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## Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting to look at policy options for Boosting Intra-African Investment through regional harmonization of investment policies and treaties

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### Background

In order for Africa to achieve the twin goals of structural transformation and sustainable development, a boost in international investment flows is a prerequisite. In this context, intra-African investments could play a crucial role in increasing the actual levels of investment in Africa, and serve as a source of capital for development financing. A second associated challenge to achieving adequate levels of investment for Africa's development, is making the most of Africa's regulatory landscape governing investment. Currently, the continent is plagued by a myriad of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and Double Taxation Treaties (DTTs) and the understanding of how these instruments relate to each other is often limited, leading to poor policy coherence and inconsistencies between the agendas of investment and taxation.

In support of deepening the understanding on intra-African investments, and which policies and regulations are most suitable to attract such investments, the ECA through its Investment Policy Section (IPS) has conducted two studies on the drivers of intra-African investment and on the linkages between DTTs and BITs, respectively.

These two studies will be presented to experts in the envisaged Expert Group Meeting (EGM), with a view to contribute to and inform the ongoing continental dialogue on investment, initiated by the Africa Union Ministers of Trade in 2013. It is hoped that the discussions will promote greater coherence and coordination on investment regulation that may help level the playing field for attracting greater investment from within the continent and beyond.

### Objectives

- To discuss key drivers of intra-African investment flows and strengthen the understanding of investment policies targeting the attraction of greater intra-African investments
- To deliberate on how Africa can better leverage investment and taxation regulation to level the playing field for both African and foreign investors, increase investment attractiveness without compromising adequate tax revenue mobilization nor policy space in formulating investment and tax policies.

### Participants

Investment experts, representatives from African Countries, regional and international organizations including the African Union Commission and RECs, private sector representatives, and academic institutions, among others.

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