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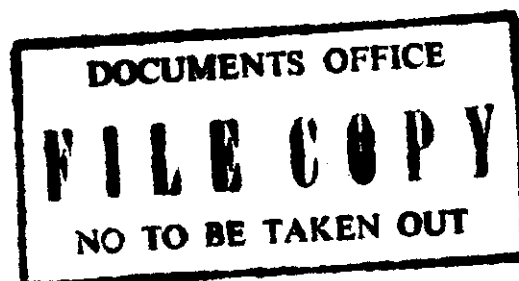


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## PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES FOR 1962-1963

## (A) Observations on the Programme of Work and Priorities

1. The projects contained in the programme of Work and Priorities for 1962-1963 consist, for the most part, of projects approved by the Commission at its third session. As most of these projects are of a continuous nature, they have been included in the 1962-1963 programme of work. However, some of these continuing projects have been re-formulated after the experience gained in 1961. Attention is drawn in particular to project 01-01 which has been split into five separate projects (01-01 to 01-05).
2. In addition to continuing projects already approved by the Commission, the Executive Secretary is recommending 14 new projects in the various fields of the Commission's activities. The inclusion of these new projects is made possible by the increase in the established posts in the Secretariat of the Commission. The manning table, which contained 70 professional posts in 1961, will contain 95 in 1962. In addition to these established posts, the Executive Secretary will have the opportunity to appoint specialists to work on ad hoc projects which can be completed within short periods not exceeding one year.
3. The Executive Secretary, in his report on the work of the Commission since the third session, explains the difficulties which have been encountered in recruiting staff for the Economic Commission for Africa. He would only like here to appeal to the African governments to co-operate with him in the recruitment of staff from the region so that the heavy load of work can be carried out efficiently within the coming biennium. The Executive Secretary is fully aware of the staffing difficulties encountered by the governments of the region but, unless these governments are prepared to make some sacrifices, the Secretariat of the Commission will not have the adequate number of qualified and experienced Africans who, by virtue

of their being drawn from the region, will help the Secretariat to tackle the economic and social problems in the most possible practical manner.

4. The most notable of the new projects are those in the field of economic and industrial research, and the field of training. The research and investigation proposed in projects 02-02, 02-03 and 02-04 are included with a view to finding out whether or not the developing countries are making the necessary efforts to finance development from their own savings and national resources. An eminent economist, and there are many who agree with him, wrote, "The government of an under-developed country needs to spend at least 12 per cent of the national income on recurrent costs, and about 8 per cent of national income on capital costs, making 20 per cent in all". Should the studies reveal that developing countries are not making the necessary efforts, recommendations will be made and methods will be suggested which, if adopted, will help these countries to take the action required to enable their economies to reach the point of "take-off".

5. The Division for Industry, Transport and Natural Resources is still a very small one. We have had immense difficulties in recruiting suitable people, and in particular have been disappointed in that the two most senior officers who had been recruited were compelled to decline offers of appointment at the last moment for private family reasons. A Division Director has now been appointed, and both the development of the programme and the build up of the staff are under way. I hope this will enable the Division to tackle effectively in the near future not only its existing programme, but also certain new projects.

6. Project 04-01 (Economic Bulletin for Africa) is a continuing project and the Secretariat will continue to produce two issues of the Bulletin each year. In addition, the Executive Secretary is seriously considering the preparation of an Economic Survey of Africa

since 1956, to be completed by the end of 1963, and to be submitted to the Commission at its sixth session in 1964. The Executive Secretary hopes that his resources will make this possible.

7. This programme of research, through analysis of the African economic problems, should more and more be of help to the African countries in the formulation of their economic policies. The Executive Secretary has reason to believe that the studies already made are beginning to make their impact on the formulation of African policies on national or sub-regional bases. The staff of the Secretariat, in 1961, conducted research and prepared documents for 11 Technical meetings attended by 325 technicians in the various fields of economic and social development. These meetings included the Second Conference of African Statisticians, meetings of Statisticians of certain sub-regions, a conference on Customs Administration, and another on Transport, in West Africa, a Budget Workshop for all the countries of the region, a Workshop on Low-Cost Housing, and various other technical meetings which are enumerated in the Executive Secretary's report on the work of the Commission since the third session. The Secretariat also participated in meetings jointly sponsored with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). These meetings were attended by 195 policy makers and technicians.

8. The Executive Secretary is confident that these meetings, which were held after some serious research work had been done, have been of value to the officials of the government of the region who attended them. Moreover the research done and the meetings held have begun to initiate concerted action in the region. Paragraph 42 of the report of the first session and Resolution 19 (II) of the second session on concerted action in West Africa are beginning to be implemented. The first West African transport conference held in Monrovia in late October 1961, and attended by Minister of Transport and Public Works from 15 West African countries, met with such success that the Executive Secretary hopes that further studies and further seminars and meetings in that region would lead to satisfactory concerted action in this area. Again, the conference on Customs Administration in West Africa may lead to concerted action in another area.

The Commission will, in due course, carry out all the studies approved by the previous sessions and it is hoped that these studies will enable the governments of that region, and subsequently those of other regions, to "initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic development of Africa, including its social aspect, with a view to raising the level of economic activity and the levels of living in Africa, and for maintaining and strengthening the economic relations of countries and territories of Africans both among themselves and with other countries of the world".<sup>1/</sup> An important area, and perhaps the most important one, in which studies must be made in depth as soon as possible, and in which conferences attended by high-level officials must be held for agreement on concerted action, is the area of industrialization. Many African countries in various sub-regions are embarking on programmes of industrialization. In view of the limited size of most national markets, co-ordination of such programmes would often be required to prevent failures or inefficient use of resources.

9. Another project, which is not entirely new but on which more emphasis has been laid by the African States in the General Assembly and by the General Assembly itself, is the establishment of an African development institute at which Africans will receive training in development programming. What is new about it is that it is more ambitious than the ones previously contemplated. The Commission has before it detailed proposals for the establishment of this institute. On a recommendation to establish this institute by the Commission and on an application presented by some governments of the region to the Special Fund of the United Nations for assistance, the Executive Secretary will begin to take steps to establish this institute under its auspices.

<sup>1/</sup> Terms of Reference of the Commission, paragraph 1 (a).

10. The regional economic commissions have until recently been regarded as institutions for economic and social research. But during the last year or so the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council decided that the regional commissions should be associated more and more with the operational aspects of economic and social development. The views of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic Commission for Africa in regard to operational activities were conveyed to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session by the Under-Secretary of Economic and Social Affairs in the following terms:

"... it has always been the Secretary-General's intention to take advantage of the fact that this Commission came late into being and could consequently benefit from the experience of the other commissions in order to define its role from the outset in such a way as to make it as effective as possible, and in particular to ensure that, even in the first few years, this role is not limited to that of a centre for research of a more or less academic character. The importance of the regional factor in economic co-operation and especially with regard to assistance, both technical and financial, is recognized by everyone and in so far as it has been possible to take any action, this has been guided by a concern to give the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa the maximum responsibilities compatible with its existing staff".<sup>2/</sup>

11. During the sixteenth session of the General Assembly, both the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs, speaking in the Second Committee, and the Secretary-General, in his report to the General Assembly on decentralization of the United Nations economic and social activities and strengthening of the regional economic commissions, stressed the importance of the role of regional economic commissions. The Under-Secretary informed the Second Committee that in the early days of technical assistance it was erroneously thought that technical assistance was simply a matter of asking for

<sup>2/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Second Committee, 671st meeting; for extract from remarks see E/3522, Annex II.

experts by the recipient countries and the provision of those experts by the United Nations. Now it is recognized that the provision of efficient technical assistance is not as simple as that. It requires a careful assessment of the varying needs of the countries and a careful selection of the experts who will meet those needs. In doing so, the regional economic commissions, because they are repositories of knowledge on regional economic and social problems, should be given the responsibility of advising on technical assistance requirements in the economic and social fields.

12. The future pattern, as envisaged by the Secretary-General in his above-mentioned report, is as follows:

"..... The arrangements which were envisaged are that, as far as possible, in all major areas for which the Commission is responsible: (a) regional advisers should be attached to the secretariat of the Commission, (b) all regional projects should be worked out by the secretariat of the Commission, (c) assistance should be rendered by the staff of the Commission to Governments and resident representatives in the formulation of their country requests, (d) country advisers and regional advisers should be briefed by the secretariat of the Commission and should all be chosen after mutual consultations with Governments, Headquarters and resident representatives".<sup>3/</sup>

13. The Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa has in the past year been very active in advising the governments, in the statistical field, through regional advisers, either provided for in the Secretariat's budget or by the Commissioner of Technical Assistance Operations. Altogether, 10 advisers were attached to the Commission and they were fully active in helping governments in establishing their statistical offices and country programmes and in training. Two regional advisers in the social field have also been attached to the Commission and they visited 6 countries to study and advise on national and sub-regional projects. As the various Divisions of the Secretariat become fully manned, and as they make

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<sup>3/</sup> A/4911, paragraph 27.



thorough studies and analyses of the problems of Africa, the same system will be applied in all fields, including industry, transport and natural resources.

14. So the role of the Commission, when its Secretariat is fully established, will be to conduct research in African economic and social problems which will throw light on the future trends of development and which will assist the governments of the region individually or collectively to work out their future development policies. The results of research and analyses, as indicated above, will not only be brought to the attention of the governments, but they will form bases for the conferences and seminars to which specialists in the various fields will be invited from all the governments of the region. And, finally, the advisory services which will be provided by the staff of the Secretariat and by the regional advisers attached to the Secretariat should be of great assistance to the governments in their development efforts.

15. As the Executive Secretary mentioned in his observations on the programme of work and priorities in previous years, he should have the necessary flexibility which enables him to make adjustments in the work programme after the Commission has approved it. This is made particularly necessary by the fact that so many African countries have reached independence recently and that the Executive Secretary should have the opportunity to come to their aid, either for investigating their immediate problems or for giving them technical advice. In these efforts, the Executive Secretary is pleased to report that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs has been, and will be, of continuous assistance to him.

16. Unexpected calls on the services of the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa may, in addition, force the Executive Secretary to postpone action on some of the ad hoc projects which, as a rule, he should carry out in the first year of the biennium.

B. Annotated list of projects for 1962-1963<sup>1/</sup>

I. Activities in General Economic Fields, social aspects of Economic Development and Statistics.

01 Development Policies and Programming<sup>2/</sup>

Group 1. Continuing Projects of High Priority

01-01 Analysis of Development Problems and Projections

Origin: Report of the third session.

Description: a) Analysis of major economic, social and technical development problems in African countries  
b) Assessment of development possibilities and projections of African economies.

Comment: a) Project to be undertaken in conjunction with projects 05-01 and 05-02. Reports were prepared for the Economic Bulletin for Africa, the African Regional Conference of the International Economic Association, July 1961 and the Working Party on Economic and Social Development convened in January 1962.  
b) Project to be undertaken in co-ordination with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters.

01-02 Methods of Planning

Origin: Report of the third session

Description: Studies of methods of development programming and policy formulation relevant to and applicable under African conditions.

<sup>1/</sup> The projects have been re-numbered in order to improve the presentation. Reference is made to the annex, which indicates the correspondence between numbers of projects in the programme of Work and Priorities for 1961-62 and 1962-63.

<sup>2/</sup> The projects shown under this heading represent a reformulation and expansion of project 01-01 approved by the third session of the Commission.

Comment: Studies were prepared for the Working Party on Economic and Social Development convened in January 1962.

01-03 Special Aspects of Planning

Origin: Report of the third session; Commission resolution 18 (II).

Description: Separate studies of such subjects as sector programming, project evaluation, development strategy, methods to promote capital formation, complementarity of investments, relationship between human and material investments, concentration versus decentralization in economic development, etc..

Comment: Project to be undertaken in coordination with projects 05-01, 05-02, 11-01, 12-01, 21-02 and 31-12 and with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters. Studies of some of these subjects were submitted to the Working Party on Economic and Social Development convened in January 1962. The present project covers co-operation with UNESCO and other specialized agencies in studies of educational requirements of development programmes, which were included as a separate project (01-06) in the programme of work and priorities for 1961-1962.

01-04 Advisory Services

Origin: Report of the first session, Paragraph 61.

Description: Provision of advisory services to governments on the techniques and problems of development programming including its organizational aspects.

Comment: Regional advisers to be attached to the Secretariat of the Commission and to be made available to members and associate members at their request.

01-05 Working Groups of experts

Origin: Report of the first session, Paragraph 61.

Description: Working groups of experts on selected topics; recommendations are included in the report of the Working Party on Economic and Social Development (document E/CN.14/127).

02 Money, Finance and Public Administration

Group 1. Continuing Projects and Activities of High Priority

02-01 Monetary Systems

Origin: Commission resolution 30 (III)

Description: Studies on the various monetary systems used in Africa with reference to their impact on intra-African trade in particular and on problems of African economic development in general.

Comment: Preliminary work has been undertaken; a study to be carried out in conjunction with projects 02-02, 02-12 and 03-01 will be completed in 1962.

02-02 Public Finance

Origin: Terms of reference of the Commission; Report of the Budget Workshop, paragraph 97.

**Description:** Studies on revenues and expenditures of African governments with special reference to the mobilization, allocation and efficient use of resources for economic development.

**Comment:** New project to be carried out in conjunction with projects 02-01 and 02-12. A preliminary study on public finance in African countries was done in 1961 (see Economic Bulletin for Africa, Vol.1, No.2). Two studies are expected to be prepared in 1962-63

(i) A study of the existing taxation systems in Africa and of the possible ways of improving them in order to promote economic development;

(ii) A study of the cost of government services, with particular reference to the absolute and relative levels of government salaries.

**02-03    Foreign Aid**

**Origin:** Report on the first session, paragraph 55; Commission resolution 2B (I); Economic and Social Council resolution 780 (XXX).

**Description:** Reports on bilateral and multilateral assistance to African countries and territories, to be prepared in co-operation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, at Headquarters.

Comment: Reports to be prepared for each session of the Commission.

02-04 Legal and legislative aspects of economic and social development

Origin: Terms of reference of the Commission

Description: Studies of law and legislation in African countries and territories bearing on aspects of economic and social development, and assistance to Governments at their request in adjusting such legislation to the needs of an expanding economy.

Comment: Action to be initiated in 1962.

Group 2. Ad Hoc Projects of High Priority

02-10 Development Banks

Origin: Report of the third session; Commission resolution 27 (III).

Description: a) Examination of the possibility of establishing an African Development Bank.

b) A study of the contributions which national development banks could make towards the promotion of economic development in African countries and territories, including assessment of requirements for advice and technical assistance in this field, to be undertaken in co-operation with IBRD and to be followed by the provision of advisory services to governments at their request.

- Comment:
- a) The report of a panel of experts and a working paper are submitted to the fourth session of the Commission (documents E/CN.14/129 and Add.1) Recommendations on the African Development Bank have also been made in the report submitted to the 4th session of the Commission (document E/CN.14/127) by the Working Party on Economic and Social Development, convened in January 1962.
  - b) Report to be presented to the fifth session.

02-11 Budget Workshop

Origin: Report of the First Workshop, paragraph 105.

Description: A second workshop on problems of budget reclassification and management to be conducted in 1963 or 1964 in co-operation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters.

Comment: The report of the first Workshop, conducted in September 1961, is submitted to the 4th session of the Commission (document E/CN.14/117).

02-12 Inflation and Savings

Origin: Terms of reference of the Commission; Report of the Committee on the programme of work and priorities to the 3rd session of the Commission, paragraph 10.

Description: Study on the problems of inflation and savings in connection with economic development in African countries.

Comment: New project to be carried out in 1962 in conjunction with projects 02-01 and 02-02.

02-13. Administrative Problems of African Governments

Origin: Report of the third session.

Description: A seminar to be organized in 1962 by ECA and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters to study some of the more urgent administrative problems of African Governments.

03 International trade<sup>3/</sup>

Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

03-01 Problems and prospects of foreign trade of African countries.

Origin: Report of the first session, paragraph 60 and 62 f; Commission resolution 8 (II), 28 (III) and 31 (III); report of the ad hoc committee on the impact of Western European economic groupings on African economies (E/CN.14/100 paragraph 56).

Description: a) Studies of foreign trade by sub-regions with special reference to intra-African trade and possible ways of promoting

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<sup>3/</sup> Studies and reports prepared under projects within this group will, as a rule, be submitted to the Standing Committee on Trade, which is expected to hold its first meeting in May 1962.



this trade in industrial and other products.

- b) Conduct of working parties under the auspices of the Standing Committee on Trade to consider the special problems of various sub-regions.

**Comment:**

- a) To be undertaken in conjunction with projects 02-01, 11-01, 11-02 and 12-01. Studies on trade problems in East and West Africa were completed in 1961 (see Economic Bulletin for Africa, E/CN.14/125).

- b) A Working Party on Customs Administration in West Africa was conducted in October 1961. Its report is submitted to the fourth session (document E/CN.14/138). A Working Party on fiscal policies and West-African trade is planned for 1962.

**03-02 Studies of Regional and Preferential Trade arrangements.**

**Origin:**

Report of the first session paragraph 60; Commission resolution 7 (II), 28 (III) and 31 (III); report of the ad-hoc committee on the impact of western European economic groupings on African economies (E/CN.14/100 paragraph 56).

**Description:**

- a) Studies of the impact of regional trade arrangements in Europe on the trade and development of African countries and territories and the measures which may be taken to offset any harmful effects of such arrangements.

- b) Studies of regional trade arrangements made or contemplated in other areas, including the significance of experience gathered in such areas to economic co-operation in Africa.
- c) Studies of preferential systems linking countries and territories in Africa with non-African countries particularly the Commonwealth preferences and preferential arrangements between Portugal and Spain and their respective territories in Africa.

Comment:

- a) A report on recent developments in Western European economic groupings as far as they concern African countries is submitted to the fourth session (E/CN.14/139).
- b) The Secretariat will report, as appropriate, on significant developments.
- c) A study on the Commonwealth preferential system in Africa is under preparation.

03-03

Studies of trade relations between the African region and other parts of the world.

Origin:

Report of the ad hoc committee on the impact of Western European economic groupings on African economies (E/CN.14/100 paragraph 56).

Description:

Studies with special reference to trade of African countries with single countries or groups of countries in other continents;

to be covered both from an institutional and economic point of view.

Comment:

A study on African trade with centrally planned economies is being prepared for the Standing Committee on Trade.

03-04 Information on trade problems

Origin:

Terms of reference of the Commission

Description:

Collection and dissemination of information on foreign trade, to be published in a Foreign Trade Newsletter.

Comments

Information to be collected from member countries, international organizations and newspapers and periodicals on foreign trade policies including tariffs and quotas, trade agreements, trade promotion and related subjects.

Group 2. Ad hoc projects of high priority

03-10 Stabilization of commodity prices.<sup>4/</sup>

Origin:

Report on the first session, paragraph 62 (j); Commission resolutions 18(II) and 25(III).

Description:

- a) Comparative analysis and evaluation of methods used for the stabilization of internal commodity prices.
- b) Meeting of African primary producing countries to consider the position of agricultural commodities of main interest

<sup>4/</sup> To be undertaken in conjunction with project 22-01.

to them with a view to obtaining greater world price stabilization.

Comment:

a) A report will be presented to meeting the Standing Committee on Trade, and to the meeting described in point b) below.

b) The meeting of primary producing countries will be conducted in the middle of 1962 in co-operation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters and FAO.

03-11 Conference of African Businessmen

Origin: Commission resolutions 8(II) and 38(III).

Description: Assistance in the preparation for and the conduct of a conference in 1962 of African businessmen to consider possible fields of co-operation among enterprises and organization within the private sectors of African economies.

Comment: The conference, which was originally scheduled for 1961, has been postponed.

03-12 Study of transit problems in West Africa

Origin: Recommendation from Working Party on Customs Administration in West Africa (document E/CN.14/138, paragraph 16).

Description: A panel of experts to undertake a thorough study in West Africa and to elaborate principles for a draft convention on transit.

Comment: The panel may be convened towards the end of 1962.

03-13 Frontier traffic in West Africa.

Origin: Recommendation of the Working Party on Customs Administration in West Africa (document E/CN.14/138, paragraph 21).

Description: Working Party to examine regulations and definitions to facilitate control of frontier traffic.

Comment: Preliminary work in 1962; the Working Party to be convened in 1963.

04 Review and analysis of current events

Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

04-01 Economic Bulletin for Africa

Origin: Report of the first session, paragraph 62(j).

Description: Publication of a bulletin to contain a selection of African statistics as well as articles and reports dealing with such topics as:

- (i) Current economic and social trends in African countries and territories, outstanding developments in respect of economic and social policies in Africa, and repercussions on African economies of policy decisions taken by Governments of important trading nations outside Africa; this topic would include analyses of the market for the principal African export commodities and, as far as possible, forecast a demand and supply;

- (ii) Activities of the Commission and its secretariat, including reports on conference, seminars or working parties not covered in other periodic documents;
- (iii) Selected problems investigated by the secretariat;
- (iv) A review of relevant studies of African problems undertaken elsewhere. This Bulletin will be published twice a year.

05 Social Aspects of Economic Development

Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

05-01 Studies of Social Problems and Policies in relation to Economic Change

Origin: Report of the first session, paragraph 61, Commission resolution 18(II); report of the third session.

Description:

- a) Social structure and trends, including levels of living and distribution of income;
- b) Social barriers to economic change and social problems consequent upon rapid economic growth, including economic and social implications of migration;
- c) Integration of social programmes and policies in comprehensive development plans;
- d) Advisory services to Governments on social policies, programmes and related research;

Comment:

Project to be undertaken in coordination with projects 01-01, 01-03, 04-01, 05-02, 05-03 and 31-12, and with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at

Headquarters. Studies in this field were submitted to the Standing Committee on Community Development and Social Welfare.

05-02 Demographic Factors relevant to Planning and Policy Formulation for Social and Economic Development

Origin: Report of the first session; paragraph 62.

Description: Studies of demographic structure and trends at the regional, sub-regional and national levels to provide basic information useful for planning of economic and social development.

- a) Studies on the overall demographic situation as revealed by the data secured from the recent population censuses with special emphasis on the relationships between demographic components such as fertility, mortality and migration, and economic and social factors.
- b) Projections of national populations and their segments (rural-urban population, school-age population, manpower, etc.).
- c) Studies on demographic aspects of urbanization.
- d) Studies on the demographic aspects of manpower including their relationship to the development of technical skills.
- e) Studies on the demographic implications of internal migration, especially in terms of its importance for sub-regional and regional development.

Comment:

Project to be undertaken in conjunction with projects 01-01, 01-03, 05-01 and 05-03. Up-to-date demographic data from the censuses carried out in 1960-62 under the World Population Census programme will become available for analysis and interpretation in 1962-63. As a first step, a number of studies analysing demographic data are planned for the Seminar on Population Problems in Africa, (see project 05-10).

**05-03 African Urbanization**Origin:

Terms of reference of the Commission.

Description:

- a) collection and dissemination of up-to-date documentation on African cities in all fields relevant to the terms of reference of the Commission, including bibliography, maps and plans, data on population, public services, local production, local education and other forms of social development, municipal finances, etc.
- b) conduct of surveys in selected localities and preparation of studies and reports on problems of urbanization in Africa with special reference to urban growth, employment and levels of living.
- c) provision of advisory services in African municipalities and other authorities at work in urban areas, at the request of the governments concerned, particularly for the purpose of relating social programmes for coping with rapid urban growth to planning and location of industry and to regional planning.



Comment: New project to be undertaken in conjunction with projects 05-01, 05-02 and those included under Group II, Industry. In implementing this project, account will be taken of the recommendations to be made by the Workshop on Urbanization (see project 05-11).

05-04 Economic and social consequences of racial discriminatory practices

Origin: Commission resolution 26 (III).

Description: Sub-regional studies of the economic and social consequences of racial discriminatory practices on the mobilization of all available resources for the balanced economic development of African countries and territories.

Comment: A report covering one sub-region is submitted to the fourth session of the Commission (document E/CN.14/132)

Group 2a Ad hoc projects of high priority

05-10 Seminar on population problems in Africa

Origin: Recommendations of the First Conference of African Statisticians, Report of the third session.

Description: A seminar of African statisticians and demographers on the collection, evaluation and utilization of demographic data. Joint project between the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters and the Economic Commission for Africa.

Comment: Seminar to be conducted in the second half of 1962, preliminary work undertaken in 1961.

05-11 Workshop on problems of urbanization

Origin: Commission resolution 18(II), ECOSOC resolution 792 II (XXX).

Description: Conduct of a workshop of national and municipal officials on problems of urbanization in Africa.

Comment: Workshop to be conducted 25 April - 7 May 1962. Preliminary work, including the organization of a reconnaissance mission, undertaken in 1961. Further activities in this field are described under project 05-03.

06 Statistics.

Group 1. Continuing Activities of High Priorities

06-01 Statistical Survey of Africa

Origin: Report of the first session, paragraphs 57 and 58, reports of the first and second Conference of African statisticians.

Description: An overall plan for statistical development in the region designed to bring activities of statistical offices in line with requirements for economic and social planning, and involving the following action by the Secretariat:

- a) Discussion with countries of technical assistance requirements in relation to national programmes for statistical development, briefing and supervision

of experts and fellowships in co-ordination with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters.

b) Planning and Supervision of a regional advisory service to render direct assistance to countries of the region, in co-operation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters and the FAO.

Comment: 19 countries circulated programmes of statistical development for the next five years at the second Conference of African Statisticians. (see report of this Conference E/CN.14/113). The regional advisory service was established in 1961 (see E/CN.14/146) and will include in 1962 three ECA staff members and seven regional statisticians on the Technical Assistance budget, two of which are to be appointed by FAO. This project is related to the projects of group 01.

06-02 Regional Co-operation for the Statistical Survey of Africa.

Origin: Report of the first session, paragraphs 57 and 58, reports of the first and second Conference of African Statisticians.

Description: Establishment and implementation of regional programmes of co-operation, based on specific needs expressed by countries for their statistical development. Activities in 1962 and 1963 to include the following:

- a) Three sub-regional meetings of heads of statistical offices in West, East and North Africa to co-ordinate training policies and programmes.
- b) One study tour each year on techniques of field surveys.
- c) A fellowship programme to enable junior statisticians to receive in service training in statistical offices of the region.
- d) A network of regional and sub-regional training centres (see project 41-04 and 41-05).

**Comments:** Report on regional co-operation in this field in 1961 is included in document E/CN.14/146.

06-03 Regional Co-operation in the field of data processing.

**Origin:** Reports of the first and second Conferences of African Statisticians.

- Description:**
- a) Use of the mechanical unit established at ECA headquarters for research and demonstration purposes and for servicing countries without equipment or with insufficient processing capacity.
  - b) Preparation of a report on developments in data processing in African countries, to be submitted to the third Conference of African statisticians.

Comments: A small mechanical unit was established at ECA headquarters at the end of 1961. Plans for this unit are reported in document E/CN.14/146.

06-04 Exchange of information on Statistical Activities.

Origin: Reports of the first and second Conference of African Statisticians.

Description: Establishment of a system for general exchange of information on statistical activities and methods between African countries, including the following activities in 1962-63:

- a) Publication of ECA Statistical Newsletter on a quarterly basis.
- b) Preparation and publication of methodological manuals on household surveys, national accounts and population censuses under African conditions.
- c) Translation of reports on methods on household survey.
- d) Publication from time to time of bibliographical references on statistical publications in African countries.

Comment: This programme is based on recommendations contained in paragraph 47 and 58 of the report of the first Conference, and paragraphs 75, 79, 86, 87, 88 of the report of the second Conference.

06-05     Formulation of Statistical Standards for the region.

Origin:       Reports of the first and second Conference of African Statisticians.

Description: Organization of working groups of experts to exchange views on methods and to consider adaptation to Africa of international standards, in co-operation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters and specialized Agencies. 1962-1963 programme to include meetings on the following subjects:

- a) In 1962, industrial statistics (1963 UN programme of industrial enquiries), national accounts (adaptation of UN standard system of national accounts to Africa) and agricultural statistics (in co-operation with FAO).
- b) In 1963, three technical meetings dealing with capital formation, balance of payments (in co-operation with IMF) and Food consumption surveys (in co-operation with FAO)
- c) In 1963, third Conference of African Statisticians.

Comments:

This project is based on recommendations contained in paragraph 91 of the Second Conference of African Statisticians. The reports of 1961 meetings on External Trade Statistics and Household surveys are submitted to the session as documents E/CN.14/120 E/CN.14/130.

**06-06     Processing and Publication of Statistical Data.**

**Origin:**     Reports of the First and Second Conferences of African Statisticians.

**Description:** a) Compilation and analysis of statistical data required for Economic Bulletin for Africa (Cf. project 04-01), trade studies (Cf. projects under group 03) and other projects of the Secretariat.

This includes, inter alia, the publication of "African Statistics" on a biennial basis, and the publication of a bulletin on External Trade Statistics on a biennial basis.

b) Statistical handbooks: assembly, evaluation, analysis and publication of data derived from the Statistical Survey; handbook on population to be published in 1962, handbook on national accounts and agriculture (in co-operation with FAO) to be published in 1963.

**Comment:**     The Bulletin of External Trade Statistics will contain uniform series on the basis of a monthly collection of data from all African countries, as recommended by the Second Conference of African Statisticians. The handbook of population statistics will be circulated to the Seminar on population problems (project 05-10).

II. Industry, Transport and Natural Resources

Comment: The programme of work in these sectors is in the early stages of development, and should be regarded therefore as still flexible. The programme, compared with a year ago, has been both reformulated and expanded.

11. Industry

Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

11-01 Industrial Surveys and Industrial Planning

Origin: Report on the first session, paragraph 59; Commission resolutions 18(II) and 33(III), Report on the Third Session.

Description:

General surveys of the industrial situation in African countries with special reference, wherever appropriate, to sub-regional co-operation. Studies of promotion of trade, both intra-African and between Africa and other continents, in industrial goods. Examination of problems of sector programming and industrial planning. Build up of an inventory of African industries including energy.

Comment: To be undertaken in conjunction with projects 01-03, 03-01, 04-01 and 05-03.

11-02 Study of Individual Industries and Groups of Industries

Origin: Commission resolutions 18(II) and 33(III), Report of the third session.

Description:

Studies of existing industries, of the prospects of developing them and improving their efficiency; and of prospects of setting up new industries including, where appropriate, comparative cost studies. The sectors of



industry including energy to be studied, and the relative priorities remain to be determined in consultation with governments. It is expected, however, that the studies will be carried out or started in the next two years on the following industries, on a regional, sub-regional or country basis as appropriate:

Energy (with special reference to hydro-electric power and oil)

Iron and Steel

Non-ferrous metals (with special reference to prospects of developing further processing of ores)

Textiles (with particular reference to prospects of promoting greater African self-sufficiency and in the long run, production for export).

Timber manufactures

Fertilizers

Building materials

The Construction industry

Food processing

Mechanical Engineering

Selected Transport Equipment.

**Comment:** Project to be undertaken in conjunction with project 03-01.

### **11-03 Operational Activities and Advisory Services to Governments**

**Origin:** Commission resolution 18(II); Report of the third session.

**Description:**

- (a) Organization of seminars and working parties on selected topics and problems in consultation with African governments and other appropriate bodies.
- (b) Provision of advisory services to governments on problems of industrialization, the development of existing industries and the establishment of new industries.

Comments: It is intended to convene two or three seminars or working parties in the second half of 1962 and 1963 arising out of studies carried out under 11-02, on either a regional or sub-regional basis. One will be a seminar arising from Commission resolution 33(III) on energy resources in Africa and their systematic development, precedent by an inventory of resources.

Group 2. Ad Hoc Projects of high priority

11-10 Feasibility Studies of Industries and Investment

Origin: Commission resolution 18(II), report of the third session.

Description: (a) Feasibility investigations, in specific countries or groups of countries, of specific development projects in industry, including energy, arising either from the studies to be carried out under 11-02, the seminars and working parties referred to under 11-03, or requests from governments. The feasibility investigations would be carried out by a combination of the Secretariat, including consultants, Technical Assistance experts, and Ad Hoc panels of experts, and followed wherever possible by investment studies, and where requested by the government or governments concerned, assistance in carrying out development projects.

(b) Drawing up of a manual on the preparation and implementation of investment projects in which advice is given on the carrying out of different aspects of investment in a variety of industries and plants.

(c) Seminar on industrial estates.

**Comment:** Project (b) is substituted for the manual on industrial planning requested by the third session; problems of industrial planning will now be dealt with under 11-01 and by the proposed African Institute for Economic Development and Planning. It is hoped to complete the manual of investment by the end of 1962. Project (c) will be carried out in 1963 in co-operation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, as one of a series of seminars on industrial estates.

12. **Transport**

**Group 1.** **Continuing Projects and activities of high priority**

12-01 **Transport**

**Origin:** Report of the first session, para. 62(d); Commission Resolutions 18(II) and 35(III).

**Description:** (a) Studies of transport problems in Africa, with emphasis on the role of the transport industry in promoting economic development, particularly with regard to the general co-ordination of the various transport techniques.  
(b) Basic study of the relative economics of road, rail, water and air transport in the economic development of African countries.  
(c) Provision of advisory services to Governments at their request.

**Comment:** Projects (a) and (b) to be undertaken in conjunction with projects 01-03 and 03-01. A report on transport in West Africa was submitted to the third session of the Commission. A study on East African transport problems is being prepared and a progress report is submitted to the fourth session of the Commission (Document E/CN.14/148).

Group 2. Ad Hoc Projects of high priority

12-05 Seminar of Chiefs of Highway Divisions in West Africa

Origin: Report of the West African Transport Conference.

Description: The seminar would treat subjects as methods of soil stabilization in road construction, concrete surfacing of roads and the development of local materials as substitutes for imported ones.

Comment: New project to be implemented in 1962 or 1963 in accordance with Resolution I adopted by the West African transport conference organized in 1961 (Document E/CN.14/147).

12-06 East African Transport Conference

Origin: Terms of reference of the Commission.

Description: Meeting of representatives of governments in the East African sub-regions to discuss sub-regional transport problems.

Comment: New project to be carried out late in 1962 (see Document E/CN.14/148).

12-07 Ports and Shipping Seminar for African Countries

Origin: Terms of reference of the Commission.

Description: Seminar on port administration to be undertaken in co-operation with IMCO and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters.

Comment: New project to be implemented in 1963.

13. Natural Resources

Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

13-01 Natural Resources

Origin: Report of the first session, paragraph 59.

Description: Assistance to governments at their request in connexion with the preparation of hydrological, geological, geodetic and other scientific surveys of resources.

13-05 Groundwater development

Origin: Report of the third session.

Description: Studies and seminars on economic and administrative aspects of groundwater development in selected African countries and territories, to be carried out in co-operation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters.

Comment: It is hoped to hold a seminar in the course of 1963.

13-06 Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa

Origin: Report of the third session of the Commission, paragraphs 230-236, and Economic and Social Council Resolution 816(XXXI).

Description: Conference reviewing cartographic activities in Africa. Development of cartographic surveys. Organization of co-operation between African countries and between the African region and other countries, and related technical problems.

Comment: To be carried out in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in 1963.

### III. AGRICULTURE

#### 21. Agricultural progress and developments

##### Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

21-01 Review and analysis of current progress in the field of food and agriculture in Africa (an activity to be built up progressively over a number of years in collaboration with FAO Headquarters).

Origin: Report of the first session, paragraph 63.

Description: Supply of information on food and agricultural matters and contributions of ECA/FAO Joint Agriculture Division to documentation for:

- (a) ECA studies and surveys involving food and agriculture, including documentation for ECA sessions and other meetings;
- (b) FAO regional office and headquarters and FAO regional conferences and meetings, including second FAO Regional Conference for Africa and Sixth Regional Conference for the Near East.

Comment: Various documents have been prepared for the ECA 4th Session and other meetings. Activities are being expanded as staff and library facilities improve.

#### 21-02 Agricultural development programmes and planning<sup>5/</sup>

Origin: Report on the first session, paragraphs 61 and 63; First FAO Regional Conference for Africa, resolutions 1, 3 and 6; General Assembly resolution 1426(XIV); FAO/ECA Centre on Land Policies in East and Central Africa.

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<sup>5/</sup> In co-ordination with project 01-03, FAO projects and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Description: Examination of plans and of measures to promote agricultural development and increase productivity in agriculture:

- (a) Collection and analysis of information on agricultural development programmes for documentation outlined under project 21-01 above and for technical assistance programming and activities;
- (b) The analysis and formulation of agricultural development projects, including training and other assistance to Governments;
- (c) Analysis of particular problems of agricultural development, including:
  - (i) The diversification of agriculture;
  - (ii) Factors in the transition from subsistence to commercial agriculture;
- (d) The role of institutional factors in agricultural development including land policies, agricultural credit, co-operatives and extension services.

Comment: Forms a large part of the continuing work of the Joint Agriculture Division. Project 21-02(d) is a new item added this year in recognition of the importance of institutional factors and the addition of a new staff member, and to be carried out in coordination with Projects in IV Community Development Social Welfare and allied Activities as appropriate.

Group 2. Ad Hoc Projects of high priority

21-03 Studies and meetings on agricultural development

(a) Forestry Development

Origin: Second session of the Commission (E/3320 para. 118)  
Third session (E/3452/Rev. 1 para. 175).

**Description:** Survey of timber resources and requirements.

(b) Agricultural Credit Development Centre (co-sponsored by FAO)

(c) Centre on Land Policies for West Africa (co-sponsored by FAO)

(d) Training centre on project formulation and Appraisal.

Contributions on agricultural projects.

(e) Meeting on agricultural development planning in African countries (co-sponsored by FAO)

(f) Action arising from the FAO Africa Survey.

**Comments:** All the items are new except (a). Sub-project d) to be carried out in coordination with projects 01-03 and 41-02.

## 22. Distribution and consumption of agricultural products

### Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

#### 22-01 Trade and marketing of agricultural products<sup>6/</sup>

**Origins:** Report on the first session, paragraph 62 (f); Commission resolution 18 (II); first FAO Regional Conference for Africa, resolution 10.

**Description:** Examination of trade in major agricultural products in sub-regions, and measures to improve marketing:

(a) Studies of recent trends in the level and direction of exports of agricultural produce, on a regional and sub-regional basis.

(b) The marketing of agricultural products: continuation with FAO headquarters and Near East Regional Office of meat and livestock marketing projects and extension to other marketing problems.

(c) Price trends and relationships of agricultural products.

<sup>6/</sup> In co-ordination with projects 03-01 and 03-03 and with FAO projects.



Comment: Relatively little has been done yet on (a). Price trends and relationship have been separated as a new sub-project (c) to comply with Resolution 25(III). It will be undertaken in coordination with project 03-10.

22-02 Food consumption levels<sup>7/</sup>

Origin: Commission resolution 18(II).

Description: Studies of demand and consumption levels for food and other agricultural products.

Comment: Action has so far been carried out through a consultant and through participation in the Fourth Inter-African Conference on Food and Nutrition.

Group 2. Ad hoc projects of high priority

22-03 Commodity Stabilization

Origin: Resolution 25(III)

Description: Assistance in technical preparation, for a meeting on the stabilization of prices of agricultural export commodities.<sup>8/</sup>

Comment: A new project to be undertaken in coordination with project 03-10b) and in collaboration with FAO Headquarters.

23 Assistance and advisory services in the field of agriculture

Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

23-01 Technical assistance to Governments

Origin: Report on the first session, paragraph 54; FAO Conference resolutions.

Description: Collaboration with Governments and with agencies

<sup>7/</sup> In co-ordination with projects 05-01 and 06-02.

providing technical and economic assistance: collaboration with FAO technical assistance experts in African countries in the fields of agricultural planning and marketing; assistance to Governments in the formulation of requests for technical assistance under the Expanded Programme and other forms of aid within the framework of international arrangements; direct assistance to Governments in national and regional projects (a continuing activity which should expand with increasing aid to Africa).

Comment:

Main action in this field is taken by FAO. The contribution of the Joint Agriculture Division is limited to some coordination and initiation of requests and provision of limited direct assistance by the staff and by consultants engaged on temporary assistance funds available to ECA.

Group 2

Ad hoc projects of high priority

23-02 Specific projects of importance to the region

Origin:

Miscellaneous requests by Governments to the Special Fund, the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and to the Executive Secretary.

Description:

- (a) Report on progress of locust control measures.
- (b) Economic survey wild-life and tourism in Tanganyika.

Comment:

Item (b) is the subject of a Special Service Agreement being negotiated with the East African Institute of Social Research.

IV. Community Development, Social Welfare and Allied Activities

31. Community Development

Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

31-01 Assistance to Governments in the planning, organization and administration of national community development programmes.

Origin: Report of the third session.

Description: a) Assistance in the organization of national seminars on planning and administration of community development by providing staff to assist national personnel in the organization and conduct of brief national seminars.

b) Organization of teams to evaluate community development programmes in selected African countries, on request of the country concerned and financed from its own share of technical assistance funds (country allocation).

Comment: Action to be initiated in 1962.

31-02 General Survey of Community Development in Africa

Origin: Report of the Workshop on Community Development, recommendation No. 5(c).

Description: A survey to be carried out periodically, utilizing information provided by member Governments to various United Nations bodies and supplemented by material

collected directly by the ECA secretariat. Appraisals of individual country community development programmes will be continued; such individual case studies will form part of the general survey.

Comment: A preliminary survey on CD programmes in Mali similar to the one undertaken in Uganda in 1960 (document E/CN.14/81) was completed and circulated for information to the Commission and to the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development convened in February 1962. (E/CN.14/SWCD/12).

31-03 Establishment of an ECA Clearing-House on community development and social welfare

Origin: Report of the Workshop on Community Development, recommendations No. 5(b) and (e).  
Report of the Workshop on the Extension of Family and Child Welfare Services within Community Development Programmes, recommendation No. I(f)

Description: The activities to include: collection and distribution of material on principles, methods and techniques of community development and social welfare; assistance in arranging exchanges of personnel between African countries; provision of information on training facilities, including fellowships available from

international agencies and national Governments; organization of study tours; briefing of experts; organization of lending services of films and other audiovisual aids for member countries, etc.

Comment: This project has been expanded to include Social Welfare; to be undertaken in conjunction with the projects listed under Group 32.

Group 2. Ad Hoc projects of high priority

31-10 Study of the applicability of community development techniques to urban areas in Africa. (xx)

Origin: Report on the first session, paragraph 62(b); Economic and Social Council resolution 731 J (XXVIII).

Description: A study to be carried out: (a) by initiating two community development pilot projects in urban areas of Africa to gain practical experience, and (b) by undertaking simultaneously a study, in co-operation with research institutions in Africa, of steps necessary to minimize the social disruption due to urban development. Special attention will be given to housing and social services which are necessary to cope with urban development problems. It is expected that this project will be carried on until the end of 1962.

Comment: Project to be undertaken in conjunction with project 05-01. A study on Addis Ababa has been completed and is circulated as document E/CN.14/SWCD/10. It was submitted to the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development convened on February 1962.

**31-11 Study tour on community development methods and techniques**

Origin: Report of the Workshop on Community Development, recommendation No.5 (e).

Description: Study tour for senior officers of requesting Governments to visit community development projects in selected Asian countries in 1962.

Comment: The study tour is scheduled to take place in September 1962.

**31-12 Community Development and economic development**

Origin: Report of the first session.

Description: Analysis of the contribution of community development and other methods of mobilizing human resources to economic development in African countries. A working group of experts in community development and economic development is planned to take place in 1962 to consider problems in this field.

Comment: A preliminary report is circulated as document E/CN.14/144)

32 Social Welfare

Group 1. Continuing projects and activities of high priority

32-01 Organization and administration of national social welfare programmes

Origin: Report of the Workshop on the Extension of Family and Child Welfare Services within Community Development Programmes, recommendations No.II (d) and (f).

Description: This project will include the following activities:

(a) To undertake studies on the existing patterns and structures of social welfare programmes.

(b) To conduct regional meetings and workshops bringing together administrators and directors in charge of social welfare programmes.

(c) To assist governments, at their request, in planning, organization and administration of social welfare services.

Comment: New project arising from the preparatory work on project 32-05. Questionnaires have been sent to Governments to obtain information on national patterns of organization and administration of social welfare services. Training and related studies in social welfare are included in project 41-08.

Group 2. Ad hoc projects of high priority

32-05 Expert group meeting on planning organization and administration of social welfare with particular reference to family and child welfare.

Origin: Report of the 1960 Workshop on the Extension of Family and Child Welfare Services within Community Development Programmes.

Description: Action arising from a workshop organized jointly by ECA and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters, held at Accra in November 1960. Attention will be given to structure and patterns of organization of welfare services and the interrelationship between government and voluntary welfare services.

Comment: The expert group meeting is planned to take place in Abidjan in April 1962. This project will serve as preparation for project 32-01. Two working papers, were prepared and submitted for discussion to the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development (E/CN.14/SWCD/6 and E/CN.14/SWCD/7).

32-06 Study tour in the field of social welfare

Origin: Report of the Workshop on the Extension of Family and Child Welfare Services within Community Development Programmes, recommendation II (b), second paragraph.

Description: A study tour for professional women, administrators and directors active in the field of social welfare will take place in selected African countries. It will also include women in charge of social welfare services in community development programmes.

Comment: This is a new project. It is anticipated that the tour will take place in 1962/1963.

33 Allied Activities

Group 2. Ad hoc projects of high priority



33-01 Studies on low-cost housing and community facilities within  
community development programmes in Africa.

Origin: Terms of reference of the Commission; Economic and Social Council Resolution 731 B(XXVIII).

Description: Studies of problems of planning and replanning of villages and small communities, including self-help housing programmes and the review of experience in building schools, markets, co-operative stores, community centres and other community facilities.

Comment: A workshop on low-cost housing convened in Tunis in 1961 recommended that further detailed studies should be undertaken in 1962 and 1963. (Document E/CN.14/SWCD/4). This report was submitted for discussion to the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development in February 1962.

33-02 Study of the present state and progress of the co-operative movement in Africa.

Origin: Commission resolution 9(II).

Description: A study has been completed on the present state of the co-operative movement in Africa. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs at Headquarters, FAO, ILO and UNESCO were consulted during the course of preparation of the Study. This report deals with the types of cooperatives, their scope and programme, national legislation and other means for promoting co-operative activities, educational methods and techniques, training

facilities for personnel and voluntary leaders, and the contribution of the co-operative movement to the economic development of African countries.

Comment:

The completed study (document E/CN.14/133) makes suggestions concerning possibilities of establishing centres for the training of Africans in the field of co-operative. In carrying out these suggestions, the project should be considered in conjunction with project 21-02. This report was submitted for information to the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development.

V.. TRAINING

Group 1. Continuing Projects of High Priority

41-01 Training Facilities in Africa

Origin: Commission resolution 17(II)

Description: Consultations with universities, research institutions and other appropriate organizations in Africa regarding arrangements for the training of African staff in the field of economic development.

Comment: Consultations in 1960 and 1961 were related to preliminary work for the establishment of an African Institute for Economic Development and Planning.

41-02 Training in Economic and Social Planning

Origin: Commission resolution 16(II).

Description: Programmes of study and training designed to meet the need for an increasing number of economists, and other professionals who are able to handle the problems and techniques of development programming.

Comment: This project is related to the establishment of an African Institute for Economic Development and Planning. The report of a panel of experts and a working paper are submitted to the 4th session of the Commission (documents E/CN.14/128 and Add.1). Recommendations on an African Development Institute are also included in the report of the January 1962 Working Party on Economic and Social Development to the 4th session of the Commission (E/CN.14/127).

41-03 In-service training for African economists and statisticians

Origin: Commission resolution 16(II).

Description: In-service training at the headquarters of the Commission and with the Economic Commissions for Europe and for Asia and the Far East.

Comment: A report is submitted to the fourth session (document E/CN.14/150).

41-04 Summer Courses for African University Students of Economics and Statistics

Origin: Commission resolution 17(II).

Description: Summer courses for students entering their final year at the university.

Comment: A report on the first courses conducted in the summer of 1961 is submitted to the 4th session of the Commission (document E/CN.14/149).

41-05 Training activities in statistics

Origin: Report of the first session, paragraph 51.  
Reports of first and second conference of African Statisticians.

Description: (a) Survey of requirements in respect of professional statistical manpower and progress made in training at this level. Next report to be made in co-operation with UNESCO, for submission to the Third Conference of African Statisticians in 1963.  
(b) Co-ordination of training activities at professional level in the region. This activity to include negotiations with international and bilateral programmes

of assistance, so as to obtain a fellowship programme and an assistance in the form of lecturers to newly established Institutes of Statistics in African Universities.

(c) Assistance to and organization of a net-work of sub-regional permanent training centres for middle-grade statisticians. Co-ordination of activities of all training centres at that level, and standardization of programmes.

Comment:

A substantial programme of fellowships has been approved by UN Headquarters under (b) above. Three sub-regional training centres for middle-grade statisticians have been established in 1961 in co-operation with the governments of Cameroun, Ghana and Ethiopia. Progress in this field is reported in document E/CN.14/146.

41-06 Training Course for Customs Officials in English-Speaking West African Countries.

Origin: Report of the Working Party on Customs Administration in West Africa (document E/CN.14/138 paragraph 32).

Description: One course on customs administration lasting approximately four months for customs officials from English-speaking countries in West Africa.

Comment: New project to start in 1962.

41-07 Training courses in community development methods and techniques for national supervisory and administrative personnel.

Origin: Report of the Workshop on Community Development, recommendation No. 5(a).

**Description:** Refresher training courses to be organized for national personnel such as provincial community development officers, principals of training centres, etc. Curricula to include the economic, social and educational aspects of community development.

**Comment:** One course for West African countries has taken place in Dakar in 1961. The final report is circulated for information (document E/CN.14/SWCD/5) and was submitted to the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development. It is anticipated that two sub-regional courses will take place, one for North Africa in 1962 and one for East Africa in 1963.

41-08 Training Course for Social Workers

**Origin:** Report of the Accra Workshop on Extension of Family and Child Welfare Services within Community Development Programmes; Commission resolution 36(III).

**Description:** A training course will be undertaken in 1962 for trainers, administrators, and senior social workers employed in Government or in voluntary organizations. Special emphasis will be given to training in the fields of group work and community organization and the inter-relationship of social work to social sciences, home economics and other technical fields.

**Comment:** The training course will be preceded by studies and consultations with government officials on professional training in the field of social work in Africa. Attention will also be given to training facilities for auxiliary social workers. Questionnaires have been sent to governments to collect information on the available schools of social work and other training facilities for social welfare.

## ANNEX

Correspondence between numbers of projects included in the Programmes of Work and Priorities for 1961-1962 and 1962-1963.

1962-1963 Programme

01 Development Policies and Programming

01-01 }  
01-02 }  
01-03 }  
01-04 )  
01-05 )

01-01, reformulated and expanded, and 01-06 except that demographic aspects constitute a separate project (05-02) in 1962-63.

02 Money, Finance and Public  
Administration.

02-01  
02-02, new project  
02-03  
02-04  
02-10  
02-11  
02-12, new project  
02-13

02-01 <sup>g/</sup>  
02-02  
01-02  
01-03 reformulated  
01-05, reformulated  
01-11

03 International Trade<sup>1</sup>

03-01  
03-02  
03-03

02-01<sup>a</sup>/, reformulated  
02-01<sup>b</sup>/ <sup>c</sup>/and <sup>d</sup>/  
02-01<sup>a</sup>/, reformulated

1/ The Standing Committee on Trade is not considered as a separate project. The establishment of such a committee was included in the Programme for 1961-1962 as project 02-01 1.

1962-1963 Programme1961-1962 Programme

	03-04, new project	
	03-10	01-04, reformulated
	03-11	02-04
	03-12, new project	
	03-13, new project	
04	<u>Review and Analysis of Current Events</u>	
	04-01	03-01
05	<u>Social Aspects of Economic Development</u>	
	05-01	01-15, reformulated
	05-02	Part of 01-01, reformulated
	05-03, new project	
	05-04	01-12
	05-10	01-09
	05-11	01-10, reformulated
06	<u>Statistics</u>	
	06-01	04-01 <sup>a</sup> , reformulated
	06-02	04-01 <sup>b</sup> , reformulated
	06-03	41-03 <sup>c</sup> , expanded
	06-04	04-03 <sup>a</sup> , <sup>b</sup> and <sup>c</sup> , reformulated
	06-05	04-03 <sup>c</sup> , reformulated
	06-06	04-04, reformulated
11	<u>Industry</u>	
	11-01	11-01 and 11-02, reformulated and expanded, and 13-02.
	11-02	
	11-03	11-03 reformulated and expanded
	11-10	11-05 reformulated and expanded



1962-1963 Programme

12 Transport

- 12-01
- 12-05
- 12-06, new project
- 12-07, new project

13 Natural Resources

- 13-01
- 13-05
- 13-06, new project

21 Review and Analysis of Current Progress in the field of Food and Agriculture in Africa.

- 21-01
- 21-02
- 21-03<sup>a/</sup>
- 21-03, <sup>b/ -e/</sup>, new projects

22 Distribution and Consumption of Agricultural Products

- 22-01
- 22-02
- 22-03, new project

23 Assistance and Advisory Services in the Field of Agriculture.

- 23-01
- 23-02

1961-1962 Programme

- 12-01, expanded
- Follow-up of 12-05

- 13-01
- 13-05

- 21-01
- 21-02, reformulated and expanded
- 21-03

- 22-01, expanded
- 22-02

- 23-01
- 23-02, expanded

1962-1963 Programme  
31 Community Development <sup>2/</sup>

31-01

31-02

31-03

31-10

31-11

31-12

32 Social Welfare <sup>1/</sup>

32-01, new project

32-05

32-06, new project

33 Allied Activities

33-01

33-02

41 Training

41-01

41-02

41-03

41-04

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41-06, new project

41-07

41-08, new project

1961-1962 Programme

31-01

31-02

31-04, reformulated

31-07

31-09

01-07, expanded

31-06, reformulated

Follow up of 31-05

31-08, reformulated

41-01

41-02, reformulated

41-05, expanded

41-06, expanded

41-03<sup>a/</sup> and <sup>b/</sup>, reformulated

41-04

<sup>2/</sup> The Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development is not considered as a separate project. The establishment of such a committee was included in the Programme for 1961-1962 as project 31-10.