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This Document describes the prototype of ECA's Trust Fund Portal. The Portal is part of continued ECA efforts to improve the management of its Trust Fund (TF) operations and to enhance the level of information made available to donors and partners. The system, when operational, will make it possible for ECA donors and partners to log on to the centre remotely and access relevant information in relation to their funds and other ECA TF activities. Information to be provided on this website will include the un-audited trust funds financial statements, annual reports on Trust Funds, the ECA annual report, a short profile of on-going projects, progress and terminal project reports, and other relevant information deemed necessary by the Commission.

The Donor Portal will derive its financial information from the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) and the Trust Funds Management and Reporting System (TFORS). It will be accessed via the ECA general website www.uneca.org.

The Portal consists of two main sections. Section A contains general information that is of interest to all the donors while section B contains information specific to each donor and can only be accessed by the donor's authorized representative.

Section A: Published Documents

Section A is accessible to the public. It provides links to documents giving information on ECA's programmatic activities and related donor information. The documents are for the user to read and download.

Once inside the donor portal, donors will be able to access the following general information:

1. Overview of TF operations;
2. The ECA Annual Prospectus, with a link to ECA prospectus web page;
3. List of all current bilateral and multilateral donors (displayed by fund and country);
4. Guiding Principles on ECA Trust Fund operations;
5. Other general information on Trust Fund operations.

ECA Donors Portal

Welcome to the ECA Donor's portal. This portal provides comprehensive information on ECA's donors support to its work program. Donors can login a secured website and view all relevant documents specific to their areas of interest.

- [Overview of ECA Trust Fund Operations](#)
- [ECA Trust Fund Activity Report](#) [Download [PDF version](#) 📄]
- [List of current Bilateral and Multilateral donors](#)
- [ECA Guiding principles in execution of trust fund operations](#)
- The ECA Annual Prospectus [Download [PDF version](#) 📄]

Donor's Login page

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Section B: Donor Restricted Site

To obtain further information, a partner's representative will require a username and password to log in. A unique password will be assigned to each ECA partner. Once access is granted, information about ECA-donor partnership history, agreements, pipeline negotiations and TF activity reports will be available to the user. The partner will also be able to access donor-specific information such as the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), project information by thematic clusters (Gender, Good Governance, ICTs, etc), project progress and final reports, financial reports, and other relevant information.

The user is required to enter the appropriate username and password in the donor login, and click on 'Submit' to enter this area.



The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Donor's Login page". The form has a dark blue header with the title in white. Below the header, there are two input fields: "Username" with the text "canada" entered, and "Password" with asterisks masking the characters. Below the password field is a "Submit" button.

Upon entering the specific donor's site, information is grouped under six main areas:

- 1 Overview and background information on donor support to ECA;
- 2 Summary of Support (for donors providing programmatic support);
- 3 Areas of Support;
- 4 Agreements;
- 5 Pipeline negotiations;
- 6 Trust Fund Activity Report.

1. Overview of Donor Support

This gives a brief historical overview of the partnership between ECA and the donor. It includes the main areas of support and contributions received from the donor.

For example:

The Government of Canada

ECA's partnership with CANADA started in the 1990's. The support from the Government of Canada has been channeled mainly through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and Industry Canada.

Areas of support:

- Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs);
- Trade;
- Gender; and
- Support to African Development Forums for enhancing ECA's dialogue and partnership capacity

2. Summary of Support (for donors providing programmatic support)

This gives information on those donors providing programmatic support as opposed to project-specific support. Reporting is provided programme-wise. This section also provides links to the latest narrative progress and final reports as well as financial reports.

Summary of Support

- Netherlands
- Norway
- DFID
- Sweden

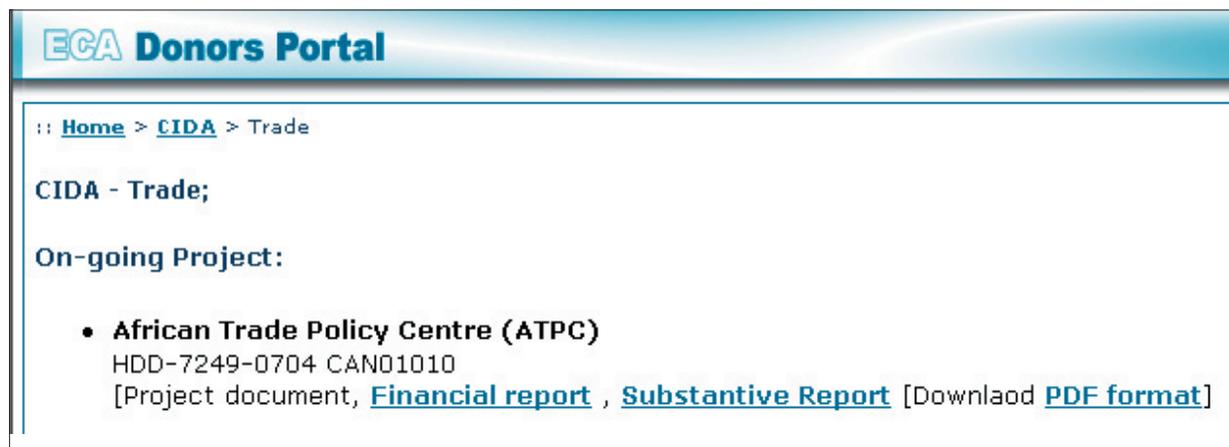
3. Areas of Support

This lists the main areas of support by the donor. It also provides a direct link to the relevant narrative and financial reports relating to each area.

Areas of Support

- [TRADE: Creation of the African Trade Policy Centre \(ATPC\)](#)
- [Promoting the Advancement of Women by supporting ACGD activities](#)
- [African Development Forum IV](#)

By clicking on a specific area of support, it will list the related projects in the last three years that are on-going or have been closed. Each project will contain the latest approved substantive report as well as the financial statement.



The screenshot shows the ECA Donors Portal interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text "ECA Donors Portal". Below the header, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > CIDA > Trade". The main content area is titled "CIDA - Trade;" and "On-going Project:". Under "On-going Project:", there is a list item: "African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC)" with the ID "HDD-7249-0704 CAN01010". Below the ID, there is a link to the project document, "Financial report", "Substantive Report", and a link to download the PDF format.

4. Agreements

This will list all agreements between the donor and ECA, in the last three years. The user will be directed to the signed agreement selected.

Agreements:

- [Support to the creation of the African Trade Policy Centre](#)
- [Contribution to "Institutional Support to the African Centre for Women"](#)
- [Support the project "African Development Forum IV"](#)

5. Pipeline negotiations

This section will list any agreements under negotiation with the donor.

Pipeline negotiations

- None available at this time

6. Trust Fund Activity Report

This section will contain links to any other reports on TF activities.

Trust fund activity report

- [Trust Fund Report](#)

Implementation

Work on the ECA Donor Portal commenced in April 2005 with in-house technical experts, and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The information on the Portal will be manually posted on a regular basis, but when fully operational, it will derive its project-related information and reports from the internal “Trust Funds Management and Reporting System (TFORS)”. The TFORS is not yet in place and work on development of the system is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2005, and to be completed by 2007.

Staff will be trained at both unit and divisional levels on the operation and use of the system.

Annex

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Overview

Started in 1996, the Reform process of the Economic Commission for Africa is guided by the overriding principles of strategic focus, cost effectiveness and improved effective partnerships to serve Africa better. In mapping the scope and content of the reform agenda guiding elements, ECA benefited from in – depth and systematic consultations and advice from a wide range of stakeholders such as government leaders, ministers, policy makers, key African personalities, as well as research institutions on the actual role of ECA and its reform agenda strategies were mapped out. ECA's mandate in Africa was shaped amongst government leaders in the northern hemisphere as well, so as to share ECA's vision on the strategic and programmatic directions of the Commission and seek donor support and collaboration in the implementation of this vision within the framework of the NEPAD agenda. The Commission also established a series of partnerships meetings to leverage its work programme through the execution of discrete programmes, projects and activities funded by bilateral and multilateral sources. In so doing, priority thematic areas of actions focused on:

- Building Policy Consensus and partnerships;
- Promoting good governance and civil society participation;
- Enhancing international competitiveness and regional integration;
- Integrating the gender dimension into the realm of development;
- Addressing sustainability of the nexus between population, environment, agriculture and development
- Promoting information services to leverage Africa's development.

Based on the strength gained through the reforms and the building of increased and strong partnerships with all development actors in the African scene, both within and outside the UN system and the donor community, the ECA is now recognized internationally as a key development actor on the continent and a respected voice in the international community.

The direct outcome of ECA's overall partnership strategy was the establishment of the ECA Partnership Forum in February 2001, which represents a landmark of confidence from the donor partners in ECA's Reform and processes, and commits donors to sustained policy dialogue and programmatic collaboration with the Commission. It has been able to bring together the major and future potential donors of the Commission to review programmes presented to it for extrabudgetary support as well as solicit partners ' support in the funding of key development projects of the Commission. The regular convening of this Forum was successful particularly in raising awareness amongst donor partners of the declining trend of Development Assistance to Africa and has consequently helped in improving the level of overall extra budgetary resources granted to the Commission. This has created a new level of confidence of donor partners on the capability of ECA to respond effectively and qualitatively to Africa's development concerns. On the basis of this new level of partnership, and in order to provide ECA with better flexibility in the implementation of its Medium Term Plan, the Forum initiated a major shift in the form of donor support to the Commission from fragmented support of activities and projects to programmatic support as well as budget support for the Commission 's reformed strategic agenda. Partnership agreements with DFID, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden reflect this shift. This new gear in the relationship of ECA with its donor partners led ECA to embark on a strategic move towards an integrated Management of the Commission 's regular budget and extra – budgetary resources which entailed corresponding changes both in the Budget Planning and the Reporting Process.

As a first step towards ECA's increased visibility, it has now established the “ ECA Donor Portal “ as the one – stop site for donors in accessing information on the extrabudgetary activities of the Commission.

Trust Funds Activity Report 2004

This is a report on the implementation and performance of ECA Trust Fund (TF) activities for the period, January 2003 to December 2004. The report presents the state of funding support received from partners during the reporting period, and the priority activities carried out with the funds. It also highlights the new emerging programme priorities in the next three years including the funding position and projections for the period 2004 to 2006. The report provides an insight into the new initiatives being undertaken that are aimed at building internal capacity in Trust Fund management, increasing efficiency at all levels, and promoting greater accountability and transparency in Trust Fund operation. It provides an update on ECA's core group of partners, namely, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, Finland, Germany, Canada, and Italy. Their support has significantly helped the Commission to better execute its priority activities during the period under review.

This report is divided into three parts. Part I provides the financial overview of extra-budgetary (XB) resources in terms of income and expenditure, and presents thematic highlights of XB activities executed during the reporting period and the implementation challenges. Part II gives a picture of the new emerging priority activities of the Commission, and discusses the multi-year (2004- 2006) budget, funding, and the resource gap for the XB activities as outlined in the 2004 Prospectus. Part III outlines the new ECA initiatives towards strengthening the partnership process. The report also contains a number of annexes, which provide further details of the financial records presented.

The impact of XB resources on ECA's overall work programme cannot be overemphasized. As has been brought to the attention of partners in some of its meetings, about 80% of the ECA Regular Budget (RB) is consumed by staff costs, leaving a balance of 20% for programme implementation and operational expenses. The ability of ECA to more effectively carry out its propriety activities and fulfill its mandate depends critically on mobilizing XB resources, which account for about 27% of the Commission's 2004-2005 Biennium Budget.

The Commission has witnessed a remarkable improvement in its donor relations. Accountability for donor funds has been enhanced through increased transparency, timely reporting and regular review meetings with partners on on-going collaboration. All these factors, coupled with a marked growth in credibility of ECA as a leading development actor on Africa, and a systematic partnership drive, have helped to generate an upward trend in the XB income of the Commission.

The ECA Partners Forum remains a very useful medium for interaction and information sharing between ECA and partners on how the funds entrusted to the Commission are being used. The Forum met four times during the reporting period to exchange views on the emerging development priorities for Africa, key ECA initiatives in support of these priorities, the Commission's XB funding and partnership requirements, and to discuss concrete proposals around collaborative arrangements and implementation modalities. The meetings also reviewed progress on coordinated partnerships in several key areas of work. The constructive comments and suggestions at these meetings have helped in no small measure in strengthening donor confidence and promoting greater accountability and transparency in ECA Trust Fund operation.

In carrying out its partnership activities, ECA is guided by the Partnership Principles outlined in Annex 4 of this report. In order to further deepen the partnership process, it has been suggested that the "Thematic Working Groups" of the ECA Partners Forum meet at the technical level. The Thematic Working Group meeting on governance will take place in June/July 2005. Two more thematic workshops one on Gender,

and another one on Trade - are also scheduled in 2005. A number of other new initiatives have also been planned to further deepen the process. These are discussed in Part III of this report.

Within this context, ECA launched its 2004 Prospectus in July 2004. It was the second annual prospectus produced by the Commission to keep partners, collaborators and constituents apprised of the Commission's successes and evolving plans as they relate to vital international events and to Africa's needs. It outlined the priority activities of ECA for 2004 - 2006. The multi-year budget for the ECA XB activities outlined in the 2004 Prospectus for the period 2004 - 2006 is also discussed in Part III.

The full text of the ECA trust fund report can be found at http://www.uneca.org/trustfund/Trust_Funds_Activity_Report_2004%20.htm

List of Partners

- African Development Bank (ADB)
- African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)
- Belgium
- CAF
- **Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)**
- Carnegie Foundation
- Community of Sahelo Saharan States (CEN-SAD)
- Commonwealth Secretariat
- Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS)
- Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
- European Union
- Finland
- Ford Foundation
- France
- Germany
- Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP)
- India
- **Industry Canada**
- **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA)
- Open Society Initiative for Western Africa (OSIWA)
- Organisation internationale de la francophonie (OIF)
- Organization for Economic Co-operation Development (OECD)
- Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- **Sweden**
- Switzerland
- The International Centre for Geoinformation Science and Earth Observation (ITC)
- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- United Kingdom
- United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)
- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- United Nations Trust Fund for African Development (UNTFAD)
- UNTFAD France
- UNTFAD Japan
- UNTFAD Korea
- World Bank
- World Food Programme (WFP)

ECA Guiding Principles for Donor Support

The collaboration of ECA with its partners is guided by the following shared understanding and principles:

- Regular interaction and information sharing between ECA and its partners and a shift to issues-based dialogue and collaborative partnership as opposed to a relationship based solely on funding:

This is achieved through the ECA Partners Forum. The Forum provides an avenue for policy dialogue and programmatic collaboration between ECA and its core donor partners. Through its quarterly meetings, the Forum reviews progress in key areas of the Commission's work, assesses needs and discusses concrete proposals and collaborative arrangements.

- A process for integrated planning, execution and reporting of the regular and extrabudgetary resources:

ECA is obliged to prepare a medium-term strategic plan every four years which sets its programme priorities for the period. The Plan is submitted to UN Headquarters and reviewed by the Committee on Programme Coordination (CPC). This also involves preparation of a detailed programme budget every two years, reflecting the programme priorities set out in the medium-term plan. The exercise is based on UN results-based budgeting.

Following the assessment work undertaken in 2001 by Mokoro (a UK-based management consulting firm), ECA developed a UN-Plus budgeting system that builds on the UN system while allowing rolling plans on a yearly basis. The new system is designed to support the integration of RB and XB planning and reporting.

- The gradual but systematic shift from fragmented funding support to programmatic support that offers greater flexibility in medium-term planning:

During the year 2001, ECA entered into multi-year agreements with a number of its core partners. Much of the funding from these partners was channeled as support to the Commission's overall budget, thus providing ECA considerable flexibility to respond to unanticipated critical demands and allowing the Commission to advance its strategic agenda. This would have been difficult to undertake in the context of the regular budget envelope. Although a number of Partners are still providing support to specific sectors, the aim is a complete shift to programmatic support in the near future.

- A common reporting framework to ensure coherence and reduce the transaction cost of reporting on programme implementation:

In the context of UN-Plus, ECA is committed to preparing an Annual Prospectus and an Annual Report. The Prospectus is based on, and derives from the ECA programme budget and is intended to lay out the Commission's priority work programme, budget and funding situation over a three-year rolling basis. The Annual Report will inform on ECA work programme implementation and resource utilization over the past year.

These two documents provide a common reporting format and tool for the Commission's partners. As such, the documents are presented and discussed annually at the ECA Partners Forum.

- Upholding UN Procurement and Recruitment policies in all donor agreements:

Procurement and recruitment from extrabudgetary fund should be by public competitive process, in accordance with UN rules and regulations on recruitments, programme and administrative procurements.

- Audit:

The auditing of ECA extrabudgetary activities remains the exclusive responsibility of the Internal Audit Department of the United Nations Headquarters in New York and the external auditors appointed by the General Assembly. This is a provision in UN Financial Rules and Regulations for which the Commission has consistently sought the understanding and confidence of its partners.

- Administrative Support:

As provided in UN Financial Rules and Regulations, and practiced UN Secretariat-wide, ECA charges a 13 per cent administrative support cost on extrabudgetary income received from bilateral and multilateral partners. This is meant to assist ECA with the defrayment of the cost of administration and other expenses incurred by the Commission directly relating to Trust Fund Projects.

:: Home > CIDA

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

Overview

- Partnership history

Areas of Support

- TRADE: Creation of the African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC)
- Promoting the Advancement of Women by supporting ACGD activities;and
- African Development Forum IV;

Agreements:

- Support the project “African Development Forum IV”
- Support to the creation of the African Trade Policy Centre;
- Contribution to “Institutional Support to the African Centre for Women”

Pipeline negotiations

- None available at this time

Trust fund activity report

- Trust Fund Report

:: Home > CIDA > HIV/AIDS

CIDA - African Development Forum IV;

On-going Projects:

- African Development Forum IV
HDD-7296-7258 CIDAADFIV
[Financial Report, Substantive Report, Project Document]

:: Home > CIDA > Trade

CIDA - Trade;

On-going Project:

- African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC)
HDD-7249-0704 CAN01010
[Project Document, Financial Report, Substantive Report [Download PDF format]]

:: Home > CIDA > Promoting the Advancement of Women

CIDA - Promoting the Advancement of Women;

Closed Projects:

- Institutional Support to the African Centre for Women (ACGD)
HDD-7144-0722 RAF01CAN (Closed December 2004)
[Financial Report, Substantive Report [Download PDF version]]

:: Home > SIDA

Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA)

Overview

- Partnership history

Summary of Support

- Progress Report January 2003 to May 2004 [Download PDF version]
- Financial Report [Download PDF version]

Areas of Support

- Promoting Regional Cooperation and Integration;
- Promoting the Advancement of Women;
- Monitoring Progress Towards Good Governance and
- The Poverty Reduction Learning Process

Agreements:

- In support of ECA's Programme 2002 - 2004
- In support of the African Development Forum 2000

Pipeline negotiations

- None available at this time

Trust fund activity report

- Trust Fund Report

:: Home > SIDA > Governance

SIDA - Governance;

On-going Projects:

- HIV/AIDS and Governance Technical Workshop
HDS-7221-0714 SWE02019
[Financial Report [Download PDF] ,Substantive Report, Project Document]
- Monitoring Progress towards Good Governance: Proposed Indicators for the African Good Governance Report
HDS- 7173-1574 SWED/001
[Financial Report [Download PDF],Substantive Report, Project Document]]

Closed Projects:

- Expert in Good Governance
HDS-7215-1574 SWE02016 (Closed June 2004)
[Financial Report [Download PDF],Substantive Report, Project Document]]
- African Development Forum IV (ADF IV)
HDS-7273-7258 MLTADFIV (Closed December 2004)
[Financial Report [Download PDF], Substantive Report, Project Document]]

:: Home > SIDA > PRSP

SIDA - PRSP;

Projects:

- Preparation for the PRSP Plenary Session
HDS-7313-0714 SWED04021
[Financial Report ,Substantive Report, Project Document]

SIDA - Regional Cooperation and Integration;

On-going Projects:

- Accélération de l'intégration régionale en Afrique centrale
HDS-7327-1676 SWE/05/030 (Commenced in 2005)
[Financial Report, Substantive Report, Project Document]

Closed Projects:

- Expert on Regional Integration for editing of ERA 2001, ARIA 2002, and
Harnessing Technologies for Africa's Development 2003.
HDS-7189-0714 SWED2002 (Closed May 2004)
[Financial Report, Substantive Report, Project Document]

:: Home > IDRC

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Overview

- Partnership history

Areas of Support

- The African Regional Workshop titled “Women in Global Food and Forest produce Commodity Value Chains”
- AISI Media Awards on promoting the Information Society in Africa
- The Implementation of the African Information Society Initiative (AISI) and Coordinating Connectivity Africa (CA)

Agreements:

- Support to the African Regional Workshop titled “Women in Global Food and Forest produce Commodity Value Chains”
- Support to the AISI Media Awards on promoting the Information Society in Africa
- Support to the Implementation of the African Information Society Initiative (AISI) and Coordinating Connectivity Africa (CA)

Pipeline negotiations

- None available at this time

Trust fund activity report

- Trust Fund Report

:: Home > IDRC > Implementation of the AISI

IDRC: AISI Implementation

New:

- The Implementation of the African Information Society Initiative (AISI) and Coordinating Connectivity Africa (CA)
[Activity Report, Financial Report, Substantive Report]

:: Home > IDRC > African Regional Workshop

IDRC: AISI Media Awards

On-going:

- AISI Media Awards on promoting the Information Society in Africa
HDR_7223
[Activity Report, Financial Report, Substantive Report]

:: Home > IDRC > African Regional Workshop

IDRC: The African Regional Workshop

Completed:

- The African Regional Workshop titled “Women in Global Food and Forest produce Commodity Value Chains” HDR-7219
[Activity Report, Financial Report, Substantive Report]

:: Home > Industry Canada

Industry Canada

Overview

- Partnership history

Areas of Support

- Establishing and developing the African component of global e-policy resource network (e-Pol Net)

Agreements:

- Support to e-Pol Net phase I
- Support to e-Pol Net phase II

Pipeline negotiations

- None available at this time

Trust fund activity report

- Trust Fund Report

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Industry Canada: e-POL Net

On-going:

- e-Pol Net phase I
HDD-7261
[Final Report, Financial Report, Substantive Report]
- e-Pol Net phase II
HDD-7261
[Progress Report, Financial Report, Substantive Report]