

**Side event of the 8th Joint Annual Meetings
of the ECA/AUC Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and
Economic Development on the theme:**

**MEASURING HUMAN EXCLUSION FOR STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION: THE
AFRICAN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX (ASDI)**

In line with the main theme of the 8th Joint Annual Meetings of the ECA Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and AUC Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance on “Implementing Agenda 2063: Planning, Mobilizing and Financing for Development”, the Social Development Policy Division (SDPD) of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is organizing a side event on the theme: “*Measuring Human Exclusion for Structural Transformation: The African Social Development Index (ASDI)*”.

The purpose of the side event is to offer a platform for prominent African stakeholders – including representatives of member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), civil society organizations and development partners – to reflect collectively and share experiences on the linkages between structural transformation and inclusive development. It will also be an opportunity to discuss concrete policy options – using the ASDI-based metrics – that aim at reducing the gaps between the haves and the have-nots on the continent across all social, economic and age groups, in line with the thrust of the AUC Agenda 2063.

The use of the ASDI has been highly commended by member States and considered instrumental for the planning, implementing and financing of the transformative development agenda for Africa, as envisioned by 2063, where issues of equity and inclusion have been given high prominence.

The event will involve a roundtable discussion with a panel composed of:

- One Minister of finance and one Minister in charge of social sectors from African countries
- 1 senior official from the AUC and/or RECs involved in the formulation of the AU Agenda 2063
- The Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- 1 representative of private sector
- 1 representative of civil society or academic institution

The roundtable will bring together African policy makers, experts and representatives from UN agencies and intergovernmental bodies, development partners, private sector, civil society organizations and research institutions from around the continent.

Date: Saturday 28 March 2015, 11:00 – 13:00

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 3

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