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Topic :

Impact of the implementation of the ECOWAS: CET and Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) by the EU on the dynamics of the integration process and the structural transformation of West African economies

16-17 May 2017, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

DRAFT AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

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1. Opening ceremony
2. Election of the Secretariat and adoption of the agenda
3. Review of the report on ***“Impact of the implementation of the ECOWAS: CET and Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) by the EU on the dynamics of the integration process and the structural transformation of West African economies”***
4. Presentation of resource persons: Panel comprised of sub-regional institutions, development institutions and civil society representatives
5. Presentation of country experiences of the implementation of the ECOWAS CET and on the negotiation process and the signing of the EPA
6. Review and adoption of conclusions and recommandations de la réunion
7. Closing ceremony

DRAFT PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 16 MAI 2017

08:30 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 09:45 Opening ceremony

- Welcome speech by the Director of the Economic Commission for Africa's Sub-Regional Office for West Africa (**ECA-WA**),
- Opening remarks by the Honourable Minister Hadizatou Rosine COULIBALY, Ministry of Economics, Finance and Development of Burkina Faso

09:45 – 10:30 Election of the Secretariat and adoption of programme

- Presentation of participants
- Election of Secretariat
- Adoption of programme

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:00 Presentation of objectives and expected results of the meeting (**ECA-WA**)

11:00 – 12:30 Presentation of the report on "*Impact of the implementation of the ECOWAS: CET and Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) by the EU on the dynamics of the integration process and the structural transformation of West African economies*" (**ECA-WA**)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 15:45 Presentation of resource persons: Panel comprised of sub-regional institutions, development institutions and civil society representatives:

- Implementation of the CET-UEMOA and lessons learnt on the signature and adoption of EPAs : experiences, good practices and strategic guidance (**UEMOA, Ouagadougou**)
- Two years of implementation of the CET-ECOWAS lessons learnt on the signature and adoption of EPAs : weaknesses, strengths, constraints and strategic guidance (**ECOWAS, Abuja**)

- Adoption and implementation of EPAs in West Africa: possible results and precautions to take by African economies (**World Bank – Washington D.C.**)
- Presentation of country experiences of the implementation of the ECOWAS CET and on the negotiation process and the signing of the EPA: what is the future of industrialisation, agriculture, the promotion of employment and the fight against poverty in West Africa (**ENDA tiers Monde-Dakar, OXFAM -Ouagadougou, APEX-Ouagadougou, ROPPA-Dakar, NANTS-Abuja, Executive Secretariat of the Civil Society OSC for Development-Ouagadougou, Association of West African Women - Dakar**)

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00 Presentations of country experiences of the implementation of the ECOWAS CET and on the negotiation process and the signing of the EPA: success, lessons learnt and strategic guidance in decision making (**Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone et Togo**)

Wednesday 17 MAY 2017

09:00 - 10:45 Presentations on experiences (cont’d)

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 Presentations and discussions (follow up)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:45 Preparation of conclusions and recommendations of the meeting by the Secretariat

15:45 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

16 :00 - 17 :00 Review and adoption of conclusions and recommendations of the meeting

17:00 – 17:15 Closing ceremony