



SIDE EVENT

Book launch

ECA – 60 Years in Step with African Development

Background

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) plays a key role in promoting Africa's transformation agenda and advancing the implementation of the United Nations reforms at the regional level in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want. 2018 marked the sixtieth anniversary of ECA. During that period, it has made important contributions to the development agenda in Africa and beyond, and continues to have an important role to play as new challenges emerge in Africa. To celebrate this milestone, ECA has compiled a book outlining the establishment of ECA, its mandate, mode of operations, its executive direction and the programmatic orientations during the past six decades. The book takes stock of some of the Commission's outstanding achievements through its four knowledge-based operations areas, namely: policy analysis and advocacy; convening and consensus building; technical cooperation and capacity-building permeated in ECA programmes, projects and activities at the regional, subregional and national levels; and enhancing the United Nations' role in Africa by facilitating coordination and synergies among United Nations programmes. In addition, the book highlights success stories from the programme support pillar and provides, in the closing chapter, an outline of the new strategic directions of ECA – an opportunity offered by the diamond jubilee anniversary to reposition itself to respond to the new and emerging challenges and continental priorities, and to the aspirations of continental institutions and member States.

Objective

The main objective of this publication is to showcase ECA contributions to the development agenda of Africa during the past 60 years illustrated in stories and photographs. ECA is a key player on the African institutional landscape tasked in tackling the continent's development challenges. The launch of this book provides an opportunity for ECA to share success stories with policymakers, member States, partners and other stakeholders.

Expected outcomes

- Successful book launch

Target audience

- Officials of the ministries of finance, economic planning and industry
- National and regional planners
- Investors
- Civil society and the private sector
- Policymakers
- Academia

Venue and date

- Marrakech, Morocco
- 25 March 2019

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