

ANNEX I

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED BY ECA DURING THE PERIOD 1998 – 2000 (by subprogramme)

This annex provides a detailed list of the outputs under each subprogramme including the activities undertaken by each of the five SRDCs of ECA. The activities consisted mainly of meetings, seminars and conferences organized under each subprogramme as well as those sponsored or convened by other institutions and where ECA was involved as a participant or presenter.

SUBPROGRAMME 1. FACILITATING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY ANALYSIS

(a) Meetings seminars and conferences organized by the subprogramme

- (i) Joint Conference of African Ministers of Finance and Ministers of Economic Planning and Development, and its Intergovernmental Group of Experts meeting; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 30 April- 8 May 1999;
- (ii) Subregional Follow-up Conference to the World Summit for Social Development:
 - East and Southern Africa: Nairobi, Kenya, 15-17 March 1999;
 - North Africa, Marrakech, Morocco, 23-25 March 1999;
 - Central and West Africa: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 28-30 September 1999;
- (iii) Regional Conference on Brain Drain and Capacity Building in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, February 2000;
- (iv) African Youth Forum of the UN system, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 10-14 April 2000;
- (v) High-Level Regional Consultative Meeting on Financing for Development and preparatory meeting for the third UN Conference on LDCs, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 15-17 November 2000;
- (vi) Eighth session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 2000.

(b) Ad hoc experts group meetings on:

- (i) Quantitative and qualitative data for poverty analysis, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 12-13 October, 1999;
- (ii) Africa in the post-Uruguay Round: Raising Africa's competitiveness, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 19-21 October 1999;
- (iii) Growth strategies for Africa : Lessons and proposals, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 7-8 December, 1999;
- (iv) Appropriate follow-up mechanism to the first WTO Ministerial Conference and modalities to facilitate Africa's effective participation in the second WTO Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 9-11 March 1999;
- (v) Development strategies for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-24 March 2000;

- (vi) Development implications of civil conflicts in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 7-8 April 2000;
- (vii) Promotion of investment agencies in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 5-6 September 2000.

(c) Participation in other meetings, conferences and seminars

- (i) First OAU/ECA African Ministers of Trade Conference, Harare, Zimbabwe, April 1998;
- (ii) Third Ministerial Conference of the Cross-Border Initiative, Harare, Zimbabwe, April 1998;
- (iii) Meeting of the Governing Council of the African Capital Markets Forum, Nairobi, Kenya, March 1998;
- (iv) Twenty-second Ordinary Session of the OAU Labour and Social Affairs Commission, Windhoek, Namibia, 19-20 April 1999;
- (v) Pan-African conference on the African debt crisis, Libreville, Gabon, April 1999;
- (vi) Second Ordinary Session of OAU/AEC Ministers of Trade, Customs and Immigration, Algiers, Algeria, 20-24 September, 1999;
- (vii) Preparatory meeting of Senior Trade Negotiators for the Seattle WTO Ministerial Conference and tenth UNCTAD Conference (jointly organized with OAU), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21-23 July 1999;
- (viii) Conference on the HIPC Initiative, Cotonou, Benin, November 1999;
- (ix) EAGER All Africa Conference on Africa in the third Millennium: Trade and growth with equity, Gaborone, Botswana, 18-20 October 1999.

**SUBPROGRAMME 2: ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
IN AFRICA**

(a) Meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the subprogramme

- (i) First meeting of the Working Group on the Follow-up to the DND and the ICPD-PA, Dakar, Senegal, 6-7 May 1998;
- (ii) Third meeting of the Follow-up Committee on the Implementation of DND and ICPD-PA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 23-25 September 1998 (FSSDD/ICPD/FC.3/98/L);
- (iii) Regional stakeholders workshop on food security and environmental linkages in the Greater Horn of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 4-6 February 1998;
- (iv) Internal Experts Group seminar for presentation of the PEDDA model, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4-6 November 1998;
- (v) Workshop on integrating wetlands and water resources management, Dakar, Senegal, November 1998;
- (vi) Seminar on Environmental and Natural Resource Accounting, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 26-28 October 1998;
- (vii) Workshop on soil fertility management, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 23-25 March 1998;
- (viii) High-Level Experts Group meeting on agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, September 1999;

- (ix) High-Level seminar on key issues in science and technology policies and strategies;
- (x) First meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 25-20 January 1999;
- (xi) Second meeting of the ECA Advisory Board on Science and Technology, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4-5 June 1999;
- (xii) Second meeting of the Working Group on the Follow-up to DND and ICPD-PA, Dakar, Senegal, 14-16 June 1999;
- (xiii) Workshop on Women's reproductive health and household food security in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 11-13 October 1999;
- (xiv) First meeting of the expanded Joint Secretariat for the Rio+10 preparatory process;
- (xv) First meeting of the Committee on Natural Resources and Science and Technology, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 15-18 November 1999;
- (xvi) High-Level stakeholders meeting on sustainable development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 17-10 January 2000;
- (xvii) Subregional meeting on the Forestry Outlook Study for Africa (FOSA), for Eastern Africa, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia, 17-19 April 2000;
- (xviii) Third meeting of the Advisory Board on Science and Technology, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2-4 October 2000;
- (xix) Second meeting of the Advisory Board on Population, Environment, and Agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 24-26 October 2000;
- (xx) Regional African Ministerial Conference on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, 6-8 November 2000.

(b) Participation in other meetings, conferences and seminars

- (i) UNFPA Round-table on reproductive health and reproductive rights, Kampala, Uganda, June 1998;
- (ii) The Hague Forum for the operational review and appraisal of the implementation of ICPD-PA, The Hague, the Netherlands, 8-12 February 1999;
- (iii) Thirty-second session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, New York, USA, 22-31 March 1999;
- (iv) Second Scientific Advisory Committee meeting of the International Training Programme in Population and Sustainable Development, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana, 3-4 June 1999;
- (v) Third General Assembly of the African Population Commission, Abuja, Nigeria, 10-14 June 1999;
- (vi) Africa Regional Council Conference of the International Association of University Presidents, Accra, Ghana, June 1999;

- (vii) United Nations General Assembly Special Session on ICPD+5, New York, USA, 30 June – 2 July 1999;
- (viii) Regional Consultative meeting on Sustainable Development in Africa, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 7-9 September 1999;
- (ix) Workshop 99: The Food Chain in sub-Saharan Africa: Linking Farmers to Markets, Bamako, Mali, 14-19 October 1999;
- (x) International seminar on reproductive health in Africa, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 9-12 November 1999;
- (xi) First Subregional conference on HIV/AIDS and agriculture (West and Central Africa), Elmina, Ghana, 22-26 November 1999;
- (xii) FAO Regional Conference for Africa, Yaoundé, Cameroon, 19-25 February 2000;
- (xiii) Subregional symposium on trade liberalization and food security in West Africa, Lome, Togo, February 2000;
- (xiv) The thirty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development, New York, USA, 27-31 March 2000;
- (xv) Sixth meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts of SRDC-SA, Windhoek, Namibia, 11-14 April 2000;
- (xvi) Workshop on subregional programme for reintegration of returnees, Jijiga, Ethiopia, 23-27 May 2000;
- (xvii) Subregional workshop on the topic, "*From State Monopoly to Private Oligopoly: African Input Markets in Crisis*";
- (xviii) First session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly for Habitat II+5;
- (xix) Eighth session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN);
- (xx) Second meeting of the Working Group on the follow-up to DND and ICPD-PA, Dakar, Senegal, 14-16 June 2000.

SUBPROGRAMME 3: STRENGTHENING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

- (a) Meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the subprogramme
 - (i) Workshop on strategic framework for designing and providing support services to enhance the global competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs);
 - (ii) Ad hoc experts group meeting on prototype codes and indicators for monitoring efficiency in administrative governance in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 16-18 March 2000;
 - (iii) Ad hoc experts group meeting on strengthening the effectiveness of local government financial resources management, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, December 2000;
 - (iv) Ad hoc experts group meeting on the development implications of civil conflicts in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 7-8 April 2000;

- (v) Workshop on the role of civil society in conflict prevention and resolution, Lusaka, Zambia, 5-7 June 2000;
- (vi) Meeting of the Steering Committee of the African Centre for Civil Society, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 5-6 April 2000.

(b) Participation in other meetings, conferences and seminars

- (i) Commonwealth Conference on Corporate Governance, Nairobi, Kenya, 30 October – 3 November 2000;
- (ii) Conference on strengthening the competitiveness of SMEs in the global economy, Bologna, Italy, 12-15 June 2000; and Reggio Calabria, Italy, 16-17 June 2000;
- (iii) Strengthening ECA/ADB cooperation, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 2-4 May 2000;
- (iv) Sixth Congress of OSSREA, Dar-es-Salaam, 24-28 April 2000;
- (v) Global Knowledge Conference II, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 7-10 March 2000;
- (vi) CAPAM Biennial Conference, Capetown, South Africa, 15-18 October 2000;
- (vii) Second meeting of the Project Steering Group for the UNECA/UNDP "Public Service Ethics in Africa" project and the closing meeting of the fourth African Governance Forum, Kampala, 3-4 September 2000;
- (viii) Conference of Directors of Civil Service, Abuja, Nigeria, 26-29 June 2000;
- (ix) Workshop on tools for strengthening the development of micro-, small and medium sized enterprises, Nairobi, Kenya, 12-14 June 2000;
- (x) Asia-Africa Business Association Summit, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 24-26 July 2000;
- (xi) ECA/UNDP fourth African Governance Forum meeting on the contribution of the parliamentary process in strengthening governance in Africa, Kampala, Uganda, 1-4 September 2000;
- (xii) Twenty-third International Standards Organization General Assembly, Milan, Italy, 26-30 September 2000;
- (xiii) African 2000 Summit on financing African local governments to strengthen democracy and sustainable development, Windhoek, Namibia, 15-20 May 2000;
- (xiv) Regional seminar for English-speaking African parliamentarians, Nairobi, Kenya, 22-24 May 2000.

SUBPROGRAMME 4: HARNESSING INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

(a) Meetings, seminars workshops and conferences organized by the subprogramme

- (i) Workshop on the development of NICI plans and strategies, Windhoek, Namibia, May 1998;
- (ii) International symposium on telemedicine for the Arab World, Europe and Africa, Tunis, Tunisia, September 1998;

- (iii) Workshop on information society policy awareness and NICI plans, Kigali, Rwanda, December 1998;
- (iv) Conference on global connectivity for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 1998;
- (v) Subregional workshop on internet node operations, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe; August 1998;
- (vi) ADF '99 post-Forum Summit review meeting, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 27-29 March 2000;
- (vii) Sixth meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts for Southern Africa and subregional NICI workshop, Windhoek, Namibia, 11-14 April 2000;
- (viii) Subregional workshop on NICI in Southern Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 19-21 June 2000.

(b) Participation in other meetings, conferences, seminars, and workshops

- (i) Workshop on SMEs, Cairo, Egypt, 28-30 January 2000;
- (ii) ECA workshop on African telecommunications, Nairobi, Kenya, 26-27 February 2000;
- (iii) Commsphere 2000, Madras, India, 28 February -2 March 2000;
- (iv) Global Knowledge II Conference and Action Summit, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 7-10 March 2000;
- (v) International Corporation for the Assignment of Names and Numbers (ICANN) meeting, Cairo, Egypt, 7-10 March 2000;
- (vi) Meeting of AfroNIC, Cape Town, South Africa, 6-7 May 2000;
- (vii) Conference on the topic, "Internet and National Cultures: Problems and Perspectives", organized by the Centre for African Studies of the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 1-3 June 2000;
- (viii) ITU Conference, Banjul, the Gambia, 5-9 June 2000;
- (ix) International symposium on information technology for development, organized as an input to the G8 Meeting, Okinawa, Japan 2-4 July 2000;
- (x) ECOSOC Segment on Information Technology for Development, New York, USA, July 2000;
- (xi) Forum for African telecommunications regulators, South Africa, 29 August – 1 September 2000;
- (xii) UNESCO Workshop on Infoethics, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-15 September 2000;
- (xiii) Meeting of the Global Society for Development, Reims, Germany, 1-4 October 2000;
- (xiv) UNESCO's International Technical Advisory Group for IDAMS software, Paris, France, 2-5 October 2000;
- (xv) World Bank/InfoDev workshop on ICT and poverty reduction, Cairo, Egypt, 9-10 October 2000;
- (xvi) Workshop on gender mainstreaming, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 16-19 October 2000;
- (xvii) Forum for African telecommunications regulators, Gaborone, Botswana, 25-27 October 2000;

- (xviii) AFRISTAT Experts Group meeting on the harmonization of activities and products classification, Bamako, Mali 6-10 March 2000;
- (xix) National Accountants Association: Eighth colloquia on National Accounts, Paris, France, 19-22 January 2000;
- (xx) Meeting of the United Nations Statistical Commission, New York, USA, 29 February – 3 March 2000;
- (xxi) Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts, New York, USA, 5-7 April 2000;
- (xxii) Joint ECE/EUROSTAT/OECD meeting on National Accounts, Geneva, Switzerland, 26-28 April 2000;
- (xxiii) Millennium Conference of Commonwealth Statisticians, Gaborone, Botswana, 1-5 May 2000;
- (xxiv) Second meeting of the John Hopkins Consultative Group on the development of a handbook for non-profit institutions in the 1993 System of National Accounts, New York, USA, 8-9 June 2000;
- (xxv) Meeting to launch the partnerships in Statistics for development in the twenty-first Century, (Paris 21) Initiative and follow-up meetings, Paris, France, November 2000;
- (xxvi) African Heads of State meeting on growth and poverty reduction: Agenda for Africa at the dawn of the third Millennium.

SUBPROGRAMME 5: PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION

A. Facilitating Regional Cooperation and Integration

Meetings, seminars and workshops organized by the subprogramme

- (i) Ad hoc experts group meeting on tapping private sector resources, market forces and international capital to accelerate African economic integration;
- (ii) Regional seminar on harmonization of African countries' commitments under the Treaty establishing AEC and international multilateral trade agreements;
- (iii) Workshop on analytical, communication and negotiating skills for African negotiators.

B. Transport and Communication

Meetings, conferences and seminars

- (i) Ad hoc experts group meeting on private sector participation in infrastructure development in Africa, jointly organized by ECA, the World Bank Institute, OAU and ADB, Lusaka, Zambia, 8-11 May 2000;
- (ii) Seminar on transport facilitation for Eastern Africa;
- (iii) OAU Summit of Heads of State and Government, which endorsed the Yamoussoukro Declaration on the liberalization of the air traffic market in Africa, Lome, Togo, July 2000;
- (iv) Meeting on the sub-Saharan African Transport Policy Programme;

- (v) International Transportation Symposium organized by the US Secretary of Transportation, Washington D.C., 9 - 13 October 2000;
- (vi) First meeting of the monitoring body of the Yamoussoukro Declaration.

C. The Water Sector

Meetings, conferences and seminars

- (i) Eighth annual meeting of the Inter-agency Group for Water Management in Africa, Accra, Ghana, 25-27 January 2000;
- (ii) Tripartite meeting of the OAU/ADB/ECA Follow-up meeting on the World Water Vision, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, July 2000;
- (iii) Exhibition at the second World Water Forum, organized by the World Water Council, the Hague, the Netherlands, 16-22 March 2000;
- (iv) Preparatory meetings for the finalization of the African Water Vision 2025 jointly organized by ADB/OAU/World Bank and other partners, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, January 2000;
- (v) Coordinating meetings of the UN-SIA Water Working Group at The Hague, the Netherlands, 20 March 2000 and in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 2000;
- (vi) Launching of the International Water Assessment Centre, organized by ECE in The Hague, the Netherlands, 22 September 2000;
- (vii) Participation in the special preparatory meeting for the World Water Development Report, organized by DESA at the UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, 21-22 September 2000;
- (viii) Participation in the seventh Nile 2002 meeting in Addis Ababa, 18 - 20 June 2000.

D. Mining and Energy

Meetings, conferences and seminars

- (i) Ad hoc experts group meeting on mobilizing capital for development of Africa's mineral and energy resources: A new dimension in public and private sector partnership;
- (ii) The first meeting of the Committee on Natural Resources and Science and Technology, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 15-18 November 1999.

SUBPROGRAMME 6: PROMOTING THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

(a) Meetings, seminars, and conferences organized by ACW (1998-2000)

- (i) African Women and Economic Development: Investing In Our Future Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 28 April - 1 May 1998;
- (ii) Meeting of the Committee on Women and Development, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 2-5 April 1999;
- (iii) Sixth African Regional Conference on Women, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-26 November 1999;
- (iv) Meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Women and Development, New York, 7 March 2000;

- (v) Ad hoc experts group meeting on the preparation of a methodology for The African Women's Report 2002, on the theme: "Mainstreaming Gender in Governance and Decision-making: A challenge for Africa," Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 23-25 November 2000;
 - (vi) Subregional follow-up meetings on the Implementation of Dakar and Beijing Platforms for Action;
 - (vii) Meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the sixth African Regional conference on Women.
- (b) Participation in other meetings, conferences and seminars
- (i) FAO Forum on rural Women and information, Rome, Italy, October 1999;
 - (ii) World Bank Gender and Law Conference, Washington, D.C; September 1999.

SUBPROGRAMME 7: PROMOTING SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

A. Activities undertaken by the Subregional Development Centre for Central Africa (SRDC-CA)

- (a) Meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the Centre.
- (i) Seminar on Internet and Africa's Development, Yaounde, Cameroon, 8 June 1998;
 - (ii) Seminar on managing issues of the nexus of population, food security and the environment in Central Africa: A regional policy framework, Kribi, Cameroon, 9-13 March 1998;
 - (iii) Training seminar for NGOs (Mbalmayo, Cameroon, 15-18 June 1998);
 - (iv) Seminar on telecommunications and new information and communication technologies, Yaounde, Cameroon, 8-9 June 1998;
 - (v) Symposium on national policy on partnership between government and civil society organizations in Cameroon, Yaounde, Cameroon, 11-12 June 1998;
 - (vi) Ad hoc experts group meeting on the relaunching of ECCAS, Yaounde, Cameroon, October 1998;
 - (vii) Panel discussions on: *Le Franc CFA et l'avènement de l'euro; La redynamisation de l'intégration régionale et coopération sous-régionale en Afrique centrale;*
 - (viii) NGOs meeting, Bafoussam, Cameroon, 2-5 September 1998;
 - (ix) Seminar on non-conventional food, Sangmelima, Cameroon, 26-30 April 1999;
 - (x) Sixteenth and seventeenth meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, June 1998;
 - (xi) Cyber Forum for NGOs and women entrepreneurs, Douala, Cameroon, 10-12 November 1999;
 - (xii) Workshop on modelling and applications to Central African Republic, Bangui, 6-11 December 1999;

- (xiii) Workshop on capacity-building for administrative decentralization, urban development and spatial planning, Limbe, Cameroon, 14-18 December 1999;
- (xiv) Eighteenth meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts, N'Djamena, Chad, April 2000;
- (xv) Training seminar for NGOs of West Cameroon, Bafoussam, Cameroon, 7-10 February 2000;
- (xvi) *Réunion ad hoc du groupe d'experts sur les réseaux des femmes de l'Afrique Centrale, Douala, Cameroon, 23-27 novembre 2000;*
- (xvii) Presentation debate on strategic emerging issues: Lessons from the Seattle WTO Summit, Yaounde, Cameroon, 10 -12 October 2000.

(b) Participation in other meetings, conferences and seminars

- (i) Second extraordinary meeting of Experts of UDEAC/CEMAC and Ministerial session, Libreville, Gabon, 17-19 January 1998;
- (ii) Conference of Heads of State and Government of ECCAS, Libreville, Gabon, 2-7 February, 1998;
- (iii) UDEAC/CEMAC meeting on agriculture, Bangui Central Africa Republic, 25-29 September 1998;
- (iv) First preparatory meeting for the sixth Regional Conference on Women, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 25-28 January 1999;
- (v) Preparatory workshop for the International Conference on Women and Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 17-20 February 1998;
- (vi) Training seminar on strategic planning for the health sector under the umbrella of NGOs, Yaounde, Cameroon, 30 July to 3 August 1998;
- (vii) *Formation de groupe séminaire sur les politiques et la promotion des investissements;*
- (viii) Central and West African subregional conference on the follow-up of the World Summit on Social Development, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 7-13 March, 1999;
- (ix) *Réunion des experts de la CEMAC, Bata, Guinée équatoriale, 24-27 mars 1999;*
- (x) Subregional meeting on the follow-up of the World Summit on Social Development Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 28-30 September 1999;
- (xi) Workshop on analytical communication and capacity-building for African negotiators, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 8-12 November 1999;
- (xii) Sixth African Regional Conference on Women, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-27 November 1999;
- (xiii) First African Development Forum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 24-28 October 1999.

B. Activities undertaken by the Subregional Development Centre for North Africa (SRDC-NA)

(a) Meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the Centre

- (i) Fifteenth meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts Tangiers, Morocco, 28-31 March 2000;
- (ii) Subregional Conference on HIV/AIDS in North Africa (jointly organized by SRDC-NA, ACARTSOD and Maghreb University), Tripoli, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, 31 October–1 November 2000;
- (iii) Consultations with partners: UMA, ECA and UNDP, Rabat, Morocco, 22 June 2000;
- (iv) Retreat organized in collaboration with UNDP, Morocco, to prepare Morocco's UNDAF 2002-2006, Tangier, Morocco, 28-29 September 2000.

(b) Participation in other meetings, seminars and conferences

- (i) Second National Forum of Feminine Solidarity, Casablanca, Morocco, 19 January 2000;
- (ii) Seventh annual meeting of the Inter-agency Group for Water Management in Africa, Accra, Ghana, 25-27 January 2000;
- (iii) Regional colloquium on Arab-African Women and the Challenges of the twenty-first Century, Casablanca, Morocco, 18-20 February 2000;
- (iv) First economic meeting of COMESA: Emerging African Markets Cairo, Egypt, 28-29 February 2000;
- (v) Round Table of African Businessmen, ninth General Assembly and International Conference on African Integration, Casablanca, Morocco, 25-28 March 2000;
- (vi) Twenty-third Ordinary Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission of OAU, Algiers, Algeria, 16-21 April 2000;
- (vii) Second meeting of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Economic and Social Development and Planning, Abuja, Nigeria, 1-5 May 2000;
- (viii) Meeting on the strategy of the cooperation programme between the Government of Morocco and UNICEF for the 2002-2006 cycle, Rabat, Morocco 18 September 2000;
- (ix) International meeting on emerging economies and policies for the promotion of SMEs, Rabat, Morocco, 5-6 October 2000;
- (x) Seminar on the role of Women in building a united Maghreb, Tunis, Tunisia, 10-11 November 2000;
- (xi) National Forum on the experience of Egypt in participating in development, Cairo, Egypt, 23-25 November 2000.

C. Activities undertaken by the Subregional Development Centre for Southern Africa (SRDC-SA)

(a) Meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the Centre

- (i) The sixth meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts Windhoek, Namibia, 11-13 April 2000;
- (ii) Ad hoc experts group meeting on gender networking to control HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa, Lusaka, Zambia 13-15 November 2000.

(b) Participation in other meetings, seminars and conferences organized by other ECA Divisions

- (i) Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers responsible for Minerals and Energy Development, Cape Town, South Africa, 7 February 2000;
- (ii) Regional Conference on Brain Drain and Capacity-building in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-24 February 2000;
- (iii) Ad hoc experts group meeting on the economic implications of civil conflicts in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 7 - 8 April 2000;
- (iv) Subregional training workshop on Civil Society Organization capacity-building for conflict prevention and resolution in Southern Africa, Lusaka, Zambia, 5 - 7 June 2000;
- (v) Second session of the ECA Ministerial Follow-up Committee, Abuja, Nigeria, 1-5 May 2000;
- (vi) Eighth session of the ECA Conference of Ministers of Finance, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21-22 November 2000;
- (vii) Second African Development Forum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 3-7 December 2000.

(c) Participation in meetings organized by other development partners

The Centre participated, on behalf of ECA, in the following meetings organized by regional economic communities and other development partners:

- (i) SADC Annual Consultative Conference, Ezulwini, Swaziland, 21-23 February 2000;
- (ii) SADC Regional Seminar on labour migration in Southern Africa, Lusaka, Zambia, 6 - 9 March; 2000. (The Centre presented a note on Labour migration in Southern Africa);
- (iii) SADC Regional Seminar for Parliamentarians on the Beijing+5 review process, Gaborone, Botswana, 24-30 April 2000;
- (iv) SADC Annual Summit meeting of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, Windhoek, Namibia, 1-8 August 2000;
- (v) COMESA first Regional Conference on COMESA: The Emerging African Market, Cairo, Egypt, 28-29 February 2000;

- (vi) COMESA annual meeting of the Summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, Mauritius, 14-20 May 2000;
- (vii) COMESA Workshop on axle load control, Lilongwe, Malawi, 23 – 25 August 2000;
- (viii) Help-Age International Africa Regional Workshop on the impact of changing family structures on lives of older people; the rights of older people; and older people and AIDS, Harare, Zimbabwe, 11 - 13 September 2000;
- (ix) OAU/Help-Age International experts meeting on the preparation of an OAU policy framework and Plan of Action on ageing, Kampala, Uganda, 27 November - 1 December 2000;
- (x) International Road Union (IRU) twenty- seventh World Congress, Brussels, Belgium, 17-20 May 2000;
- (xi) World Bank experts group meeting on low cost mobility in African cities, Delft, the Netherlands, 17-20 June 2000;
- (xii) African Capacity-Building Foundation Regional Workshop for national focal points on capacity-building in Africa, Lusaka, Zambia, 26-27 June 2000;
- (xiii) United States Department of Transportation meeting of the African Ministers in charge of Road Safety, Accra, Ghana, 19 – 20 September 2000.

(d) Field Projects

Technical and administrative backstopping of the project on the promotion of the informal sector for development in Africa - Pilot project in Zambia (funded by GTZ).

D. Activities undertaken by the Subregional Development Centre for West Africa (SRDC-WA)

(a) Meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the Centre

- (i) Third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts, Abuja, Nigeria, 5-11 June 2000;
- (ii) Ad hoc experts group meeting on guidelines for enhancing information exchange and networking in the West African web site, Abuja, Nigeria, 6 June 2000;
- (iii) Ad hoc experts group meeting on informal sector development in West Africa, Abuja, Nigeria, 6 June 2000;
- (iv) Seminar on physical integration in West Africa: Agenda for the development of infrastructure, Abuja, Nigeria, 7 June 2000.

(b) Participation in other meetings, seminars and conferences

- (i) Regional ad hoc experts group meeting on Africa's development strategies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 20-24 March 2000;
- (ii) Second consultative meeting of the Working Group on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development in the Mano River Basin countries, Conakry, Guinea, 23 - 24 March 2000;
- (iii) UNHCR meeting to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the Convention on Refugees, Conakry, Guinea, 25-26 March 2000;
- (iv) Second meeting of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee of the ECA Conference of Ministers responsible for Economic and Social Development and Planning, Abuja, Nigeria, 1-5 May 2000;
- (v) Ninetieth session of the Conference of Ministers of the Niger Basin Authority, Cotonou, Benin, 4-6 September 2000;
- (vi) Fifth session of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization – Africa Region, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 27 August – 2 September 2000;
- (vii) Council of Ministers meeting and Summit of Heads of State of the Mano River Union, Conakry, Guinea, 5-6 May 2000;
- (viii) Forum for the validation of the National Programme of Action for combating desertification and the management of natural resources, Niamey, the Niger, 6-8 September 2000;
- (ix) Workshop on Women's access to legal and judicial services in sub-Saharan Africa, Lome, Togo, 27-30 November 2000.

OTHER PROGRAMMES:

A. Activities undertaken under the programme on the United Nations – New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF)

(a) Meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the programme

- (i) Regional Conference on Brain Drain and Capacity-building in Africa (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-24 February 2000);
- (ii) Ad hoc experts group meeting on the development implications of civil conflicts in Africa, jointly organized by UN-NADAF/SIA and ESPD, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 7-8 April 2000;
- (iii) Follow-up meeting to the Regional Conference on Brain Drain and Capacity Building in Africa, Geneva, Switzerland, 28-30 June 2000;
- (iv) Ad hoc experts group meeting on the impact of HIV/AIDS on the education sector in Africa: Subregional outlook and best practices (Eastern and Southern Africa), Entebbe, Uganda, 13-15 September 2000;
- (v) Ad hoc experts group meeting on “state reforms and status of policy reforms in sub-Saharan French-speaking countries: African public administration on the eve of the twenty-first century”, Niamey, the Niger, 3-5 May 2000;

- (vi) High-level seminar on external trade promotion and monitoring tools in Central Africa, Douala, Cameroon, 7-9 November 2000.

(b) Participation in other meetings, conferences and seminars

- (i) The West African Regional Seminar on the Decade for Education, organized by OAU and ECOWAS, Banjul, the Gambia, 24-28 January 2000;
- (ii) UNESCO's International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa: Interim Executive Board meeting, Dakar, Senegal, 25 April 2000;
- (iii) The World Education Forum to boost the drive for Education for All, Dakar, Senegal, 26 – 28 April 2000;
- (iv) The first meeting of the Steering Committee on the Decade for Education in Africa, Dakar, Senegal, 28 April 2000;
- (v) The meeting of Experts for the establishment of the International Centre for Girls and Women's Education in Africa, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 12-14 July 2000;
- (vi) Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit on Social Development, New York, April 2000;
- (vii) World Summit on Social Development and Beyond: Achieving social development for all in a globalizing world, Geneva, June/July 2000.

- (iv) Joint ECA/World Bank training workshop on economic growth, poverty reduction and social protection, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1-11 June 1999;
- (v) Training workshop on public intervention for poverty reduction in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-24 March 2000.

SUBPROGRAMME 2: ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

(a) Technical Cooperation

(i) With UNFPA

Technical Advisory Programme, in providing advisory services and technical assistance on cartography, census taking, demographic data processing and analysis to African countries.

(ii) With Ethiopia

- A professional staff from the National Office on Population participated in the training workshop on the PEDDA model, Addis Ababa, 9-18 June 1999.
- ECA provided assistance to the National Office on Population in developing a national research agenda on reproductive health and food security.
- ECA provided assistance to the Addis Ababa City Government Urban Development and Work Bureau in the preparation of a major study on internal migration and urbanization in Ethiopia with special focus on Addis Ababa. The outcome of the study is intended to support informal policy formulation in the field of urban planning for Addis Ababa.
- Within the framework of the Joint ECA/Ethiopia Technical Cooperation and Development Committee, the Division will designate one of its staff to assist Addis Ababa University as external examiner.
- ECA prepared a study entitled, “*Urban infrastructures: Planning and Management*” for the Tigray Region of Ethiopia. The study was presented at the workshop on urban development, convened in Mekele, Tigray, Ethiopia, 11 - 13 October 2000.

(b) Training Courses

- (i) Intercountry training workshop on population and development planning, Pretoria, South Africa, 23-27 March 1998;
- (ii) Capacity-building workshop on environmental impact assessment in sub-Saharan Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, July 1998;
- (iii) Training workshop on the PEDDA model, its data requirements and management, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 9-18 June 1999;
- (iv) Training seminar on technology-based development: Visiting scholar’s scheme, Addis Ababa, June 1999;
- (v) UN-Workplace peer educators training on HIV/AIDS, Addis Ababa, 19-23 June 2000;
- (vi) Advanced training on the PEDDA model, Addis Ababa, 3-13 July 2000, IIASA, Vienna, Austria, 24 July – 4 August 2000.

SUBPROGRAMME 3: STRENGTHENING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

(a) Technical Cooperation

- (i) Advisory service to the Ministry of Regional Integration and Cooperation of Nigeria on the appropriate institutional framework for the Trust Fund of Nigeria, Abuja, 17-19 May 2000;
- (ii) Advisory service to the West African Health Organization on the establishment of an effective administrative and financial management system, Bobo Doulasso, Burkina Faso, 7-14 November 2000;
- (iii) Advisory service to Bayelsa State of Nigeria on the development of an employment generation strategy;
- (iv) Advisory services to the Government of Swaziland, in redesigning its civil service reform programme in February 2000;
- (v) Advisory services to the Transit and Transport Coordination Authority, in restructuring its secretariat, Mombasa, Kenya, June 2000;
- (vi) Advisory support to the Mano River Union, in the revitalization of its Secretariat located in Freetown, Sierra Leone, August 2000;
- (vii) Advisory services to RCMRD on restructuring and reorganizing the institution, December, 2000;
- (viii) Advisory services to ECOWAS in the preparation of studies for the restructuring of the ECOWAS Secretariat and the ECOWAS Fund;
- (ix) Assistance to SADC in the finalization of a report on the development of SMEs, May 1998;
- (x) Advisory support to COMESA in the assessment of training needs for its professional staff in April 1999.

(b) Training courses and seminars-workshops in specific fields

- (i) Review of support services to SMEs in Namibia, Windhoek, 26-30 June; and South Africa, Johannesburg, 3-7 July 2000;
- (ii) Review of support services to SMEs in Mauritius, Port Louis, 29 June-July 2000;
- (iii) Training workshop for Directors in the Nigeria Federal Civil Service Abuja, Nigeria, 10-14 April 2000. A paper on decentralization presented by ECA at the workshop has since been published in the *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol.21, No. 1, Spring 2000 under the title "*Scope for Popular Participation in Decentralization, Community Governance, and Development: Towards a New Paradigm of Centre – Periphery Relations*";
- (iv) The sixth United Nations Centre for Regional Development Africa training course, Karen, Kenya, 14-18 October 2000;
- (v) Assistance was provided to the Addis Ababa University/Institute of Social Studies at The Hague, in the evaluation of the regional and local studies masters programme, jointly run by the two institutions, May 1999;

- (vi) Advisory support services to IDEP, in finalizing a report and project document on enhancing the entrepreneurial capacity of African entrepreneurs for effective participation in regional and global markets, November 1999;
- (vii) Advisory services to the Ethiopian Management Institute in designing and conducting a training programme on ethics and accountability for senior officials of the Amhara State in Ethiopia, March 1998;
- (viii) Assistance to the Ministry of Public Service of the Kingdom of Lesotho, in designing a management capacity-building training module, August 1999;
- (ix) Capacity-building workshop on motivation and productivity for participants drawn from government and the private sector at the Centre for Public Service of the University of Namibia in 1998 and 1999;
- (x) Three study missions on enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs undertaken to Mauritius, Namibia and South Africa between 27 November and 1 December 2000;
- (xi) Training workshop for Permanent Secretaries in the Nigerian Federal Civil Service on total quality management and improvements on service delivery, Abuja, Nigeria, June 1999;
- (xii) Advisory services to Ethiopia in preparing a project document on ethics education for the Ethiopian Civil Service; and in preparing a study and business plan for the establishment of the Mekalle Institute of Technology;
- (xiii) A training seminar for Executives of the MIDROC-Ethiopia Group, the largest private sector organization in Ethiopia.

SUBPROGRAMME 4: HARNESSING INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

(a) Technical Cooperation

- (i) Advisory services relating to the establishment of the Nigerian Technical Cooperation Agency, Abuja, Nigeria, 15-23 May 2000;
- (ii) Advisory services to undertake a study on web-based distance learning programme for IDEP, Dakar, Senegal, 10-13 July 2000;
- (iii) Advisory services relating to the development of NICI plans for Burundi, Bujumbura, 14-18 August 2000;
- (iv) Advisory services relating to the development of NICI for Swaziland, Mbabane, September 2000;
- (v) Five assessments of national statistical systems for: i. the elaboration of a medium term programme, Democratic Republic of Congo, ii. a statistical master plan (Mauritania), iii. the change of status of a national statistical office (Chad), iv. the design of a sectoral statistical information system (Rwanda), and v. the design of an integrated information system (Lesotho);
- (vi) A survey on the statistical systems in place in the ports of Reunion, Mauritius and Mombasa at the request of PMAESA and provision of technical support to the first PMAESA Port Statistics Experts meeting, Mombasa, Kenya, 27-30 June 2000;

- (vii) Evaluation and selection of a state-of-the-art integrated library management system based on detailed functional and system requirements.

(b) Training courses and seminar/workshops in specific fields

- (i) Workshop on Information and Communications Technology Policies and Plans for Rwanda, Kigali and Butare, Rwanda, 20-21 January 2000;
- (ii) Workshop on the Information Society in Africa, organized during the National Summit on Africa, Washington D.C., 20-26 February 2000;
- (iii) Workshop on NICI in Nigeria, Abuja, 26 March – 2 April 2000;
- (iv) Workshop on SchoolNet, Windhoek, Namibia, July 2000;
- (v) NICI validation workshop for Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan 25-27 July 2000;
- (vi) Second NICI workshop for Mozambique, Maputo, 26-27 July 2000;
- (vii) Second NICI workshop for Uganda, Kampala, September 2000;
- (viii) Three workshops for the sixteen Directors of the National Statistical Offices of the Bamako, Mali-based AFRISTAT member States, on i. the management of National Statistical Offices; ii. strategies for data dissemination and communication within the National Statistical Offices and iii. Quality and Statistics;
- (ix) Workshop on the implementation of the 1993 SNAs with special emphasis on the links between the business accounts and national accounts for French-speaking African countries, Addis Ababa;
- (x) Joint UNSD/ECA Workshop on the implementation of the 1993 SNAs with special emphasis on the household sector, Addis Ababa, 20-24 November 2000;
- (xi) Workshop on international economic and social classifications organized in collaboration with UNSD, Addis Ababa, 27 November – 1 December 2000;
- (xii) Group training on data dissemination strategies and development of web pages for a National Statistical Office;
- (xiii) Seminar on the chart of fundamental principles of official statistics and statistical coordination for the stakeholders of a national statistical system;
- (xiv) Seminars on statistical organization and management of statistical systems for students of two francophone statistical training centres (ENSEA-Abidjan and ENEA – Dakar);
- (xv) Participated in i. ECOSOC panel discussions on indicators for monitoring the goals of international conferences and summits of the 1990s; ii. FAO Round-table on new trends in agriculture census in Africa; iii. IAOS Conference on statistics, development and human rights;
- (xvi) Prepared technical materials such as databases of household surveys of several African countries to be placed on ECA network or on CD-ROMS.

In addition to these, the Library provided critical information support to all ECA Divisions and SRDCs in their substantive work programmes and services to member States.

SUBPROGRAMME 5: PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION

A. Facilitating Regional Cooperation and Integration

(a) Advisory services

- (i) Operationalization of the institutional machinery for economic and social policy coordination and harmonization among African countries;
- (ii) Support to member States in global trade and other relevant negotiations.

(b) Technical cooperation

(i) ECOWAS and CEMAC

Mobilized a grant of \$US300,000 through the World Bank for the two organizations to implement the air transport liberalization programme in Central and West Africa. The grant is being managed by the ECOWAS Secretariat.

(ii) SATCC

Provided assistance to SATCC in preparing the programme of air traffic liberalization for its member States.

(iii) Mozambique and Zambia

Completed the pre-feasibility study on the transport component of the UNDP-sponsored Growth Triangle Initiative. The study was intended to assist the concerned member States in developing a common transport policy and infrastructure programme, as well as reinforcing cooperation on the transport corridors.

(iv) Comoros

As a follow-up to the advisory services provided in 1999, ECA assisted the Comoros in becoming a member of ASECNA.

(v) Sierra Leone

Provided advisory services in the field of railways and the establishment of data-base.

(vi) Port Management Association of East and Southern Africa (PMAESA)

Assisted with the harmonization of port statistics and the development of performance indicators.

B. The Water Sector

Advisory Services

ECA prepared the guidance documents for the execution of the water component of the ECA Technical Assistance Programme for Malawi, developed in collaboration with UNDP Malawi, February 2000.

C. Mining and Energy**(a) Technical cooperation/Advisory services**

- (i) Participated in and helped service the meeting of the Bureau of African Ministers responsible for Minerals and Energy Development, South Africa, 7-11 February 2000;
- (ii) Participated in a meeting convened jointly by DESA and UNEP in Nairobi, 25-26 January 2000 to review the draft study on “The World Energy Assessment”;
- (iii) ECA, as a member of the Board of Directors, attended the seventh Board of Directors meeting of the Southern and Eastern Mineral Centre (SEAMIC), held from 6 to 9 March 2000 in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. The institute is one of the ECA-sponsored institutions operating in the area of mineral resources development and utilization;
- (iv) Participated and helped to organize a symposium on the development of the mineral sector in Guinea, Conakry, 28-30 March 2000;
- (v) Also participated in the symposium: MIGA/Ouagadougou 2000 convened from 3 to 7 March in Conakry, Guinea;
- (vi) Participated and helped in servicing the Conference of Ministers of Minerals and Energy, 29 November – 3 December 2000, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. ECA prepared a study entitled, “Mineral Resources and the Alleviation of Poverty in Africa” which served as background document for the Conference.

SUBPROGRAMME 6: PROMOTING THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN**(a) Technical Cooperation****(i) With IGOs and other organizations**

- IDEP, the ADB and ICRISAT, all received assistance on gender mainstreaming;
- Technical assistance was provided to AFWE in organizing the second Global Trade Fair and Investment Forum, October 1998.

(ii) With member States

- Establishment of two subregional Enterprise Development Centres (in West Africa and the Eastern and Southern Africa regions);
- Information workshop on the General Assembly Special Session on Beijing + 5, June 3, New York;
- Malawi and Mauritius both received assistance in the development of their gender mainstreaming programme and in the formulation of their gender Plans of Action, while Mauritius received additional support in establishing a micro-credit programme for Women.

(b) Training courses and seminars/workshops in specific fields

- (i) Uganda, Botswana, Lesotho and Togo received training support in building national capacity in gender analysis and formulation of gender policies and training of trainers for entrepreneurship development;

- (ii) Regional training workshop on the development and application of gender indicators for monitoring the economic empowerment of Women, Johannesburg, South Africa, 4-13 October 1999;
- (iii) Training workshop on leadership skills development for women entrepreneurs and managers, Entebbe Uganda, December 1998;
- (iv) Survey on Women's access to land and agricultural inputs (in West Africa and Eastern Africa.

SUBPROGRAMME 7: PROMOTING SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

A. Activities undertaken by the Subregional Development Centre for Central Africa (SRDC-CA)

(a) Technical cooperation

(i) With regional economic communities (ECCAS and CEMAC)

SRDC-CA organized an ad hoc experts group meeting on cooperation and integration prior to the development of the relaunching programme of ECCAS, Yaounde, Cameroon in October 1998;

SRDC-CA held consultations with ECCAS in Libreville, Gabon, from 11 to 16 February 1999 for the relaunching of the institution;

SRDC-CA organized and led a multidisciplinary circular mission to 11 countries of ECCAS to collect data and information and seek advice for the establishment of the ECCAS relaunching programme and serviced the meetings of the legislative organs of the organization including the Conference of Heads of State and Government of ECCAS, in June 1999;

SRDC-CA prepared a project document for UNDP assistance to ECCAS, in collaboration with ECCAS and UNDP Libreville.

(ii) With countries

SRDC-CA contributed a technical paper to Gabon's first national seminar on trade in March 1998;

SRDC-CA organized a workshop to promote non-conventional foods, Sangmelima, Cameroon in 1999.

(b) Training courses and seminars/workshops in specific fields

- (i) *Atelier de formation sur le lancement du modèle PEDA, Addis-Abeba, Ethiopie, 10-18 juin 1999;*
- (ii) *Atelier sur la méthodologie du Rapport économique sur l'Afrique de l'an 2000, Addis Abeba, Ethiopie, 12-14 juillet 1999;*
- (iii) *Rapport sur les cours de formation NT 4.0 organisés par la CEA/ISS, Addis Abeba, Ethiopie, 13 septembre – 16 octobre 1999;*
- (iv) Training in classification of GS-Posts, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 18-29, October 1999.

B. Activities undertaken by the Subregional Development Centre for North Africa

(SRDC-NA)

**Technical
Cooperation**

(i) **With Subregional Organizations and the UN system**

- With Arab Maghreb Union (UMA): SRDC-NA strengthened collaboration with UMA with the aim of promoting key integration projects in such areas as transport; combating desertification and the environment; water resources management; new information and communication technologies and gender;
- Agreement on cooperation between SRDC-NA and ACARTSOD was also signed during the period under review.

(ii) **With individual countries**

Organization of a competition on the Best Essay on Women and Gender (Pilot Project in Morocco).

C. Activities undertaken by the Subregional Development Centre for Southern Africa (SRDC-SA)

(a) **Technical Cooperation**

(i) **Technical Support to regional economic communities and IGOs**

- SADC Secretariat: Preparation of SADC Annual Report, 2000;
- SADC: Measures to implement the SADC HIV/AIDS strategic framework through a gender networking approach.;
- SADC/SATCC and COMESA: Design of a collaborative programme on the development of a safe, efficient and affordable transport system in Eastern and Southern Africa;
- COMESA: Study on education allowance for the General Service Staff of COMESA;
- COMESA: Preparation of a study on the Southern African Transport Network.

(ii) **Advisory Services to member States**

- Mozambique: Preparation of a National ICT Policy;
- Swaziland: Preparation of the National Transport Policy;
- Swaziland: Preparation of a National ICT Policy;
- Zambia: Preparation of the National ICT Policy;
- Zambia: Preparation of the Mid-term Review of UNFPA-supported 1997 to 2001 country programmes on population and development;
- Zambia: Finalization of the National Gender Policy;

- Zambia: National Social Watch Dissemination Workshop, Lusaka, 23 June 2000;
- Zambia: Preparation of National Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper.

(iii) Training courses and seminars/workshops in specific fields

- Subregional Workshop on NICI development in Southern Africa, Windhoek, Namibia, 13 - 14 April 2000;
- Lecture at the Zambia Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, April 2000;
- Supervision of interns undertaking studies on the following topics:
 - South Africa's Economy: What Impact for Africa? (August 2000).
 - Macroeconomic Indicators for Southern Africa, 1998-1999 (January 2000).
 - Information Technology.
 - Development of the Mining Sector in Southern Africa (January 2000).
 - Library Sciences (ongoing).
 - Accounting and bookkeeping (ongoing).

D. Activities undertaken under the programme on the United Nations – New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF)

Technical Cooperation

(i) With OAU/ECOWAS technical assistance on educational issues

(ii) With Burkina Faso

Advisory services on gender and educational issues including setting up of the International Centre for Girls and Women's Education in Africa;

(iii) Jointly with UNESCO-International Institute for Capacity building (IICB)

Technical assistance in the preparation of a project document on education planning and economic development programme in Africa.

(iv) With ECCAS and CEMAC

Technical assistance on trade-related issues, in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC), UNCTAD and WTO.

(v) With ARTCASOD and Maghreb University

Support for the preparation and servicing of the Subregional Conference on HIV/AIDS in North Africa, October 2000.