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# **AFRICAN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2012**

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON:

## **PROMOTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH AFRICA**

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

**MONDAY 16 JULY 2012**

**LE BARDO, TUNIS**

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

8:00 – 9:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 – 09:30	<p><b>OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- <b>Abderrahmane Ladgham</b>, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of Governance and Anticorruption, Tunisia</li> <li>-- <b>Angel Gurría</b>, Secretary General, OECD</li> </ul>
9:30 – 10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<p><b>THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR NORTH AFRICA IN 2012</b></p> <p>This session will present the main results of the <i>African Economic Outlook (AEO) 2012</i> in terms of the growth performance and prospects of North African countries, and the employment outlook for young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- <b>Mthuli Ncube</b>, Vice-president &amp; Chief Economist, African Development Bank</li> <li>-- <b>Mario Pezzini</b>, Director, OECD Development Centre</li> </ul>
10:30 – 12:30	<p><b>PANEL 1. TOWARDS JOB-CREATING GROWTH STRATEGIES</b></p> <p><b>Roundtable:</b> This session will look into the “demand” side of the youth employment challenge: how can growth strategies deliver more jobs for young people?</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Mario Pezzini</b>, Director, OECD Development Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- <b>Wided Bouchamaoui</b>, Chairwoman of the Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA)</li> <li>-- <b>Houcine Dimassi</b>, Minister of Finance, Tunisia</li> <li>-- <b>Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa</b>, Director of Research, African Development Bank</li> <li>-- <b>Thierry Marigny</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Orange, Tunisie</li> <li>-- <b>Tyseer Aboulnasr</b>, Director of Research, National Competitiveness Council, Egypt</li> <li>-- <b>Raed Safadi</b>, Deputy Director, Trade and Agriculture Department, OECD</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	<p><b>PANEL 2. BRIDGING THE SKILLS GAP</b></p> <p>This session will be the opportunity for the AfDB to present its joint (AU/ILO/UNECA) Africa Youth Initiative and the OECD to present its Skills Strategy and evidence on jobs for youth.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Mthuli Ncube</b>, Vice-president &amp; Chief Economist, African Development Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- <b>Agnes Soucat</b>, Director, Human development, African Development Bank</li> <li>-- <b>John Martin</b>, Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD</li> </ul> <p><b>Roundtable:</b> How can education and training systems are reformed in order to better meet the needs of North African economies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- <b>Hichem Elloumi*</b>, President, Group Coficab</li> <li>-- <b>Nono J.S. Matondo-Fundani</b>, Director, Regional Department North II (ORNB), African Development Bank</li> <li>-- <b>Barbara Ischinger</b>, Director, Education Department, OECD</li> <li>-- <b>Abdelwahab Maâtar</b>, Minister of Employment and Professional Training Tunisia</li> <li>-- <b>Daouda Malle*</b>, Director, Human Development Department, Islamic Development Bank</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>

\* To be confirmed

16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	<p><b>PANEL 3. STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION</b></p> <p>The concluding session will identify areas where international co-operation --including through the Deauville Partnership-- can be strengthened, and propose an agenda for action in the area of youth employment and skills.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Emmanuel E. Mbi</b>, Vice President, African Development Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- <b>Abdelatif Benachenhou</b>, Former Finance &amp; Economy Minister, Algeria</li> <li>-- <b>Christiane Bögemann-Hagedorn</b>, Director, Civil society, Economic Policy and Private Sector, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development</li> <li>-- <b>Jameleddine Gharbi</b>, Minister of Regional Development and Planning, Tunisia</li> <li>-- <b>Jafar Hassan*</b>, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Jordan</li> <li>-- <b>Ahmed Ben Helli*</b>, Deputy Secretary General, League of Arab States</li> <li>-- <b>Bernardino Leon*</b>, European Union Special Representative for the Southern Mediterranean Region</li> <li>-- <b>Cevdet Yilmaz*</b>, Minister of Development, Turkey</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
18:00 – 18:30	<p><b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- <b>Mthuli Ncube</b>, Vice-president &amp; Chief Economist, African Development Bank</li> <li>-- <b>Mario Pezzini</b>, Director, OECD Development Centre</li> <li>-- <b>Abdel Wahab Maâtar</b>, Minister of Employment and Professional Training Tunisia</li> </ul>