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Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to Review the ECA draft Report on "Promoting Infrastructure **Development** for Africa's Industrialisation"

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Background

A structural transformation of African economies that leads to a sustainable development and prosperity for all citizens critically depends on the continent's ability to promote industrialization with infrastructure development being a necessary enabler. It is in this context that the Economic Commission for Africa, through its Regional Integration and Trade Division, has undertaken a study on Promoting Infrastructure Development for Africa's Industrialisation. The analysis draws from country case studies based on consultations with relevant stakeholders in Member States.

This study presents ECA's continued support for Africa's structural transformation through inclusive economic growth and sustainable industrialization. It examines a selection of issues that need to be taken into consideration as the continent fosters its sustainable development path. These issues include, but not limited to (i) Integrated Framework of Infrastructure planning and financing for Industrial Development; (ii) The impacts of key infrastructure assets on the African industrial trajectory, in particular the infrastructure contribution to local value added; and, (iii) Quality infrastructure for low Carbon Industrial Development in Africa.

Objective

The overall objective of the EGM is to review and validate the ECA draft Report on "Promoting Infrastructure Development for Africa's Industrialisation".

Panelists/Experts

The Meeting will be attended by experts from Member States, Regional Economic Communities, academia and international institutions with interest in the areas of industrialization and infrastructure including AfDB, AUC, NEPAD and other UN-wide agencies such as UNIDO and UNCTAD.

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