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**CONCEPT NOTE ON THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION AND INFORMAL ECONOMY**

ABIDJAN, 25-27 AUGUST 2015

I. Introduction:

The Technical Working Group on the Labour Market Information System and Informal Economy is a sectoral structure of the AU Statistic Plan of Action aiming at implementing the African Charter on Statistics and the Strategy for the Harmonisation of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA). Its work has been focused so far on the development and implementation of the Labour Market Information System harmonization and Coordination Framework (LMIS-HCF). Harmonization and coordination tools have been developed and RECs were trained on the use. Member States have been requested to develop regional and country roadmap for the implementation of the LMIS-HCF.

With the adoption of Africa Agenda 2063 which calls for social security and social protection for all and the African Union new programmes including the Plan of Action on Employment, Poverty Eradication and Inclusive Development, the Africa-EU Pan African project on Migration and Mobility, and the AUC-ILO-IOM-ECA Joint Programme on Labour Migration, it becomes imperative to design measurement systems for the informal economy, productivity and competitiveness, as well as migration data and statistics.

In 2011, the AU adopted the Programme of Upgrading the Informal Economy in 2011 and the Social Protection Plan for the Informal Economy and Rural Workers (SPIREWORK) while the ILO plans to adopt in June 2015 a Recommendation on Transitioning from the Informal Economy to the Formal Economy. An appropriate monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of these policies require robust systems of data and indicators which the TWG needs to carry out.

The AU LMIS and Technical Working Group will hold its annual meeting in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire to discuss on how to develop a sound statistics system, the challenges and make recommendations to the next meeting of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistical Offices (CoDGs) to be held in November 2015 in Libreville (Gabon).

II. Objectives:

1. Review the progress made on the implementation of the LMIS-HCF
2. Discuss the new policy development in the areas of labour, employment, productivity, labour migration social protection and informal economy: Ouagadougou+10 Policies;
3. Finalize the harmonized questionnaire on informal economy, with indicators measuring progress on transitioning from informal economy to formal economy, taking advantage of ILO and ECA work;
4. Adopt the Work programme of the TWG for 2016-2017;

5. Prepare inputs to the meeting of the CoDGs by end of 2015, to the Conference of Ministers of Economy, Finance and Development Planning in March 2016, and the AU Assembly session in June 2016.
6. Consider the ILO New Framework on labour and employment statistics

Expected results:

1. TWG Business plan /work programme adopted
2. Harmonized questionnaire on survey on informal economy finalized
3. Guidelines for review of AU LMIS-HCF Tools (questionnaires,) versus the ILO New Framework on labour and employment statistics
4. Methodology on Productivity and Competitiveness Index adopted
5. Recommendations to the Meeting of DG of National Statistical Offices.

Participants:

The members of the Technical Working Group:

- ACBF, AFDB, UNDP, ECA, ILO, AFRISTAT, IDRC, ADEA, EUROSTAT
- RECS
- AUC-DSA and DEA
- Cameroon, as Chair of the TWG
- Invited Member States on specific topics:
 - ✓ Informal economy: Senegal, Cameroon,
 - ✓ Productivity and Competitiveness measurement: South Africa, National Productivity Institute representing Pan African Productivity Association
 - ✓ Labour Migration Statistics: Tunisia

Dates: 25-27 August 2015

Venue: Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

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