Session 3: Addressing distortions and misallocation in North Africa**
- 9h30 – 11h30
- Privilege resistant policies (**Ms Meriem Ait Ali Slimane**, World Bank)
  - Policies for structural transformation and jobs creation in North Africa (**Mr. Rodrigo Dieana**, OECD)
  - The structural transformation and complexity of the Moroccan economy: misallocation of knowledge rather than factors (**Ms. Mariam El Joubari**, High Commission of Planning, Morocco)
  - Discussion
- 11h30 – 11h 45 *Coffee break*
- 11h45 – 13h00
- Policies to reduce misallocation (Mr. Hannes Mueller, ECA-NA consultant)
  - Discussion
- 13h00 – 14h30 *Lunch*
- 14h30 – 17h30 **Session 4: Policy recommendations**
- 14h30 – 16h00 Working group on policy recommendations
- 16h00 – 17h30 EGM recommendations and closing

*End of the EGM*