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About the Economic Commission for Africa

Established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1958 as one of the five regional commissions, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is tasked with promoting the economic and social development of its 54 member States, fostering intraregional integration and promoting international cooperation for Africa's development aspirations.

The development context is however changing globally. The world and Africa are 6 years away from 2030. Against this backdrop of an uncertain and volatile global environment, weakening multilateralism, slow growth, and rising inequality there is a need to revisit the development paradigm for Africa and the role of ECA.

The year 2018 marked the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Economic Commission for Africa and offered an opportunity to take stock of the Commission's achievements and to reflect on the way forward. The new strategic directions and proposed reforms offer a vision and implementation road map aimed to better

support member States in their efforts to deliver on their vision and meet the Sustainable Development Goals. ECA's mission will therefore be to "Deliver ideas and actions for an empowered and transformed Africa; informed by the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 of the African Union" with the vision of "Delivering ideas for a prosperous Africa".

The new directions of ECA build on the growing and central importance of the private sector in Africa's development together with the impact of innovation, especially technology, in delivering a prosperous Africa.

In its implementation, it also emphasizes the need to not only generate ideas but to support member States in testing the viability of the ideas. As a result, partnerships are a cornerstone of the new vision as they will allow for the scaling up of ideas.

Consistent with its mandate and comparative advantage ECA's programme of work is accordingly centred around nine interdependent and complementary sub-programmes, which are focused on thematic or sectoral priorities



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that are key to the transformation of Africa as follows:

1. Macroeconomic policy and governance;
2. Regional integration and trade;
3. Private sector development and finance;
4. Data and statistics;
5. Technology, climate change, and natural resource management;
6. Gender and women in development;
7. Subregional activities for development delivered through the five ECAs subregional offices covering North, West, Central, East and Southern;
8. Economic development and planning; and

9. Poverty, inequality and social policy.

The modalities for implementation will be aligned with the Commission's role as a policy think tank engaged in multisectoral policy research and analysis with a view to harnessing the three pillars of sustainable development; as a convener of intergovernmental platforms and forums such as the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, for the exchange of solutions, promotion of peer learning and articulation of a common African voice at the global level in support of the 2030 Agenda, Agenda 2063, and as an operational provider of capacity development services, which include supporting member States in their efforts to comply with international agreements, treaties, norms and standards, through policy advocacy, consensus building, technical support, policy



advisory services and training measures. ECA is headed by an Executive Secretary, who is assisted by two Deputy Executive Secretaries (DES): one DES (Programme) overseeing all substantive Divisions, subregional offices and the Dakar-based African Institute for

Economic Development and Planning; and a DES (Programme Support) overseeing the support Divisions of Administration and the Publications, Conference and Knowledge Management Division.



About the Catalogue

Welcome to the 2024 edition of the ECA Publications Catalogue. This year's Catalogue features reports and studies that will be made available over the course of the year.

Suggested covers for the 2024 publications are for thematic purposes only; as actual covers will be made available as they are issued.

In addition to multimedia resources, publications are available in print and also in digital format on our website for immediate viewing or download. The publications – which include the Economic Report on Africa, ECA's flagship publication – represent the work of ECA and cover a wide range of thematic areas forming part of the transformative development agenda for the renaissance of Africa. More specifically, the publications capture the work ECA does to monitor Africa's economic growth, understand mega-trends and their implications for African economies, and promote the rise of emerging economies.

The publications featured in the Catalogue are organized into the following five colour-coded categories:

(i) **The ECA flagship publication:** the most in-depth and analytical signature think piece that communicates the strategic thinking of ECA and carries its voice on key development issues;

(ii) **Special thematic publications:** these are stand-alone reports to systematically discuss a specific topic. They build on the knowledge and original thinking developed by ECA and represent the depth of ECA's thinking on a specific issue;

(iii) **Thematic headline publications:** these are periodic key publications that focus on major issues of ECA's specific programme areas and provide progress updates in these areas. They are meant to deliver ECA's voice in specialized areas;

(iv) **Geographic headline publications:** examples of these publications include country profiles produced by ECA's sub regional offices to report latest developments and first-hand



experiences on the ground as well as regional profiles;

(v) **Policy briefs**: these are essentially summaries covering policy issues and options and specifically targeting those interested in government policies;

(vi) **Reports on the work of ECA**: these include statutory and strategic reports on programme implementation as well as organizational papers on ECA change management processes.



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Economic Report on Africa

The report reviews the recent economic and social situation in Africa and presents a comprehensive analysis of a prominent policy concern emerging on the continent. The 2024 edition will focus on demonstrating the critical importance of investing in a just and sustainable transition in Africa to achieve the aspirations of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs and build a prosperous Africa.

Issue date: March 2024



African Women's Report on Costing SDG 5

The report assesses the investment and financing needs to achieve the goal on gender equality (Goal 5), providing technical assistance to member States in addressing gender equality in economic and digital transformation; and strengthening their capacity to integrate gender perspective in their sectoral policies.

Issue date: March 2024



Africa Sustainable Development Report

The report presents a summary of Africa's performance on the goals, related targets, and indicators of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the corresponding goals, related targets, and indicators of Agenda 2063. The 2024 edition will focus on Goals 1, 2, 13, 16, 17 of the Agenda 2030.

Issue date: July 2024





Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA XI)

This flagship publication, a collaboration between the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa's Regional Integration and Trade Division and key African institutions, examines Africa's advancement toward the envisioned continental Customs Union and Common Market, notably in the context of the AfCFTA. It gauges the region's preparedness for this pivotal transition by leveraging sub-regional experiences, global comparisons, and ongoing initiatives. Comprising chapters encompassing a panoramic view of Regional Integration in Africa, an exploration of theoretical integration foundations, insights gleaned from African RECs and global counterparts, an assessment of economic advantages, and in-depth examinations of critical areas like tariff alignment, non-tariff measures, governance, and resource needs, the report culminates in recommendations aimed at propelling heightened integration across the continent.

Issue date: December 2024





African Continental Free Trade Area: What you need to know

AfCFTA: What you need to know is a Frequently Asked Questions booklet on the African Continental Free Trade Area. It addresses the basics of an FTA and the AfCFTA as well as more complex matters such as the implications across diverse populations.

Issue date: March 2024



Africa Migration Report: Climate change and migration in Africa: Exploring the linkages

The report focuses on the linkages between migration and climate change. It posits that climate change has consequential implications for both development and migration in Africa. African Member States are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, which can have far-reaching consequences on livelihoods of the population.

Issue date: March 2024



State of urbanization in Africa for evidence-based policymaking

An overview of the current megatrends in the region through a STEEP and Behavioral Science Approach.

Issue date: March 2024





Country Situation Analysis report on status of women return migrants in Ethiopia

The study focusing on Ethiopia highlights the situation and needs of domestic workers who return to their country, especially from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries.

Issue date: March 2024



Country Situation Analysis report on status of women return migrants in Kenya

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Issue date: March 2024



Study on Fintech in Eastern Africa

The development observed in the information technologies sector, particularly with the rapid penetration of the internet over the last decades has substantially impacted human beings and all economic activities. The finance sector is one of the sectors that have been substantially impacted by the development of technology and the internet. Since then, the world has been observing new financial organizations and products that fully leverage technology capability.

Issue date: March 2024





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Issue date: April 2024



Gender and Climate Change in Africa: Enhancing Women's Participation in Clean Energy

Examines the gender and climate change dynamics focusing on the participation of women in energy. The report makes a case for mainstreaming a gender perspective in climate policies and programmes in a way that reflects the social outcomes and contexts in which such policies are designed.

Issue date: April 2024



Compendium of Best Practices on Land Use Consolidation in support of Land Based Investments in Agriculture

The compendium of best practices offers in-depth information on various good practices, including examples of dealing with challenges and a collection of tools and activities for coping with land investment and its governance. The compendium is expected to help policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders progress and make informed decisions on land use consolidation in Africa.

Issue date: April 2024





African Statistics Pocketbook 2022

This is a publication to present summary statistical indicators of socio-economic data that are extracted from the Yearbook.

Issue date: April 2024



Guidelines for Agro-poles Development in Africa

The Guidelines for Agro-poles Development in Africa convey lessons learned and best practices for developing Agro-poles specific to the African context.

Issue date: April 2024



National report on poverty and inequality

Poverty, vulnerability and inequality in Namibia in the absence of recent household survey data -

A study was undertaken in 2023 to estimating poverty, vulnerability and inequality in Namibia. The analysis, which applied an innovative elasticity approach generated estimates on poverty, vulnerability and inequality in Namibia from 2016 – 2023 in the absence of recent household income/consumption data. Key findings of the study, which generated up-to-date estimates, will help inform the development of the forthcoming National Development Plan 6 whose priorities are to tackle poverty, inequality and unemployment nationwide.

Issue date: April 2024





Diagnostic toolkit on legal identity for migrants

The tool provides an assessment of the comparative advantages and ways to address capacity gaps and respond to risks and limitations in the field of digital identity in East and Horn of Africa.

Issue date: April 2024



Sovereign borrowing by African countries: what determines Eurobond issuance

This paper assesses what determines the ability of governments from developing countries to access international credit markets.

Issue date: May 2024



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Issue date: May 2024





Opportunities for regional value chains in West Africa as part of the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

This report is prepared based on identified continental value chains for which West Africa's countries have potential and comparative advantages in the regional market for goods and services.

Issue date: May 2024



Technical Report on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems: Data for better decision-making in African governance structure

This report examines the critical role of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) systems in enhancing decision-making within the governance structures of African nations. CRVS systems provide invaluable data on vital events, population demographics, and key socio-economic indicators. The findings highlight the significance of accurate and timely CRVS data in decision-making in areas such as healthcare, education, social services, economic planning, human right and governance, Justice and legal systems, emergency response and disaster management, immigration and border control, infrastructure development and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Recognizing the current challenges in CRVS implementation, this report underscores the importance of strengthening these systems in Africa to foster transparency, accountability, and more effective governance, ultimately contributing to the continent's sustainable development and progress.

Issue date: May 2024



Tracking SGD 7 progress in Africa

Overview of the progress that African countries make towards achieving SDG 7 and action plans to fast-track it.

Issue date: May 2024





CRVS Implementation Guide: E-Governance and Integration

This document provides a step-by-step guide for countries on governance issues in civil registration.

Issue Date: May 2024



Regional Report on the international Conference on Population and Development

This report provides an assessment of the progress made by African Member States in implementing the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development - AADPD commitments, identifies gaps, and highlights best practices in the face of multiple crises and emerging megatrends.

Issue date: May 2024



Healthcare and economic growth in Africa 2

This report builds on the findings reported in the first Healthcare and Economic Growth in Africa (UNECA, 2019), which highlighted the financing challenges facing the health sector in Africa, the need for a greater and a better regulated private sector engagement in the health space, and the roles of public-private partnerships (PPPs) in health.

Issue date: May 2024





African Social Development Report (ASDR)

Africa's future growth and prosperity depends upon whether young Africans can access suitable jobs. The report aims to reflect on the pathways to address unemployment issues in Africa through developing a win-win partnership between the origin and host countries.

Issue date: May 2024



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Issue date: June 2024



Innovative finance for resilient food systems

This paper will first present current financing situation of African agriculture by highlighting the reasons to invest more in agriculture, the financing gap and needs for a food systems transformation, and the risks that limit the amount of finance. Second, it will also portray innovative finance solutions by presenting first finance spots where to tap in and detailing some innovative finance vehicles that are suitable for the required transformation. Third, the paper will document case studies of some interesting vehicles applied in the agricultural sector and finally will conclude with some policy recommendations.

Issue date: June 2024





Informal sector in West Africa: meeting the challenge of formalization to ensure a better contribution to sustainable development and its funding

This report is prepared based on conducted study on the informal sector with a view to formalizing them and increasing the tax base of member countries in the West African sub-region.

Issue date: June 2024



A Compendium of Best Practices on Land Based Investments that Promote Youth Enterprise and Agribusiness in Africa

The study aims to document cases of Large-Scale Land Based Investments (LSLBI) that have proven beneficial to the Youth and at the same time responding to the needs of the specific sectors that they are designed to serve. This is to inform member states and investors on factors to consider in developing LSLBI to productively engage the youth address the ever-growing challenge of unemployment.

Issue date: June 2024



Assessment of the UN-GGIM: Africa Executive Working Groups and Thematic Networks

The publication will analyze and determine the essential elements for establishing executive working groups for UN-GGIM: Africa: which topics are reliant upon input from other areas and therefore should be given precedence; which topics can operate simultaneously; and items not requiring immediate attention. The study will attempt to analyze patterns that hinder or aid Working Groups operational processes.

Issue date: June 2024





Demographic Profile of Africa 2023

Examines the trends and levels of key demographic indicators for African countries. Provides an analysis of sound disaggregated demographic data needed to inform formulation of national development strategies, policies and programmes among African Member States.

Issue date: June 2024



Regional brief on leveraging digitalization to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment across Africa

The regional brief provides an overview on the progress of African member States with respect to digitalization, present examples of how ICTs can drive development and create opportunities particularly for women, as well as provide a general overview of the status of digitalization and country's readiness to embrace digitalization.

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Issue date: July 2024





A Call-To-Action Conference on Land Policy in Africa 2023

Summarizes the Actions that the various Stakeholder Groups attending the Conference on Land Policy in Africa (CLPA) 2023 commits to address for the next 2 years with the aim to report back at the CLPA 2025. The Stakeholders include Governments, Non-State Actors, Traditional Authorities and

Developments Partners.

Issue date: July 2024



Readiness and quality assessment toolkit for implementation of administrative population registers

The tool kit outlines key preconditions for implementation of administrative population registers and provides guidance on how to assess the quality of the registers including their potential use for generating official statistics.

Issue date: July 2024



Forecasting Net Migration Levels using Machine Learning Method

This study explores the application of machine learning methods in forecasting net migration, aiming to enhance the precision and robustness of migration predictions. Leveraging historical migration data, a comprehensive predictive model is developed to capture the intricate patterns of net migration. The research employs the auto-regressive and the Prophet machine learning models.

Issue date: July 2024





Country case studies on implementation and use of administrative data and registers for statistical purposes

These reports document the experiences of countries that are implementing administrative population registers including their key features, their potential for production of official statistics and key challenges that the registers face in aligning to the UN definition and standards for well-functioning population registers.

Issue date: July 2024



Assessment on the Availability of Geospatial Datasets for the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa

The publication provides outlook of the current status of the availability of the required geospatial information in African countries which is determined through an inventory of such geospatial information as a baseline.

Issue date: July 2024



Studies on Islamic Finance in Eastern Africa

According to Islamic laws (Sharia), it is not allowed to charge any interest on money lent to someone. This prohibition originates during the Middle Ages in the Arab peninsula (Martens, 2021). However, the concept of modern Islamic finance was launched in the 1940s under the impulse of the Pakistani Sunni theologian Sayyid Abul Ala Maududi. In its main contribution, titled “The Economic Problem of Man and Its Islamic Solution”, he indicated that Islamic finance would form a third way between capitalism and communism which aims to establish a fairer economic order.

Issue date: July 2024





Report on status of data collection on human trafficking and smuggling

Provides status of implementation of the Policies on the prevention of Trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in Africa and reviews existing national implementation Plans of Action in the AU Horn of Africa region.

Issue date: August 2024



Overarching geospatial information governance for Africa

The document discuss the overarching topic of holistic geospatial information governance and recommend any action, which may be required to guide member States efforts; Advise on a vision for global geospatial information management in Africa and a set of associated long-term goals; Identify the key strategic areas in achieving a better coordination mechanism for geospatial information management in Africa; Provide elements for promoting and supporting collaboration, cooperation and integration on space science and applications in Africa.

Issue date: August 2024



Promoting investments in energy, transport and agricultural related infrastructure through land policy reforms

The study addresses land related barriers which hinder infrastructural development from the perspective of energy, transport and agricultural sectors, to create an enabling environment for private sector investments in these said sectors.

Issue date: August 2024





Human Rights Checklist for the African Continental free Trade Area

The Human Rights Checklist for the AfCFTA aims to provide guidelines on human rights integration in the development of National and Regional African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation strategies

Issue date: August 2024



CRVS Implementation Guide: Innovation and Digitalization

This document provides a step-by-step guide for countries on digitalisation of CRVS systems.

Issue date: August 2024



Regional Economic Communities' (RECs) development strategies: Identifying opportunities for enhancing Inter-RECs Cooperation towards deeper continental integration

The report delves into the endeavors of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa to enhance regional cooperation and integration among member states. The report's primary focus is to examine the RECs development strategies, identifying commonalities that could facilitate inter-REC cooperation in support of the continental integration agenda. By leveraging these shared elements, RECs can address challenges like overlapping memberships and expedite the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area, moving toward a continental Customs Union and Common Market. The report presents a brief historical background, past outcomes of long-term vision documents, and medium-term regional strategy plans. After presenting the content of current vision documents, it highlights common goals and potential entry points for inter-REC collaboration. Finally, the



report summarizes key recommendations to support RECs and Member States in fostering deeper collaboration, with the assistance of the ECA and other continental stakeholders.

Issue date: August 2024



Situation analysis of data on migrants' health

This report provides the situation analysis of the status of data collection on migrant disease surveillance in Africa. It offers a background and justification for the development of guidelines on systematic collection of data on migrants in health.

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Report on Trade and the Triple Nexus

This report explores the interactions between the triple nexus (i.e., humanitarian, development, and peace) and trade in the African context, with a strong focus on the AfCFTA.

Issue date: August 2024



Framework for Boosting Intra-African Trade (BIAT), Ten-year After: Progress, Implementation Challenges and implications for the AfCFTA

The report assesses the level of implementation of the African Union's initiative on Boosting Intra-African Trade (BIAT) to capture areas of success, failure, challenges and lessons learned, as well as the implications for the successful implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). The report delves into the disparities in trade between African countries and other global regions, emphasizing Africa's limited share in world exports, high reliance on external markets like the EU and Asia, and the low level of intra-African trade. Recognizing the transformative potential of intra-African trade, the

report examines the challenges impeding intra-African trade, such as restrictive trade policies, inadequate infrastructure, limited access to finance, and fragmented markets. The report advocates for a synergistic approach between AfCFTA and BIAT, emphasizing the crucial role of implementing BIAT strategies to complement AfCFTA's objectives and foster sustainable economic growth, job creation, and improved well-being across the continent. Additionally, it calls for a holistic review, enhanced monitoring, and intensified advocacy to overcome implementation hurdles and unlock the full potential of these crucial initiatives.

Issue date: September 2024



AfCFTA and the African standards landscape

This study examines the nexus between Africa's standards landscape and market access for products from the continent.

Issue date: September 2024



Report on progress status of the implementation of the Global Statistical and Geospatial Framework in Africa

The document outlines the strategic use of geospatial and other innovative technologies aimed at integrating statistical systems with geography and encourages their adoption and implementation in accordance with UN guidelines, taking Africa's particular national characteristics into account. The publication will advise the design and implementation of national statistical geospatial frameworks based on experiences and best practices in other countries for the correct integration of statistical and geospatial information in Africa.

Issue date: September 2024





Guiding principles on geospatial communication's strategies for Africa

These guidelines will aim to provide strategic guidance and outline the practical steps and resources needed for national geospatial stakeholders to develop an integrated communications strategy. It meant to be very practical, a mix of prescriptive instructions, best practices, tips and resources. The communication should outline who we must communicating with, why we are communicating with them, what we are communicating, and how best to communicate with our constituencies for the best level of understanding.

Issue date: September 2024



Trade Agreements and Gender Equality: Exploring Sustainable Development, Policy Frameworks, and Regional Practices

Trade Agreements and Gender Equality: Exploring Sustainable Development, Policy Frameworks, and Regional Practices” is a book that aims to explore the multifaceted relationship between trade agreements, gender equality, and sustainable development. The focus of the book will be on the linkages between trade agreements and gender issues in the context of the AfCFTA Agreement and its draft protocol on Women and Youth in Trade.

Issue date: September 2024



Going beyond the Big three (PFIZER)

Based on the experience of Nigeria, this toolkit sets out a streamlined approach for planning and estimating the costs of those interventions, and provides guidelines to help relevant stakeholders identify critical funding gaps.

Issue date: September 2024





The Smartphone Study

The study will examine the sources of raw materials, the manufacturing processes, the distribution channels, the consumer preferences, and the disposal practices of smartphones in Rwanda. The study will also explore the opportunities and challenges for improving the sustainability and inclusiveness of the smartphone supply chain in Rwanda.

Issue date: September 2024



Situation analysis on surveillance of diseases among migrants

This work provides the situation on prevalence and nature of irregular-border crossings and transhumance practices in Africa. It further examines the existing regional guidelines and protocols on infectious disease surveillance, globally with a view to offering options for cross-border infectious disease surveillance in Africa.

Issue date: October 2024



AGDI Technical Note

Technical material is to guide, ensure common understanding and effective implementation of the African Gender and Development Index (AGDI) process by participating African countries.

Issue date: October 2024



Spatial analysis and mapping of urban features development, patterns and trends in Africa

The publication aims at identifying social, economic and spatial parameters and trends at the city and metropolitan scale that provide a comparative



overview of urban infrastructure in Africa. It investigates the impact of urban form and spatial development on society, the economy and the environment in relation to sustainable development.

Issue date: October 2024



Statistics programme of the Economic Commission for Africa: programme of work on data and statistics for the period 2024–2025

This publication contains proposed programme of work on data and statistics submitted by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to the statistical Commission for Africa to guide the Commission's contribution to data and statistics on the continent for the period 2024–2025.

Issue date: October 2024



Better monitoring of urbanization dynamics

A thematic report on urbanization dynamics in advance of the first Africa Urban Forum. The theme of the report is yet to be established by will look at an emerging trend in the region that could be deliberated at the forum.

Issue date: October 2024



Harnessing the African Continental Free Trade Area's agenda for effective and efficient healthcare ecosystems in Africa

Building on data collected at national level for all African countries, this report provides a snapshot of Africa's current digital trade regulatory landscape. It further highlights the required efforts for successful implementation of specific provisions of the AfCFTA Protocol on Digital Trade.

Issue date: November 2024





Situation analysis of challenges and fears faced by member states in implementing the Free Movement Protocol – Ghana

The country report for Ghana reviews the status of labour migration policies and implementation of programs on the free flow of skilled labour, i.e., high, semi-skilled and low skilled. The report further provides an assessment of the current country systems on skills portability and recognition systems. Finally, it offers an analysis of relevant implications with respect to implementing the Protocol on Free Movement of persons and promoting the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

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Technical Note on African Gender Index

The African Gender Index (AGDI) technical note is to guide the members of ECA for the compilation Africa gender index and ensure common understanding of the AGI process to assist member states in implementing the index effectively.

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Situation analysis of challenges and fears faced by member states in implementing the Free Movement Protocol – Zambia

The country report for Zambia reviews the status of labour migration policies and implementation of programs on the free flow of skilled labour, i.e., high, semi-skilled and low skilled. The report further provides an assessment of the current country systems on skills portability and recognition systems. Finally, it offers an analysis of relevant implications with respect to implementing the Protocol on Free Movement of persons and promoting the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

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State of urbanization in Africa for evidence-based policymaking

A quantitative and qualitative assessment of key trends shaping urbanization across Africa and the use of Foresight approaches linked with the insights of behavioural science to assess policy options and develop a report on “The state of Urbanization in Africa.”

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Synthesis report on Digital trade regulatory environment in Africa

This analysis empirically assesses the challenges and opportunities for harmonization of digital trade regulations within the African Continent.

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Econometric analysis on Digital trade regulatory environment in Africa

This analysis empirically assesses the challenges and opportunities for harmonization of digital trade regulations within the African Continent.

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Methodology to assess country-level implications of the AfCFTA Agreement's implementation on inequality and poverty

This document compares the existing methodologies to assess inequality and poverty at country-level. It further justifies the choice of the methodology selected for ECA's inequality and poverty assessment in the context of the AfCFTA Agreement's implementation.

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A Strategic Pathway to the Modernization of Geospatial Information in Africa

This comprehensive strategy for the modernization of geospatial information in Africa, with a particular emphasis on the integration of geospatial and statistical information is aligned to the integrated geospatial information framework. The document includes an investigation of the various pathways that can better help countries to realize the value of investing in geospatial information through opportunities for information-sharing, partnerships to pool resources, the communication of best practices.

Issue date: March 2024



Africa Sustainable Development Goal Progress Report 2023

The report describes the status of Africa in its implementation of the 2030 Agenda and a projection of where the region and its sub regions will likely to be in 2030.

Issue date: March 2024





Regional Integration in Southern Africa – Accelerating the implementation of the AfCFTA in Southern Africa building on the acquis of the RECs FTA

In a bid to highlight the complex interplay between AfCFTA and the RECs, UNECA commissioned this study to flesh out, for better understanding and effective implementation of the AfCFTA as it relates to the RECs' FTAs. The study builds on the findings of the continental level study, ECA (2021), on "Governing the African Continental Free Trade Area—Regional Economic Communities Interface", which among other key questions, aimed to understand the feasibility of leveraging the implementation mechanisms of various REC-FTAs in implementing the AfCFTA. The study provides an in-depth analysis of the issues as they pertain to the application of the acquis principle with a focus on the Southern Africa region.

Issue date: March 2024



Performance of National Development Banks

National development banks have a key role to play in supporting countries' development agenda, including in sectors that are perceived as risky or emerging and therefore lack the maturity required by private investors. The aim of this report is therefore to assess the role and actions of NDBs in Africa as a tool to crowd in additional private finance and support long term economic development.

Issue date: April 2024



Study on Cryptocurrencies and Crypto-assets in Eastern Africa

Over the past decades, electronic forms of payments have replaced gradually physical or hard currencies. For example, the global use of credit and debit cards as a method of payment has almost doubled in five years, from 5% to 9% between 2012 and 2017 (Bansal et al., 2018). The development of technology with



electronic payments combined with the lack of confidence in the financial system following the 2008–2009 financial crisis has pushed for a new form of currency called cryptocurrency or virtual currency.

Issue date: April 2024



Harnessing Demographic Dividend Guidelines for the Formulation of National Population Policy

This methodological guide aims to facilitate an effective and efficient integration of the demographic dividend dimensions in Member States' national population policies. The latter should ensure coherence and alignment of the guidelines with existing national, regional, and international frameworks, the formulation of these methodological guidelines focuses on the principles and actions anchored in the 2017 African Union roadmap on harnessing the demographic dividend through massive investments in youth. It is aligned with other population-related international and continental frameworks which equally highlight the importance of harnessing and maximizing the demographic dividend to advance inclusive and sustainable development.

Issue date: April 2024



Africa quarterly economic performance and outlook

Presents Africa's quarterly macroeconomic developments, including economic growth, inflation, and fiscal and monetary policies. It also highlights related emerging economic issues.

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Progress report on the implementation of the priority areas of the Doha Programme of Action for LDCs for the decade 2011-2020

Reviews the performance of African least developed countries in the eight priority areas of the Istanbul Program of Action and assesses their prospects for graduation from the status of least developed countries.

Issue date: May 2024



The Implications of AfCFTA on Energy Investments in Africa

The report looks at the impact of AfCFTA on various economic sectors, and the implied energy demand. Analysis indicates how much additional energy capacity and investment is required to support opportunities under AfCFTA. It also raises implications to private investment.

Issue date: May 2024



African Statistical Yearbook 2023

The Yearbook series is a result of joint efforts by major African regional organizations to set up a joint data collection mechanism of socioeconomic data on African countries.

Issue date: May 2024





Continental Regulatory Framework to Crowd-In Private Investment in Africa's Electricity Markets

This is a continental regulatory framework designed in collaboration with the AUC to support national regulatory improvements in the electricity sector to encourage the participation of the private sector.

Issue date: June 2024



The State of Play of Energy Transition in Africa: Implications of Green Hydrogen Development for Just Energy Transition on the Continent

The report assesses the potential for the energy transition as well as the existing constraints that need to be removed through technical support and policy interventions (including partnerships) at the different stages of the value chain.

Issue date: June 2024



African Women's Leadership Report

The report examines the power of women's leadership, underscoring the opportunities and challenges. It reveals that women face systemic persisting and emerging structural, organizational, institutional, and socio-cultural barriers such as stereotypes, gender division of labour, and socialization in the private and public sectors.

Issue date: June 2024





Practitioners Guide for Digital CRVS Systems

This document provides information on: Principles for the design and implementation of digital civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems; Key functional and non-functional requirements of digital CRVS systems; Options for licensing of digital CRVS systems and their benefits and risks; Service and hosting options for digital CRVS systems and their benefits and risks; and key considerations to make prior, during and when procuring digital CRVS systems.

Issue date: June 2024



Study on the Potential for development of regional value chains in Africa, in AfCFTA context

Based on empirical evidence, the study identifies sectors which member States could consider prioritizing for development of regional value chains to enhance economic benefits, as they implement the AfCFTA Agreement.

Issue date: June 2024



E-census Handbook on Implementation of 2020 Round of Population and Housing Census in Africa

The e-handbook provides a repository of experiences, key lessons and good practices learned during planning and implementation of digital censuses in Africa during the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses. It will enable NSOs and other partners to have exposure to experiences from across Africa and apply these to their own census planning and design context. The handbook will be for reference especially for countries planning to undertake a PHC in 2024 and inform planning for the 2030 Round of PHC in Africa.

Issue date: July 2024





Africa quarterly economic performance and outlook reports

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Africa Sovereign Credit Rating Review: Mid-year 2024

This report analyses the long-term foreign currency sovereign credit rating actions in Africa by the three dominant international credit rating agencies (CRAs) – Moody's, Fitch and S&P Global (S&P) – during the first half of 2024 (2024H1) and makes recommendations to both CRAs and African governments on how credit ratings can be improved.

Issue date: July 2024



Leveraging Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) in Africa: Implications and opportunities

This paper assesses the opportunities and challenges associated with the adoption of central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) in Africa. If properly designed to address barriers to financial inclusion, CBDCs have the potential to be accepted by the financially excluded for digital payments. Complementary policies can help maximize the potential of a well-designed CBDC to improve financial inclusion.

Issue date: July 2024





Technology and Innovation among Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in Southern Africa: Case studies from Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, and Zambia

This study analyses how Southern African Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises' (MSMEs) are using innovations and technologies to integrate themselves into value chains and better utilise trade agreements. The countries analysed and visited were: Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, and Zambia. The research methodology included desktop research and data analysis as well evidence gathering country missions – these were to undertake discussions and interviews with key stakeholders (both public and private sectors) within each these countries.

Issue date: July 2024



Handbook on geocoding of census data in Africa

This reference document will outline the stepwise guiding principles on geocoding population and housing census data in Africa. It will enable National Statistic Offices (NSOs) conducting censuses and surveys to geocode geospatial census datasets following standards and rules that ensure the highest level of data cleaning, normalization, standardization and feature matching in their geocoding practices.

Issue date: August 2024



Production Transformation Policy Review of Togo: Developing partnerships for shared prosperity

This report provides a comprehensive examination of national strategies, institutions, and mechanisms, with the aim to contributing to targeted reforms, strengthening production capacities, fostering inclusive national



policy development, and improving the incentive framework and international partnerships for accelerated production transformation in Togo.

Issue date: August 2024



AfCFTA Step by Step Guide

A Step-by-Step Guide for Trading under the AfCFTA will be developed in 2024 for Ethiopia as a pilot project, with a plan to replicate it in other State Parties. The preparation of the Guide is part of our support to the successful implementation of the AfCFTA Agreement, which requires the effective participation of the private sector. The Guide is intended mainly to provide information for businesses based in Ethiopia on the requirements (licenses, certifications etc.) they need to meet and procedures they need to pass through to export or import goods under the AfCFTA. As it will be used by businesses, the Guide will be a non-technical, practical, well-illustrated and handy document.

Issue date: August 2024



Financing Maritime security

This report discusses how access to maritime resources provides much of the world's population with food and livelihood and facilitates a large and increasingly diverse range of economic activities. For centuries, coastal and island countries in Eastern Africa and the Western Indian Ocean have exploited maritime ecosystem resources and built connectivity into the global trade system.

Issue date: August 2024



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Issue date: October 2024



Green industrialization in Southern Africa: the nexus with efficient and affordable energy access, and financing renewable energy

A discourse and analytical framework of the interlinkage between the process of green industrialization utilizing efficient and affordable energy services in the context of financing renewable energy and ensuring widening energy access for production and domestic consumption.

Issue date: October 2024



Opportunities and challenges on e-commerce in East Africa

E-commerce is the buying and selling of goods and services online. It has grown rapidly in East Africa in recent years, offering opportunities for economic development, innovation and inclusion. However, e-commerce also faces many challenges in the region, such as inadequate infrastructure, low internet penetration, regulatory barriers and consumer trust issues. This study aims to explore the current state and potential of e-commerce in East Africa, as well as the main drivers and obstacles for its growth. The study will also provide recommendations for policy makers, businesses and consumers to overcome the challenges and seize the opportunities of e-commerce.

Issue date: October 2024





Public Private Partnership (PPPs) in Africa: A synthesis report

A paper that provides a synthesis of Public Private Partnerships based on the case studies from 6 countries.

Issue date: November 2024



Research papers on emerging issues on development planning in Africa

The paper on development planning will highlight lessons in linking national budgets to development planning frameworks and propose policy recommendations.

Issue date: November 2024



Research papers on emerging economic issues and challenges to growth and development in Africa

The paper will present best practices for debt portfolio risk analysis for African countries.

Issue date: December 2024



Book on assessing the implications of the AfCFTA Agreement's Implementation

This book provides a cost-benefit analysis of the implementation of the AfCFTA Agreement, taking stock on ECA's extensive modeling work over the past decade.

Issue date: December 2024





Report on the Status of Poverty and Inequality in Southern Africa

The report provides an in-depth analysis of the situation of poverty and inequality in Southern Africa by highlighting variations in poverty, inequality, and vulnerability within and between countries in the region. It also elaborates the main historical and structural factors responsible for the poverty and inequality obtaining in the region and discusses the major promising opportunities for African countries and discusses other causal factors. The report proposes strategies and recommendations for reducing poverty and inequality in Southern Africa.

Issue date: December 2024





Gender and trade in the ECCAS region

Boosting trade in Central Africa has the potential to increase women's revenues and can help reduce economic inequality. One of the most fundamental aspects underscored in the AfCFTA is the explicit recognition of the importance of gender equality as a vital cog in ensuring that the key objectives of the AfCFTA in decent job creation, reduction of inequalities and promotion of sustainable and inclusive development are attained.

Issue date: March 2024



State of economic diversification in central Africa

The State of economic diversification is a recurrent publication that will serve as a tool to monitor economic changes in Central Africa to help decision making.

Issue date: March 2024



Strategic framework for the development of new generation Special economic zones in Central Africa and operationalization guide

This strategic framework to the operationalization of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) makes it possible to propose recommendations for decision-makers in Central and East Africa, including tables presenting the different stages of development of special economic zones at both the strategic and operational levels, and this for SEZs developed at the national level, but also at the sub-regional level.

Issue date: March 2024





West Africa Sustainable Development Report, 2023

The report reviewed the implementation of regional and international agreements and development agendas and special initiatives. It was noted that, halfway to 2030 agenda, the world is not on track to achieve the SDGs and the UN called for a global rescue plan for the SDGs. At the 2023 SDGs summit, world leaders reaffirmed their shared commitment to turn the world to the 2030 agenda. According to the findings of this report, West Africa is making progress in many of the SDGs even though the rate of progress is not adequate to reach the targets. This 2023 report focused on the five goals (SDG1, SDG2, SDG13, SDG16 and SDG 17) of the SDGs that are aligned to the 2024 HLPF. An assessment of Goal 1 indicated that none of the West African countries are currently on track to meet the goal despite the efforts made.

Issue date: March 2024



Malawi National Industry Policy

Malawi's new National Industrial Policy that is aligned to the SADC and COMESA Industrialization Strategies and the SADC Roadmap, Malawi's 2063 Vision and its first Implementation Plan, as well as other policies and strategies of the Government of Malawi. The policy document provides a situation analysis on the current level of industrialization in the country and outlines indicative key achievements, challenges and lessons learnt from implementation of the 2016-2021 National Industrial Policy.

Issue date: April 2024



Central African Republic AfCFTA strategy

The study on CAR's national AfCFTA strategy aims to enable the country to make the most of the AfCFTA while minimizing the potential risks induced by this vast market.

Issue date: April 2024





Central Africa Agro-poles Regional Assessment Report

A Report prepared as part of a comprehensive study aimed at assessing the performance of Agro-poles in Africa with a view to develop evidence-based Guidelines for the Development of Agro-poles in Africa.

Issue date: April 2024



Gender and Informal cross-border trade

Empowering women in informal cross border trading has a positive multiplier effect on poverty reduction, economic growth, government revenues and employment.

Issue date: April 2024



West Africa Socio-Economic Profile 2023

This report presents insights of the West Africa Socioeconomic Profile in 2023, highlighting significant challenges such as insecurity and instability, climate change, rapid population growth, rising food and fuel prices and debt distress, which hamper socioeconomic development. In terms of economic dynamics, the region saw a slight increase in GDP from 4.5% in 2022 to 4.8% in 2023. The economy is expected to pick up, with growth rising to 6.1% in 2024, as well as a decrease in the average inflation rate from 11.0% in 2023 to a single digit level at 7.1% in 2024. There has been a shift in the productive sector of GDP from agriculture to services.

Issue date: May 2024





New generation special economic zones for economic diversification and industrialization in Central Africa

The study highlights Central Africa's real opportunities, in particular the abundance and diversity of its natural resources, which potentially make it, with the advent of the AfCFTA, a privileged area for the development of many value chains and for the effective establishment of SEZs.

Issue date: May 2024



East Africa Agro-poles Regional Assessment Report

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Issue date: May 2024



Zimbabwe National Industrial Development Policy 2024 – 2030

The Zimbabwe National Industrial Development Policy (2024 – 2030) builds on the achievement of the previous policy which expired in December 2023 and provides direction on the national industrialization vision in light of the opportunities from the African Continental Free Trade Area. The new policy is aligned to the National Development Strategy 1, the national blueprint for industrial development which focuses on national and regional value chains development, value addition and the beneficiation of natural resources before export. The Policy provides parameters for stakeholders including micro, small and medium enterprises on industrial linkages development, technology transfer, research development and innovation and on the importance local content issues in industrial development. The policy identifies the constraints to industrialization and proffers



recommendation to address the impediments. It provides specific actions and champions to support modernization and the production of competitive products.

Issue date: May 2024



Mid Term Review of Implementation of Zambia's National Industrial Policy 2018 -2023

The report presents the outcomes of a review of the implementation of the first five years of Zambia's National Industrial Policy (2018–2027). It identifies the achievements of Zambia's efforts to support industrialization, isolates the success factors and the challenges undermining smooth progress towards attaining the industrial development objectives of the country. An analysis of the experience during the first five years of implementing the policy, 2018 to 2022, is key in developing a roadmap for the next five years. In addition, the review will enable the policy implementation plan to leverage developments that have taken place since the promulgation of the policy including for example, the drafting of a national AfCFTA Strategy and Implementation Plan.

Issue date: May 2024



Implementation Plan for Zambia's National Industrial Policy 2023-2027

The Implementation Plan for Zambia's National Industrial Policy (2023–2027) provides the actions and activities for the implementation of the last five years of Zambia National Industrial Policy (2018–2027). The plan is informed by experiences in the first five years of the implementation of national industrial policy as well as by other national and regional development including the National AfCFTA Strategy and SADC and COMESA industrial policies.

Issue date: May 2024





IGAD Tourism Master Plan

This is a regional Blueprint for sustainable tourism development that will foster socio-economic development, poverty reduction and regional integration in the IGAD member states. The tourism sector is a strategic sector at the national, regional and continental levels in Africa, as it is one of the five services priority sectors under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Issue date: May 2024



Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Angola

The country profile (CP) is a short document that provides the regulatory profile of Angola. The CP analyzes and summarizes enforced regulatory measures that could affect digital services trade and digital trade integration. This is done by highlighting the main opportunities, challenges, and recommendations to be undertaken.

Issue date: May 2024



Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Burkina Faso

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Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Cabo Verde

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Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Comoros

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Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Djibouti

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Issue date: June 2024





State of regional integration in Central Africa

The study reviews the state of regional integration in Central Africa, identify gaps and propose practical ways of stepping up the pace of regional in Central Africa.

Issue date: June 2024



Study report on activating ECCAS common agricultural policy

This study takes stock of the Common Agricultural Policy in Central Africa and makes recommendations for the integration of agricultural issues into the ECCAS regional strategy for the implementation of the AfCFTA.

Issue date: June 2024



Central Africa Regional AfCFTA strategy

The study on Central Africa' regional AfCFTA strategy aims to enable the subregion to make the most of the AfCFTA while minimizing the potential risks induced by this vast market.

Issue date: June 2024



North Africa Agro-poles Regional Assessment Report

A Report prepared as part of a comprehensive study aimed at assessing the performance of Agro-poles in Africa with a view to develop evidence-based Guidelines for the Development of Agro-poles in Africa.

Issue date: June 2024





Botswana AfCFTA Implementation Strategy and Action Plan

The national AfCFTA Strategy and Implementation Plan for Botswana outlines the opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the liberalized African market. The Strategy outlines strategies, strategic objectives and specific activities with nominated champions to anchor its implementation. The strategy identifies the entry points for the stakeholders, highlight areas where Botswana has comparative and competitive advantages including the opportunities for micro, small and medium scale enterprises. It describes pertinent inclusive issues including gender, the opportunities for youth and green industrialization. The implementation mechanism including the role of the national implementation committee is outlined in the strategy as well as the alignment of the strategy with other national policies and frameworks.

Issue date: June 2024



Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Equatorial Guinea

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Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Guinea Bissau

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Issue date: June 2024



Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Libya

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Issue date: June 2024



East African Community Blue Economy Strategy

The blue economy is a vital area of activity for the East African Community (EAC), as it offers opportunities for sustainable economic, social and ecological development and growth. To harness its full potential, the EAC needs a coherent and coordinated strategy and action plan that aligns with the African

Union's strategy, the national priorities and aspirations of its partner states, along the other overlapping regional commitments of the latter.

Issue date: June 2024



Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Niger

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Issue date: July 2024



Southern Africa Agro-poles Regional Assessment Report

A Report prepared as part of a comprehensive study aimed at assessing the performance of Agro-poles in Africa with a view to develop evidence-based Guidelines for the Development of Agro-poles in Africa.

Issue date: July 2024



Industrial development and economic diversification master plan (PDIDE) of Chad

This national PDIDE is a major and essential tool for transforming the economy of Chad, and for increasing the competitiveness of the private sector.

Issue date: July 2024



Framework for the development of a regional industrialization and economic diversification master plan

This regional Framework for the development of a regional industrialization and economic diversification master plan is a major and essential tool for transforming the economy of Central Africa, to create the conditions for the competitiveness of countries and companies, within the framework of regional integration.

Issue date: July 2024





Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Sao Tome and Principe

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Issue date: July 2024



Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Sudan

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Issue date: July 2024



Country Profile on Digital Trade Regulatory Environment – Tunisia

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Issue date: July 2024





Sub-Regional Profile for Eastern Africa

The report focuses principally on macroeconomic economic challenges for Eastern Africa such as the high debt burden and the inflationary pressures. It also provides a review of performance towards attaining the 2030 SDG goals.

Issue date: July 2024



Lesotho National Industrial Policy

The development of the Lesotho Industrial Policy is emanating from the review of the previous industrial policy (2015–2017). The review of this policy will provide guidance on the development of the successor policy and action plan whose aim was to accelerate the industrialization agenda and address key challenges facing the country, will provide a critical contextual underpinning of a set of strategic, policy and programmatic priorities for government and potential partners seeking to facilitate the realization of this project. Among others, the review will be informed by other frameworks including the which works with African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) like Lesotho to mainstream trade priorities for national development and build trade-related institutional and productive capacity.

Issue date: August 2024



Lesotho AfCFTA Strategy & Action Plan

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with assistance from the Regional Services Centre for Africa is supporting the Government of Lesotho to advance implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) by facilitating inclusive platforms for engagement and participation of national stakeholders and building capacities of the private sector with focus on the women and youth. This support to the Lesotho AfCFTA initiative will be undertaken in collaboration with the government, through the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Lesotho National Development Corporation (LNDC) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to mobilise and coordinate

national trade partners for trade readiness towards AfCFTA. The initiative aims to exploit Lesotho's opportunities and participation in other markets to strategically position the country for enhanced trade competitiveness in strategic sectors and commodities.

Issue date: September 2024



Natural Capital and Rebasing Economic Wealth in Central Africa

The report examines the importance of natural capital accounting to better assessing Central African countries wealth.

Issue date: September 2024



National Plan for Advancing Environmental-Economic Accounting in Cameroon

Cameroon's National Plan for Advancing Environmental-Economic Accounting is a tool that can strengthen actions relating to sustainable management of natural resources and take appropriate measures to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Issue date: November 2024





Policy brief on National Urban Policies

Updated review of national urban and housing policies in the region. The review will provide an updated database on national development plans in Africa and diagnose how urbanization is reflected in national development plans in the region and the degree to which it is integrated with the strategic national level priorities.

Issue date: March 2024



Policy brief on Youth Unemployment in Africa

The policy brief provides an assessment of unemployment and underemployment challenges in Africa. In addition, the paper provides diagnostics for two country contexts, Uganda, and Zambia. The policy paper concludes by providing policy recommendations to address the youth unemployment challenge on the continent.

Issue date: April 2024



Policy brief on gender and trade in the ECCAS region

This policy brief is derived from the main report on Gender and trade in the ECCAS region.

Issue date: April 2024





Policy brief on tailored special economic zones for economic diversification and industrialization in Central Africa

The policy brief explores the role of tailored Special Economic Zones (SEZ) as a pragmatic solution to moving from artisanal production to industrial production.

Issue date: May 2024



Policy brief on emerging issues related to economic governance and public finance

Based on the Economic Governance Report II. This brief will summarize the key findings on emerging economic governance issues and provide policy recommendations.

Issue date: May 2024



Policy brief on leveraging Local Content Policies and Frameworks to Accelerate Growth and Sustainability of MSMEs in Southern Africa

This policy brief frames the importance of Local Content Policies and Frameworks for the sustainable development of MSMEs in Southern Africa, noting issues of Rules of Origin to facilitate their integration into Regional Value Chains, as well as public procurement regulatory environment, and supplier management programmes as additional anchors.

Issue date: May 2024





Policy brief on emerging issues related to macroeconomic analysis

Based on the Economic Report on Africa 2024.

Policy brief will summarize key policy recommendations for sustainability transitions providing tangible examples for investment therein.

Issue date: June 2024



Policy brief on emerging issues related to development planning

Based on the Africa Sustainable Development Report 2024.

This brief will summarize the key findings on the ASDR and provide policy recommendations to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.

Issue date: July 2024



Policy brief on drivers of Eurobond issuances in Africa

This policy brief examines the drivers of Eurobond issuance in Africa as well as the challenges. The paper will also propose policy recommendations.

Issue date: July 2024



National study to evaluate and analyse the impact of COVID-19 on educational continuity in Cameroon

This policy brief analyses of the impact of COVID-19 on educational continuity in Cameroon.

Issue date: August 2024





Analysis of the economic impact of COVID-19 on education, training and innovation in Cameroon

This policy brief analyses the economic impact of covid-19 on education, training and innovation in Cameroon.

Issue date: August 2024



Assessing the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, productive sectors, jobs and the labour market in Cameroon

This policy brief assesses the impacts of covid-19 on the economy, productive sectors, jobs and the labour market in Cameroon.

Issue date: September 2024





Urban tourism and the blue economy in East Africa

Though tourism sector is now a priority sector at the national, regional and continental levels in Africa, it continues to face a number of challenges including, the narrow range of tourism products that are predominantly nature-based. Yes, the continent harbours great tourism potential and has rightfully been identified as an avenue through which the goals of Agenda 2063 could be realized and is one of the five services priority sectors under the AfCFTA.

Issue date: March 2024



UN-GGIM: Africa regional activities report

This report outlines activities carried out by the Africa region with regard to geospatial information management since the ninth session of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management in Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa). The report includes actions taken as a follow-up of resolutions adopted and other activities considered as being of interest to Member States and partners.

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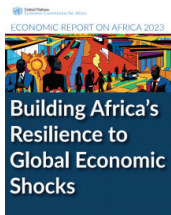
Proceedings of the Conference on Land Policy in Africa 2023

Summarizes the outcome of the CLPA2023 held in November 2023.

Issue date: August 2024



Back Catalogue



Building Africa's resilience to global economic shocks

The theme of the 2023 Economic Report on Africa is “Building Africa’s Resilience to Global Economic Shocks.” The report focuses on the impact of multiple and recurring global shocks on African economies. It examines how these shocks impede Africa’s prospects of reaching the targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), how to achieve inclusive economic transformation and

how to build resilience. The analytical and conceptual framework used in the report outlines a typology based on the magnitude of the shocks and on the resilience or preparedness of economies to withstand and buffer the shocks and identify pathways for sustainable recovery. Shocks of various magnitude, duration and recurrence have shaped economic performance in the last several decades. They have undermined Africa’s aspirations for sustained growth and rapid economic transformation and benefiting from demographic (youth bulge) and geographic (urbanization) trends.

Accelerating recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and African Union Agenda 2063 at all levels



The year 2023 marks the midpoint for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and one decade since Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union, was launched. Although notable progress has been made on those two seminal frameworks, progress is being stalled during the current period of immense global flux, which includes the continued fallout from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; a cost-of-living crisis that has been exacerbated by the war in Ukraine; a debt crisis that is having a disproportionate effect on countries across Africa;

and an intensifying climate emergency.

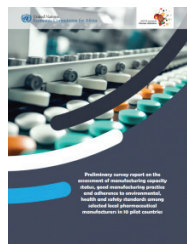
Report on the status, capacity and preparedness of 10 NMRAS to harmonize medicine regulation to facilitate pooled procurement and local manufacturing: regulatory pharmaceutical affairs



Africa is the continent that is the most dependent on imports for medicines and other health commodities, importing over 97 per cent of what it consumes. Consequently, most African countries experience serious challenges in gaining access to safe, effective, quality-assured medicines and other health commodities to treat both priority and neglected diseases. The African Union and other multilateral organizations have, in the past, adopted initiatives to address these pharmaceutical challenges. These initiatives have had

variable and limited success owing to several impediments, especially those related to medicines regulatory policy and capacity.

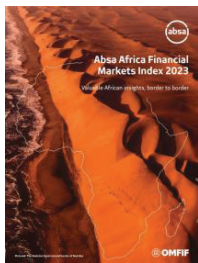
Preliminary survey report on the assessment of manufacturing capacity status, good manufacturing practice and adherence to environmental, health and safety standards among selected local pharmaceutical manufacturers in 10 pilot countries



The Executive Council of the African Union endorsed the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa at its eleventh ordinary session, in Accra in 2007. The objective was to promote the local production of pharmaceutical and related non-pharmaceutical products in Africa. The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), in collaboration with the African Union Commission, the African Union Development Agency, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/ AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and other relevant United Nations agencies,

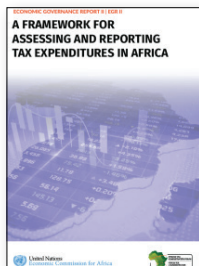
commissioned a pharmaceutical initiative project, anchored on the African Continental Free Trade Area, in several selected African countries (Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles and Sudan).

Absa Africa financial markets Index 2023: valuable African insights, border to border



The Absa Africa Financial Markets Index evaluates countries financial development based on measures of market accessibility, openness and transparency. The aim is to show how economies can reduce barriers to investment and boost sustainable growth. The index has become a benchmark for the investment community to gauge African countries' market infrastructure and is used by policy-makers to learn from developments across the continent. The index now encompasses approximately 80% of the population and gross domestic product of Africa.

A Framework for Assessing and Reporting Tax Expenditures in Africa



Africa is grappling with recovery from the triple crises of Covid-19, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and climate change. Mobilizing the resources to facilitate this recovery effort warrants a holistic approach, looking within and outside the continent, to maximize domestic resources and optimize external resources in line with Africa's priorities..

