

Draft Agenda  
EMnet Business Meeting on Africa  
**The Future of Regional Value Chains**

9 June 2022 | 12:30-17:00 CET (Paris Time)

OECD Conference Centre, Paris, France

12:30 – 14:00	<b>Working Lunch: Strengthening Africa’s Regional Production Networks</b>
	<p><a href="#">Africa’s Development Dynamics 2022</a> highlights the importance of regional production networks to boost economic growth, investment and productive transformation. This High-Level Working Lunch with African leaders, regional institutions and private sector representatives, gathered on the occasion of the OECD Council Meeting at Ministerial Level (MCM) Dialogue on Africa, will address the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main policy challenges to develop Africa’s regional production networks?</li> <li>• How can existing initiatives, such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), help strengthening regional value chains and Intra-African production networks?</li> </ul>
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Networking Break</b>
14:15 – 15:30	<b>Building Resilient Value Chains for Africa</b>
	<p>Current disruptions in global supply chains, bottlenecks in transportation and scarcity of materials can negatively affect the future of regional value chains in Africa. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) provides new opportunities, however most of previous initiatives fell short of expected results. Past experiences highlight the importance of private-sector participation in developing efficient and resilient regional value chains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are current global crises affecting value chains in Africa?</li> <li>• What are the key areas where public-private collaboration can unlock progress in developing resilient regional value chains?</li> </ul>
15:30 – 15:40	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:40 – 16:55	<b>The Challenge of Greening Value Chains</b>
	<p>Africa is the continent with the smallest share of global greenhouse gas emissions, at just 3.8%. Yet, despite limited industrial development, the per capita death toll from outdoor air pollution exceeded that of the world by 30% and that of China by 50% over the 2010-19 period. In this context, global trends towards sustainable production, green economy and sustainable financing provide opportunities for sustainable growth and green regional value chains also in Africa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the principal policies and initiatives that can support the development of green value chains in Africa?</li> <li>• How can countries leverage sustainable investment and innovative financial instruments to promote a greener economy?</li> </ul>
16:55 – 17:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>