

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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On behalf of the Director of the Macroeconomics and Governance Division of ECA, Bartholomew Armah, I wish to make a brief note regarding the objectives of this training. Official introduction remarks will be made by our colleague from the SRO of CA.

Planning involves both backward-and forward-looking exercises. The future is more important than the past in terms of shaping inclusive and green development trajectories. There is a need for tools to support such planning exercises in the context of inclusive and sustainable development in Africa. The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has designed an integrated planning and reporting toolkit (IPRT) to enhance the quality of development plans by aligning them with continental and global development agendas such as the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 for the Africa We Want vision.

This training covers a number of issues, including an overview of ECA's integrated planning and reporting toolkit (IPRT) and hands-on training on IPRT.

The objectives of this training are to:

- better understand the relationships between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063,
- assess the extent of alignment between a country's own **national development plan** and both the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063,
- monitor progress against a country's own national development plan using national data,
- monitor progress against the 2030 as well as 2063 goals and targets, and
- better understand data sources to track progress towards SDGs and Agenda 2063

As you can see in the programme, this session is planned for four days. This is a kind of training of trainers. There will also be a follow up support on this which will be provided by experts from ECA HQ and SRO-CA.

Finally, on behalf of the Macroeconomics and Governance Division of ECA, I would like to thank the Director General of **Planning and Regional Development** for supporting the organization of this workshop. I wish to thank the SRO-CA in coordinating the training. In particular, I would like to thank Jean Marc, Marie-Delphine and Ntsafack Borel Peguy for their support and coordination.

Without further ado, let me give the floor to Jean Luc Mastaki, who is a Senior Economic Affairs Officer and Chief of Section for Economic Diversification and Policy Reforms from the SRO for CA, to give introductory remarks.