

# **Ebola Event in Partnership with other UN entities**

## **Background**

The current outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa is the most devastating Ebola epidemic that the world has seen since the disease was identified in 1976. Beyond the considerable death toll, the disease has had noticeable socioeconomic impacts, not only in the countries directly affected by the outbreak but also further afield. While encouraging trends are being registered in the epidemiological situation in the three countries, the struggle against Ebola has a long way to go, with implications that go beyond the response phase of the crisis. In the face of the multiple socioeconomic impacts, beyond their short-term responses governments of affected countries have started to plan for the recovery p. They are at different stages of devising recovery strategies and plans that aim to bring their economies back to their pre-crisis growth path by providing support to consolidate the economic fabric, restore confidence, and resume consumption, investment and growth. These plans should also aim at strengthening resilience and response capacity to future, similar shocks. It is against this background and in response to the call by the United Nations Secretary-General after his visits to the affected countries to begin preparations for Ebola recovery alongside the ongoing response, that the United Nations, the European Union, the World Bank, and the African Development Bank in consultation and collaboration with a range of partners including the African Union, the Economic Commission of West African States and the Mano River Union, have come together to support national Ebola recovery strategies in the three most affected countries.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Event is to share information about ongoing efforts aimed at supporting the Ebola-affected countries in their quest not only to contain and eradicate the disease but also in their recovery efforts. This would feed into ongoing national and international efforts to prepare sound recovery strategies and plans for the three countries.

## **Expected outcomes**

The expected outcomes of the Event include:

- An update on the epidemiological situation and the current scale of the response;
- A better understanding of the economic and social impacts of the Ebola virus disease on affected countries, West Africa, and the continent

- A better understanding of the recovery needs (recovery frameworks; human and financial resources; institutional frameworks; coordination of efforts; etc)
- Current status of the ongoing efforts towards the preparation of the recovery phase for the most affected countries (preparation of recovery plans and strategies; funding and implementing the recovery plans and strategies, etc.);

## **Attendance**

The Event shall bring together stakeholders involved in ongoing efforts aimed at stopping the spread of the virus and looking into the preparation of the recovery phase. These include: Representatives from member States, The African Union, ECOWAS, The Mano River Union, The United Nations System; Bilateral and multilateral partners engaged in the most affected countries; and.

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