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**Subregional Office for North Africa
Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and
Experts for North Africa**
Fortieth session
Rabat (hybrid), 11–13 November 2025

Item 3 of the provisional agenda*

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Draft programme of work

Tuesday, 11 November

9–10 a.m.

Registration of participants and press interviews

10–11 a.m.

Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

Opening statements:

- Director of Digital Transformation, Ministry of Telecommunications and Digital Transformation of the Sudan, and Chair of the outgoing Bureau, Khalid Abuali
- Secretary-General, Arab Maghreb Union, Tarak Ben Salem
- Director, Subregional Office for North Africa, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Adam Elhiraika

Keynote speaker: Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Nadia Fettah Alaoui

11–11.30 a.m.

Break and group photo

11.30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Election of the Bureau (agenda item 2)

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 3)

12–1 p.m.

**Evolution of economic and social conditions in North Africa:
review of the subregional profile** (agenda item 4)

Presentation: Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for

* ECA/SRO-NA/ICSOE/40/1.



North Africa, ECA, Amandine Nakumuryango

Discussion

1–2 p.m.

Break

2–3 p.m.

Review of the implementation of regional and international development agendas and special initiatives in North Africa (agenda item 5)

Report on progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 8: achieving inclusive and sustainable economic growth and decent work in North Africa

Presentation: Economic Affairs Officer, Subregional Office for North Africa, ECA, Samia Mansour Hamouda

Discussion

3–4 p.m.

Statutory issues (agenda item 6)

- **Report on the activities of the Subregional Office for North Africa (October 2024–September 2025) and work programme for 2026** (agenda item 6 (a))

Presentation: Director, Subregional Office for North Africa, ECA, Adam Elhiraika

- **Programme of work of the Economic Commission for Africa for 2026** (agenda item (6 (b)))

Presentation: Programme Management Officer, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division, ECA, Grace Chisamya

Discussion

4–5 p.m.

Measuring Development Beyond GDP: Challenges and Opportunities

Presentation: Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University and Member of the Secretary-General's High-Level Expert Group on Beyond GDP, Leonard Wantchekon

Discussion

Wednesday, 12 November

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Ad hoc expert group meeting (agenda item 7)

Thursday, 13 November

- 9–10 a.m. **Presentation of flagship initiatives of the Economic Commission for Africa** (agenda item 8)
- Presentation: Chief, Subregional Initiatives Section, Subregional Office for North Africa, ECA, Khaled Hussein
- Discussion
- 10–10.30 a.m. *Break*
- 10.30 a.m.–12 p.m. **Consideration and adoption of the draft recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa** (agenda item 9)
- 12–12.15 p.m. **Date and venue of the next session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts for North Africa** (agenda item 10)
- 12.15–12.30 p.m. **Other matters** (agenda item 11)
- 12.30–1 p.m. **Closing of the session** (agenda item 12)
- Vote of thanks
 - Closing remarks
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