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Strengthening economic resilience mechanisms to address the repercussion of simultaneous global shocks in North Africa

Preparing for Future Transformations:
Policy Design for Resilient Societies, Economies, and Ecosystems

Draft Programme of Work

Time	Session Information	
8.30 – 9.00	**Registration**	
9.00 – 9.20	**Opening Session**	
9.00 – 9.05	*Nassim Oulmane* *UNECA SRO-NA*	Opening Remarks
9.05 – 9.20	*Rym Ayadi* *Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association* *University of London*	Keynote: Developing Resilient Economies in the Midst of Polycrisis
9.20 – 10.50	**Session 1. Responding to Global Challenges: Incorporating Resilience in Development Strategies** *Moderator: Fatima Arib, Africa Transition Institute, Cadi Ayyad University*	
9.20 – 9.35	*Zoubir Benhamouche* *UNECA SRO-NA*	The Need for a Policy Paradigm Shift to Address Global Challenges and Build Economic Resilience
9.50 – 10.05	*Andrea Roventini* *Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*	Re-Imagining Economic Growth through the Lens of Resilience
10.05 – 10.50	**Open Discussion**	
10.50 – 11.00	**Group Photo**	

11.00 – 11.15	**Coffee break**	
11.15 – 13.00	**Session 2. Strategic Foresight for Resilient Futures: Moving from Policy to Practice** *Moderator: Caitlyn Carrico, UNECA*	
11.15 – 11.30	*Rafal Kierzenkowski* *OECD*	Strategic Foresight for Resilient Public Policy
11.30 – 11.45	*Kais Hammami* *ICESCO*	Strategic Foresight and AI – digitalisation and technological innovation for resilience
11.45 – 12.00	*Walid Daou* *Cleverlytics*	Building Economic Resilience through Applied AI: lessons from deployment
12.00 – 12.15	*Amel Saidane* *BetaWaves* *UNECA DITE4Africa*	Investing in a Resilient North African Digital Economy
12.15 – 13.00	Open Discussion	
13.00 – 14.15	**Lunch**	
14.15 – 16.00	**Session 3. Developing Resilient Societies and Economies: A Diverse Toolbox for Policymakers** *Moderator: Zoubir Benhamouche, UNECA*	
14.15 – 14.30	*John Asafu-Adjaye* *ACET*	Developing Green Industrialisation for Resilience
14.30 – 14.45	*Tabitha Kiriti-Nganga* *University of Nairobi*	Building Common Resilience through Regional Integration
14.45 – 15.00	*Domenico Dentoni* *Montpellier Business School*	An Integrated Resilience and Sustainability Transition Framework for SMEs in North Africa
15.00 – 15.15	*Fatima Arib* *Africa Transition Institute* *Cadi Ayyad University*	Sustainable Finance for Building Resilience
15.15 – 16.00	Open Discussion	
16.00 – 16.15	**Closing Session**	
16.00 – 16.15	*Nassim Oulmane* *UNECA SRO-NA*	Closing Remarks
16.15 – 16.30	**Coffee break**	