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**PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK
AND ECA PRIORITIES FOR THE
BIENNIUM 2000-2001**

- (iii) Towards an African development Agenda;
- (iv) Estimates of Sectoral Financing Requirements;
- (v) The role of the private Sector in Financing Development;
- (vi) The Role of Aid Flows in Financing Development.

(c) Other services provided

Ad hoc Expert Group Meetings on:

- (i) The status of Africa's debt - (2000):

Working documentation: Study of the African debt situation and recent debt relief measures;

- (ii) Reforms in higher Education (2000):

working documentation: Reforms in higher education with respect to utilization of information technology (IT);

- (iii) Best practices in Public Expenditure Allocations - (2001):

Working documentation: cross-country study on trends in public expenditure allocation in Africa;

- (iv) Africa's development strategies (2000):

working documentation: A broadened development Agenda for Africa: orientation and priorities, a conceptual framework of a Development paradigm suitable for Africa;

- (v) Africa's export competitiveness (2001):

working documentation: The impact of trade reforms in promoting export competitiveness.

2. Other substantive activities

Recurrent publication

Mandates and recurrent publications:

[mandates: General Assembly Resolution numbers 49/122; 50/103 and 50/203 - Commission Resolution numbers 746(XXVIII); 79(XXX); 802(XXX); 404(XVI) and 668(XXXIV)].

- (i) Economic Report on Africa (2001);
- (ii) Economic and Social Survey (2001);

Discretionary recurrent publications:

Discussion paper series (three in 2000 and three in 2001).

Non-recurrent publications

Mandated non-recurrent publications:

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution numbers 46/166; 48/169; 48/205; Commission's Resolutions Nos. 729(XXVII); 730(XXVII); 783(XXIX); 784(XXIX); 792(XXIX), 797(XXIX); 799(XXIX); 802(XXX) and Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on social Development of the World Summit for Social Development.

- (i) A broadened development Agenda for Africa: orientation and priorities (2000);
- (ii) Higher savings and investment rates for Africa: development finance requirements (2001);
- (iii) Impact of Trade Reforms in Africa in promoting exports competitiveness (2001);
- (iv) Promotion of investment agencies in Africa (2000);
- (v) The African debt situation and recent debt relief measures (2000);
- (vi) Reforms of higher education with respect to the utilization of IT (2000);
- (vii) Cross-country study on effectiveness of poverty-reducing strategies (2000);
- (viii) Cross-country study on trends in public Expenditure Allocation to alleviate poverty at community, national and subregional levels (2001);
- (ix) Learning modules in English, Arabic and French (three modules).

3. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison

Cooperation and Liaison with African and non-African IGOs and NGOs on development issues and policies including human resources planning, development and utilization, poverty and social transformation. Participation and substantive contribution in activities of other United Nations Agencies and institutions such as the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Task Force, United Nations Project Link and hold consultations on the Global Programmes such as the Least Developed Countries (LDCs); Small-Island Developing States (SIDS); Social Summit; as well as UN-NADAF and system-wide-initiative on Africa (SWIA).

4. Technical cooperation

(a) Advisory services to member States

Advisory services on issues related to debt management and negotiations; follow-up on the World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference and meetings including provision of assistance in trade negotiations; design and formulation of policy frameworks, policy analysis and implementation, formulation of anti-poverty policies and strategies as well as support for the implementation of global programmes namely: LDCs, SIDS, Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on Social Development, as well as regional specific programmes such as UN-NADAF and SWIA.

(b) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia etc.)

- (i) Training workshop on poverty and public policy in selected African countries (2001);
- (ii) Symposium on promoting networking among investment agencies in Africa (2000) (XB).

Subprogramme 2: ENSURING FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A. Introduction

The subprogramme will be implemented by the Food Security and Sustainable Development Division (FSSDD).

The activities will aim at enhancing locally based analytical capabilities for national policy makers in the inter-linked areas of agriculture, population and the environment towards attaining food security and sustainable development. It will also facilitate the adoption and implementation of appropriate measures to promote socially acceptable, economically viable and environmentally sustainable development. The activities of the science and technology component aim at assisting member States in building an endogenous scientific and technological capability to address Africa's development, particularly as it relates to the nexus issues. The activities will strengthen the capacity of member States in addressing regional and subregional issues in science and technology through a regional conference, publications on key issues of interest, advocacy, awareness raising, networking and technical cooperation.

The activities are expected to result in: (a) awareness creation leading to better knowledge and increased discussion of the holistic treatment of population, agriculture and environment concerns in development planning and policy-making; (b) population, agriculture and environment inter-relationships are given high political support; (c) national and local capacity building to analyze and manage nexus issues in the context of sustainable development; (d) focussed attention of ECA member States in identifying and promoting the adoption of best practices in cross-sectoral and integrated policies (population, agriculture and environment); (e) political and social commitment to the implementation of particular programmes, monitoring of global plans of action of various regional and global conferences are monitored; (f) promotion of measures aimed at strengthening population policies and programmes; and (g) adoption of effective science and technology policies and strategies for addressing the nexus issues as well as increasing awareness and commitment of member States to apply science and technology to ensure food security and sustainable development.

B. Activities

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings

(a) Substantive servicing of meetings

- (i) Second meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development (2001) RB;
- (ii) Fourth meeting of the Follow-up Committee on the implementation of the Dakar/Ngor Declaration/International Conference on Population and Development - Programme of Action (2000) RB;
- (iii) Second meeting of the Committee on Natural Resources and Science and Technology (2001) RB.

(b) Parliamentary documentation

Reports to the Committee on Sustainable Development (2000) RB.

Five reports on the review and appraisal of the implementation of plans of action emanating from global and regional conferences, namely:

- (i) International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and Dakar/Ngor Declaration;

Mandate: General Assembly Resolution A/C.2/52/L.43;

- (ii) World Food Summit (WFS)
Mandate: General Assembly Resolution 51/171;

- (iii) Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Mandate: General Assembly Resolution 51/177;

- (iv) United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Agenda 21)
Mandate: General Assembly Resolution 47/191;

- (v) African Water Resources Assessment Action Plan (2001) RB;
Mandate: General Assembly Resolution 47/191.

Science and Technology for Food Security and Sustainable Development (2001)
Mandate: GA Resolution 50/101 and 50/102.

Report to the fourth meeting of the Follow-up Committee on the review and appraisal of African experience in the implementation of the Dakar/Ngor Declaration and ICPD Programme of Action (2000) RB;

Mandate: GA Resolution 748(XXVIII).

Report to the Committee on Natural Resources and Science and Technology on: key issues in science and technology for Africa's development (2001) RB;

Mandate: Resolutions 50/101 and 50/102.

(c) Other services provided

Ad hoc Expert Groups:

- (i) Policy advisory group on population-agriculture-environment in Africa (one in 2000 and one in 2001) RB;
- (ii) Policy advisory group on science and technology for food security and sustainable development (one in 2000 and one in 2001) RB;
- (iii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on indigenous food technology development for science and technology (2000) RB.

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Recurrent publications

[Mandates: GA Resolutions 50/101; 50/102; 50/112; 50/124; 50/126 and Commission Resolutions 800(XXX); 801(XXX); 802(XXX) and 805(XXX).]

- (i) Population, agriculture, environment inter-relationship in Africa: some key indicators (2000) RB;
- (ii) Compendium of best practices in population-environment-agriculture in Africa (one in 2000 and one in 2001) RB;
- (iii) Compendium of best practices in Science and technology for food security and sustainable development (one in 2000 and one-2001) RB.

(b) Non-recurrent publications

[Mandates: General Assembly resolutions Nos. 47/149; 48/179; 49/103; 50/112; 50/124; 50/126; ECOSOC 1991/855; and Commission Resolution Nos. 744(XXVIII); 748(XXVIII); 800(XXX); 801(XXX); 802(XXX); 805(XXX):

- (i) Handbook on Population- Environment-Development- Agriculture (PEDA) model (2000) RB;
- (ii) Study on the State of the environment in Africa (2000) RB;
- (iii) Study on the State of the demographic transition in Africa (2000) RB;
- (iv) Study on Population, Environment and Agriculture Inter-linkages and Sustainable Development (2000) RB;
- (v) Study on Linkages between research and agro-industries in Africa (2001) RB;
- (vi) Study on Indigenous Food Technology: application and potential for upgrading (2000) RB.

(c) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits

- (i) Five booklets on Population-Environment-Agriculture (PEDA) model per country (2000-2001) RB;
- (ii) Poster on the World Environment Day (one in 2000 and one in 2001) RB;
- (iii) Pamphlets on the Africa Network on Science and Technology (two in 2000 and two in 2001) RB.

3. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison

Cooperation and liaison in particular with: the Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS), the Institute for Demographic Training and Research (IFORD), the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the African Regional Centre for Technology (ARCT), the African Regional Centre for Engineering Design and Manufacturing (ARCEDEM) and other national, subregional and international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the dissemination of the PEDA model and the promotion of food security programmes and sustainable development issues. Collaboration with other United Nations agencies and institutions concerned with issues related to food security and sustainable development such as Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (UNCHS), World Health Organization (WHO), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), World Meteorological

Organization (WMO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) as well as coordination and harmonization including participation in the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, Inter-Agency Working Group on Demographic issues, Commission on Sustainable Development, the Commission on Human Settlements and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

4. Technical cooperation

(a) Advisory services at the request of government on:

- (i) Missions to member States on holistic development incorporating population, environment and agriculture concerns and utilization of science and technology for development;
- (ii) Backstopping of subregional institutions on the design and implementation of food security and sustainable development programmes.

Subprogramme 3: STRENGTHENING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

A. Introduction

The development Management Division (DMD) will implement the subprogramme.

The activities will aim at promoting measures to enhance public sector management, facilitate private sector competitiveness, and strengthening civil society's participation in development and good governance. Activities will focus on the promotion of efficiencies and a conducive environment as well as introduce measures to enhance greater partnership among the public and private sectors including civil society organizations to accelerate development management capabilities and capacities for the next millennium. In these respects the division will analyze and prepare policy and strategy briefs and perspectives for improving administrative governance, private sector's competitiveness in the regional and global economy as well as Civil Society Organization's (CSOs) participation in the development process. These will be pursued through higher levels of intervention and partnership, engaging and leveraging external resources, building of information networks through databases, organizing roundtables for experience and information sharing and dissemination, providing capacity building support, as well as technical and advisory assistance. In general the activities are expected to contribute to improving sense of responsibility, ownership and accountability as well as transparency in public sector management, private sector competitiveness and enhanced participation of civil society organizations in the development process. Specific results envisaged are: (a) improvement in strategies and programmes adopted by member States to enhance competitiveness of the African private sector in the regional and global economy; (b) codes and indicators for monitoring good administrative governance developed and applied; and (c) capacity of CSOs including their relationship with government strengthened for effective participation in the development process as well as improved dissemination of achievements of African indigenous CSOs.

B. Activities

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings

(a) Substantive servicing of meetings on:

- (i) Committee on human development and civil society (2000);
- (ii) Committee on industry and private sector development (2001).

(b) Parliamentary documentation

[Mandates: Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on Social Development and GA resolution 49/16; GA resolutions 50/106 and 52/201 and Commission resolution 809(XXX); Commission resolutions; 798(XXX) and 809(XXXI).

Report to the Committee on human development and civil society on:

- (i) Civil society participation in development and governance (2000);
- (ii) Emerging issues in public sector management (2000);

Report to the Committee on industry and private sector development on:

Emerging issues in private sector development (2001).

(c) Other services provided

- (i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on strategic framework for designing and providing support services to enhance small- and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) regional and global competitiveness;
- (ii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on prototype codes and indicators to monitor efficiency in administrative governance in Africa;
- (iii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on strengthening the effectiveness of local government financial resources management; and
- (iv) Ad hoc expert group meeting on indicators to assess and monitor African CSOs participation in development programmes.

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Mandated recurrent publications

[Mandates: Commitment to the African Charter on Popular Participation in Development and Transformation, the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on Social Development, and the United Nations Special Initiative on Africa and GA and Commission resolutions 49/99 and 809(XXX) respectively].

- (i) Africa State of Governance Report (2000);
- (ii) Development Management Newsletter (Bi-annual).

(b) Mandated non-recurrent publications

[Mandates: Commitment to the "African Charter on Popular Participation in Development and Transformation," Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action on Social Development, and the United Nations Special Initiative on Africa as well as GA and Commission resolutions- 48/180, 49/99, 49/108, 49/136, 49/142, 50/106, 52/2, 52/201, 798(XXX), 809(XXX), 814(XXXI) and 817(XXXI).

- (i) Study on critical review of existing support services to the improvement of SMEs regional and global competitiveness in Africa (2000);
- (ii) Strategic framework for designing and providing support services to enhance SMEs regional and global competitiveness (2001);
- (iii) Private sector enterprise needs analysis for selected African countries (2000);
- (iv) Source book and best practices on private sector financing of infrastructure projects (2001);
- (v) Assessment of technical assistance needs for capital market development in Africa, (2001);
- (vi) Publication on prototype codes of and indicators to monitor efficiency in administrative governance in Africa (2000);

- (vii) Base line study to establish indicators to assess and monitor African CSOs participation in development programmes (2000).

(c) Discretionary non-recurrent publications

- (i) Case studies on best practices in self motivated graduation from informal to formal business operations (2001);
- (ii) Study on best practices of state-private sector partnership in improving business environment and support services (2000);
- (iii) Publication on strengthening the effectiveness of financial resources management by regional and local government (2001);
- (iv) Partnership framework for ECA-CSO relations (2001);
- (v) Updated source book of African People's Organizations (2000)(XB);
- (vi) Guidelines on how to build strategic alliances for linking selected African Business/management Institutions to their North/South counterparts (2001).

(d) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures (RB/XB)

Corporate Round table and EXPO to increase awareness on the opportunities derived from regional and global competitiveness (2000).

(e) Special events (RB/XB)

- (i) Investment and technology transfer forum in the context of South-South cooperation (2001);
- (ii) Annual forum for newly appointed and elected parliamentarians and corporate officials on their role in development management;
- (iii) Regional Conference on Popular Participation: Ten Years after the Adoption of the African Charter (2000);
- (iv) High-level Round-Table discussion on building strategic alliances for linking selected African Business/management Institutions to their North/South counterparts (2001).

(f) Technical materials for outside users (databases, software, etc)

Database on a network of information on selected development management issues and activities covering public, private and civil society indicators.

3. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison

Consistent with GA and Commission resolutions - 49/142, 50/15, 50/122, 50/130, 50/161, 52/25, 52/201, 52/205, 798(XXX), 811 (XXXI), and the expectations set forth in the programme, cooperation will be with a network of United Nations Agencies, IGOs outside the United Nations System and CSOs including NGOs on issues related to public and private sector development process. In particular, cooperation will be as follows :

- (a) Undertaking joint activities related to good governance with the Department for Economic and Social Affairs and participation in the meeting of experts in public administration;
- (b) Participation in meetings and other activities of UNIDO on issues related to industrial development;
- (c) Participation in UNCTAD's activities related to SMEs;
- (d) Participation by staff in UNDP activities on Africa Governance Forum under UNSIA;
- (e) Participation in World Bank activities on public and private sectors, and NGOs;
- (f) Participation in ADB activities on Special Programme for Africa, private sector development and NGOs;
- (g) Participation in OAU activities on peace, conflict resolution and management;
- (h) Participation in Non-governmental Liaison Services, Africa Capacity Building Fund, Global Coalition for Africa and Africa Leadership Forum activities on CSO promotion and capacity building issues;
- (i) The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on private sector development specifically activities of South-South Cooperation;
- (j) Participation by staff in activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;
- (k) Participation in activities of the International Union of Local Governments on issues related to decentralization and efficiency in local government set up;
- (l) Participation in activities of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Chambers of Commerce, Association of African Entrepreneurs, Association of African Tax Administration on issues related to public and private sectors.

4. Technical cooperation

- (a) Advisory services
 - (i) Advisory services to Government ministries and departments on issues related to public sector efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of services;
 - (ii) Advisory services to Regional/Local Government institutions on financial resources management;
 - (iii) Advisory services on policies and programmes to promote enterprises and entrepreneurship development;
 - (iv) Technical assistance on enhancing CSOs participation and inputs to public policy and other national development related matters.

(b) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia) (RB/XB)

- (i) Five subregional workshops on the development of codes and indicators (bench marks) to monitor administrative governance;
- (ii) Five subregional workshops to develop CSO capacity building programmes;
- (iii) High-level workshop on private financing of infrastructure.

(c) Field (country, regional, interregional) projects (RB/XB)

Field activities will be implemented under the following projects:

- (i) Developing the African Private Sector within the Framework of South-South Cooperation;
- (ii) Promotion of Popular participation in Development;
- (iii) Promotion of the Informal Sector for Development in Africa;
- (iv) Promotion of Capital Markets in Africa: Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building.

Subprogramme 4: HARNESSING INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

A. Introduction

The activities under this subprogramme will be implemented by the Development Information Services Division (DISD).

The activities will aim at enhancing national capacities for the utilization of information and communication technologies and the establishment, networking and use of statistical, bibliographic, referral and spatial databases as decision support tools for socio-economic development. This will be achieved through the provision of advisory services, organization of training workshops, seminars and symposia and implementation of field projects; policy coordination and standardization of conceptual frameworks, methods and practices; establishment of links for data integration and connectivity; development of new dissemination products; and partnerships with specialized agencies.

The activities are expected to result in: substantial diffusion of information technology in Africa; developed network of libraries and information centers of African academic and development institutions; improved range and quality of African statistics, harmonized concepts, methods, classifications and standards in the data collected and better focus on prevailing needs; enhanced management of development information and adoption by ECA member States of appropriate technologies for building and disseminating development information databases; increased actions to establish and use coherent spatial databases within the framework of national information infrastructures, as well as increased partnership and networking in this area; and, gradual integration of socio-economic data, collected and used by ECA, into spatial databases for storage, visualization and analysis.

B. Activities

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings

(a) Substantive Servicing of Meetings

Substantive servicing of the second meeting of the Committee on Development Information (CODI): Plenary and the Subcommittees on Information and Communication Technologies, Library Sciences, Statistics and Geoinformation (first quarter, 2001).

(b) Parliamentary Documentation

Reports to the second meeting of the Committee on Development Information on:

- (i) Assessment of the implementation of the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in the 1990s (fourth quarter, 2000);
- (ii) Progress report on the implementation of the 1993 system of national Accounts in Africa (fourth quarter, 2000);
- (iii) Follow-up to the first meeting of the Subcommittee on Statistics (fourth quarter, 2000) (two reports);
- (iv) Follow-up to the first meeting of the Subcommittee on Geoinformation (fourth quarter, 2000);

- (v) Economic and social benefits of geoinformation (fourth quarter, 2000);
- (vi) Land information systems for African decision makers (fourth quarter, 2000);
- (vii) New trends and technologies to fill Africa's spatial information gaps (fourth quarter, 2000);
- (viii) Database development and management activities (fourth quarter, 2000).

(c) Other Services Provided

Ad hoc Expert Group Meetings on:

- (i) The African Information Society Initiative (third quarter, 2000);
- (ii) Guidelines and Modalities for operationalizing an African Research Libraries Electronic Network (ARLEN) (first quarter, 2000);
- (iii) Organization and management of national statistical services (third quarter, 2001);
- (iv) The orientation of Geoinformation (GIS) in African (second quarter, 2000).

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Mandated Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution 49/134, Commission Resolutions 759 (XXVII); 760 (XXVIII); 766(XXVIII); 812(XXXI):

- (i) African Statistical Yearbook (annual);
- (ii) Compendium of Intra-African and related Foreign Trade Statistics (third quarter, 2001);
- (iii) Integrated national and subregional economic, social and environmental indicators (fourth quarter, 2000 and 2001).

(b) Mandated Non-recurrent Publications

Mandates: General Assembly Resolution 49/134, Commission Resolutions 759 (XXVIII); 760 (XXVIII); 812 (XXXI):

- (i) Status of Information and Communication Technologies in African (third quarter, 2000);
- (ii) Impact of the Information Society in Africa (third quarter, 2001);
- (iii) Building the Information Economy in Africa (second quarter, 2001);
- (iv) Economic censuses and surveys in Africa (third quarter, 2000);
- (v) A comparative study on National Accounts practices in Africa (third quarter, 2001);

- (vi) Technical study comprising success stories on implementation of GIS for decision-making and a critical evaluation of the impact of Geoinformation, its costs and benefits (fourth quarter, 2001);
 - (vii) Trends in database development management and dissemination for supporting decision-making in Africa (second quarter, 2000);
 - (viii) A study on the use of GIS in national statistical offices (fourth quarter, 2001);
 - (ix) Current status of energy statistics in Africa (second quarter, 2001).
- (c) Electronic, Audio and Video Issuances
- (i) Statistical Yearbook on CD-ROM (fourth quarter, 2000 and 2001);
 - (ii) Compendium of Intra-African and related Foreign Trade Statistics on CD-ROM (third quarter, 2001);
 - (iii) Integrated national and subregional economic, social and environmental indicators on CD-ROM (fourth quarter, 2000 and 2001);
 - (iv) Electronic media of information and results of studies on geoinformation in development (continuous).
- (d) Booklets, pamphlets, Fact Sheets, Wall Charts, Information Kits
- (i) Index to African official Publications (second and fourth quarters, 2000 and 2001);
 - (ii) ECA-in print (second and fourth quarters, 2000 and 2001);
 - (iii) New acquisitions (quarterly);
 - (iv) African Index (second and fourth quarters, 2000 and 2001);
 - (v) Lib Alert (every two weeks);
 - (vi) Table of contents (monthly);
 - (vii) Booklets and other packages targeted at exchange partners, focal points and institutional gateways (as necessary);
 - (viii) Promotional materials for African Development Information Day and Statistics Day including a press release (18 November, 2000 and 2001).
- (e) Technical Materials for Outside Users
- (i) ECA Regional Statistical Database (throughout the biennium);
 - (ii) Africa Live Database (ALDB) and five Country Live Databases (CLDB) (throughout the biennium);

- (iii) Bibliographic Information Data including:
 - a. ECA Library on-line catalogue (throughout the biennium),
 - b. Database of official publications and primary sources (throughout the biennium),
 - c. Database on ECA publications (including UNBIS, ODS, etc.) (throughout the biennium),
 - d. Database of new acquisitions (throughout the biennium),
 - e. Database of indexed, abstracted journals and periodicals (both commercial and UN/UNSA) (throughout the biennium),
 - f. Bibliographic database on economic, social, scientific and technical aspects on Africa (throughout the biennium),
- (iv) Database on geoinformation in Africa including GIS applications, mapping coverage and educational training facilities (throughout the biennium).

3. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison

(a) Coordination, harmonization and liaison of the African Information Society Initiative (AISI) with partners at all levels (multilateral, bilateral organizations, NGOs, private sector and member States), including the management of Partnership for Information and Communication Technologies in Africa (PICTA) and the African Technical Advisory Committee to the AISI and related information sharing tool;

(b) Participation in meetings of the International Federation of Libraries Associations (IFLA) Africa Regional Steering Committee (one per year); participation in meetings, consultations and Collaborative activities within the framework of ACC Technical panel on Libraries and Information Centers (as necessary); collaborative support to the United Nations family of libraries information centers of the United Nations specialized agencies for the launch of a common United Nations library and documentation services in Addis Ababa; participation in the activities of the United Nations system Consortium;

(c) Substantive servicing of the tenth and eleventh meetings of the coordinating Committee on African Statistical Development (CASD) (second quarter, 2000 and 2001); three reports to each CASD meeting (second quarter, 2000 and 2001); implementation of CASD task forces (continuing), including in particular the activities of the task forces on the Africa live Database and Country live Database and on household surveys Data libraries and completion of the report of the Task Force on Gender in the national Accounts (second quarter, 2000); CASD News (second and fourth quarters, 2000 and 2001).

Harmonization, liaison and collaboration with:

(a) Other United Nations agencies and meetings of the Statistical Commission and the ACC Subcommittee on statistical activities and the ACC Task Force on international trade statistics;

(b) Bilateral and multilateral agencies on the establishment and strengthening of bilateral relationships for statistical development in Africa;

(c) Regional economic groupings and AFRISTAT on statistical development in Africa.

Substantive support to regional initiatives such as Africa GIS, WB Environmental Information System for Sub-Saharan Africa; participation in ACCs and collaboration with other United Nations agencies in the area of GIS.

4. Technical cooperation

(a) Advisory Services

Advisory services to ECA member States, subregional and regional institutions on:

- (i) Developing information and communication infrastructure policies, plan and strategies (two missions per year);
- (ii) Enhancing the quality of data in the various areas of statistical development (national accounts, price statistics international trade, etc.), (three missions per year);
- (iii) Geoinformation issues (two missions per year); and
- (iv) The establishment of development information databases (three missions per year).

(b) Group Training (Workshops, Seminars and Symposia)

- (i) Group training in member States on developing national information and communications infrastructure policies, plans and strategies (two workshops) (second quarter, 2000 and 2001) (RB, XB);
- (ii) Seminar on Resources sharing and Networking among African academic and research libraries (third quarter, 2001) (RB,XB);
- (iii) Two regional training workshops on household sector accounts (fourth quarter, 2000 and 2001);
- (iv) Seminar on trade statistics (third quarter, 2001);
- (v) National workshops, at the request of governments, on the 1993 System of national Accounts and other areas of statistical development (one per year) (XB);
- (vi) Regional workshop on household surveys in Africa (second quarter, 2000) (XB);
- (vii) Workshop for decision makers on GIS addressing selected spatial applications (third quarter, 2001) (RB and XB);
- (viii) Seminar on standards and specifications for spatially referenced information adapted to Africa's environment, and increasing GIS networking (first quarter, 2001) (RB and XB);
- (ix) Workshop on new database development technologies and on organization and management of development information, including dissemination on the web and use of geoinformation in statistical offices (fourth quarter, 2000) (XB).

(c) Field Projects

Filed projects on:

- (i) Implementing the African Information society Initiative (XB);
- (ii) Networking with African libraries and documentation centres (XB);
- (iii) Strengthening capacities for statistical services (XB).

Subprogramme 5: PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION

A. Introduction

The Regional Cooperation and Integration Division (RCID) will implement the activities of this subprogramme in coordination and collaboration with development partners, other substantive divisions of ECA and the SRDCs. The subprogramme will deal with regional economic integration encompassing policy issues, infrastructure development and related services in the transport and communications, mineral, energy and water resources sectors. The main objectives of the subprogramme are to: (a) promote policies and programmes aimed at furthering the economic integration process within the framework of the African Economic Community and in line with its phased implementation Plan; (b) provide support and advisory services to member States, IGOs, and NGOs in the areas cited above through (i) the formulation of regional policies and programmes; (ii) capacity building; (iii) the collection, analysis, management and dissemination of relevant information and data; (iv) the reinforcement of public-private partnerships; (v) the promotion of increased financial investment flows; and (vi) the promotion of integrated/multisectoral approaches bringing together all the actors interested in the area.

Emphasis will be on the deepening of activities/actions undertaken during the last biennium to ascertain the effective implementation of the Medium-Term Plan and the attainment of objectives of the latter. To this end, efforts will be geared to enhancing partnership with relevant agencies, technical support to member States' capacity building programmes and increased advisory services at the national, subregional and regional levels. Activities of the subprogramme are expected to contribute to: (a) the deepening of the regional cooperation and Integration process in Africa including effective trade liberalization; coordinated and convergent macroeconomic and sectoral policies; (b) the promotion of increased investments in infrastructure development in the areas of transport and communication, energy and water and the exploration and exploitation of minerals through enhanced regional cooperation.

In designing the 2000-2001 subprogramme, operational activities have been targeted to translate advocated policies into concrete actions. To this end, a thorough evaluation of major programme components such as UN TACDA II will be undertaken so as to design more efficient mechanisms for their effective operationalization in close collaboration with interested parties (member States, ADB, OAU and other IGOs).

This biennial subprogramme will specifically aim at achieving the following global results:

- (a) Policy harmonization: devising support mechanisms for enhanced sustainability deepening and continuity of regional integration process established;
- (b) Transport and communication development through effective resource mobilization undertakings for filling the "missing links" in regional land transportation and communication networks (already designed): enhanced management and maintenance capacities; increased efficiency of other links of air transport and the multimodal chain such as ports, railways, inland waterways;
- (c) Minerals and energy development: enhanced cooperation mechanisms and mechanisms/actions for increased cooperation established and set in motion. Energy interconnection and rural electrification programmes launched;
- (d) Promotion of integrated and environmentally sound river basin development programmes in partnership with sectoral programmes of the Commission and other relevant agencies.

This subprogramme will contribute to the implementation of the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community and is consistent with the Medium-Term Plan (1997-2001). Resolutions/ Programmes adopted by recent sectoral ministerial conferences have been taken into account.

A. Activities

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings (RB)

(a) Substantive servicing of meetings

{Mandates : Commitment to UNTACDA II, Abuja Treaty and Commission resolutions on servicing Africa better}

- (i) Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications, intergovernmental experts meeting, and inter-agency coordination committee (2000);
- (ii) Committee on Regional Cooperation and Integration (2001);
- (iii) Technical Committee on Natural Resources, and Technology (2001).

(b) Parliamentary documentation:

Mandates: Commitment to the implementation of UNTACDA II; Durban Declaration of African Ministers of Mine and Energy (1997).

Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications and Intergovernmental Expert bodies:

- (i) Final evaluation of UNTACDA II inter-agency coordination committee;
- (ii) One policy paper on transport and communications to expert group meetings;

Committee on Regional Cooperation and Integration:

- (i) Harmonization of the timetables of subregional trade liberalization schemes (2001);
- (ii) Progress report on supporting measures for the implementation of trade liberalization scheme (2001).

{Mandate = commitment to Abuja Treaty};

Technical committee on natural resources, sciences and technology:

Progress report on the implementation of the decisions of the first meeting (2001).

(c) Other services provided

- (i) Assessment of the effectiveness of policy convergence mechanisms set up for the harmonization of macroeconomic policies among African countries (2001);
- (ii) Establishment of subregional programmes for the development of energy and mineral resources in Central Africa (2000);

- (iii) African transport policy framework for the next Decade (2000).

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Recurrent publications:

[Mandates = commitment to the UNTACDA II implementation resolutions adopted by the African ministers of mine and energy; and Commission resolutions 798(XXX) and 809(XXX) on New directions for ECA].

- (i) Two policy briefs on emerging issues of interest to Africa in negotiations under WTO (2000-2001);
- (ii) Two Newsletters: African Minerals and Energy Update (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (iii) Two Newsletters on transport infrastructure and services development in Africa (2000, 2001).

(b) Non-recurrent publications:

[Mandates = commitment to the UNTACDA II programme, Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community, Commission resolutions 798 (XXX), 809(XXX); Durban Declaration of African ministers of mine and energy].

- (i) Studies on Railways interconnection in two Africa subregions (200, 2001);
- (ii) Studies on the Trans-African Highway missing links (2001, 2001);
- (iii) One compendium of transport related environmental norms (2001);
- (iv) Rural transport and the empowerment of women policy guidelines (best practices) (2000);
- (v) Impact of non-physical barriers of air, port, rail and road on the integration and improvement of transport infrastructure and services (2001);
- (vi) Manual for the implementation of Conventions and treaties relevant to air, maritime, railways and multimodal transport sectors (2001);
- (vii) New financing and resource mobilization mechanisms for subregional economic groupings in Central Africa (2001);
- (viii) Economic integration cost and benefit distribution: two subregional case studies (2000, 2001);
- (ix) Framework for enhanced government-private sector cooperation for the development of energy (2001);
- (x) Framework on rural electrification with emphasis on new and renewable energy sources including mini-hydropower stations (2001);
- (xi) One compendium of best practices in the small scale mining sub-sector (2000);

- (xii) Rural electrification projects framework documents (prototypes) (2000).

(c) Substantive servicing of other meetings

[Mandates = resolution of the tenth annual session of United Nations Advisory Committee on Coordination (UNACC) subcommittee on water resources (1988)]

- (i) Intergovernmental meeting of the Zambezi river basin countries;
Report on various cooperative arrangements for Zambezi river basin development (2001);
- (ii) Meeting of the executive/senior officials of the existing transboundary river/lake basin organizations in Africa;
Report on transboundary river/lake basin development experiences, prospects and problems in Africa (2000);
- (iii) Meetings of the Inter-agency Group for Water in Africa (IGWA) (one in 2000; and one in 2001);
Report on inter-agency cooperation for transboundary river/lake basin development in Africa (2000); and

Report on prospects for interbasin water transfer in the Lake Chad basin for the restoration of diminishing water surface of the Lake (2001).

(d) Special events:

[Mandate = commitment to UNTACDA II programme]

- (i) Second African Transport Forum;
- (ii) One Round Table meeting for the mobilization of resources in support of transport infrastructure project (2001).

3. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison

{Mandates = consistent with GA and Commission resolutions 49/12, 50/15, 52/205, 798(XXX), 811(XXXI) and the expectations set forth in the programme}.

Collaboration and cooperation, including participation in meetings, will be with IGOs, NGOs and other United Nations agencies. In particular cooperation will be as follows:

(a) Cooperation for furthering the regional economic integration process at subregional levels:

ECOWAS, ECCAS, Maghreb Arab Union (UMA), COMESA, SADC, West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), UDEAC/CEMSC, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), OAU, ADB, World Bank, UNCTAD;

(b) Transport and Communication

African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), Union of African Railways (UAR), Union International des Chemins de fer (UIC), International Road Federation (IRF), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU), UNCTAD, Transit Corridor Organizations (TTCA);

(c) African Port Associations River Basin Development

All African River Basin Organizations, UNEP, WMO, UNESCO;

(d) Energy and mining

World Bank Group, SEAMIC/SMRDC;

(e) Cooperation with Regional Commissions

ESCAP, ESCWA, ECLAC, ECA.

4. Technical cooperation

(a) Advisory services

- (i) Capacity building for the improvement of transport services;
- (ii) Harmonization and streamlining of transport data and statistics;
- (iii) Formulation of efficient regulatory frameworks and investment promotion packages for the development of energy, water and mineral resources;
- (iv) Harmonization and implementation of energy and mining policy and programmes including the interconnection of electrical grids and gas/oil pipelines;
- (v) The development of mining programmes in the Central Africa subregion;
- (vi) International negotiations, especially with the European Union (EU) and WTO;
- (vii) Operationalizing new financing and resource mobilization mechanisms for economic integration.

(b) Group training (seminars, workshop and symposia):

- (i) Workshops on implementation of the African Road Safety Initiative in one subregion (2000);
 - (ii) Implementation of air services liberalization policies in the African subregion (2001);
 - (iii) Subregional seminar on transit corridors for the Eastern Africa subregion (2001);
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- (iv) Regional seminar on best practices in small scale mining, with the view to improving capacities and capabilities in the subsector (2001);
- (v) Joint ECA/MIGA sixth symposium on investments and opportunities in the African mining sector (2000);
- (vi) Seminar on harmonization of fiscal policies, with a view to facilitating exchange of experience between subregional economic groupings in this field (2001);
- (vii) One subregional seminar on economic integration cost and benefit distribution (2000).

(c) Field (country, regional, interregional) projects (RB/XB)

Field activities will be implemented under the project of the African Economic Community.

Subprogramme 6: PROMOTING THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

A. Introduction

The subprogramme was created under the Medium-Term Plan 2000-2001 as reviewed and will be implemented by the African Centre for Women (ACW).

The activities of the subprogramme are geared to mainstreaming gender issues into member States policies, programmes and structures. They also seek to promote the empowerment of women so that they play a more effective and significant role in the political, social and economic spheres.

The goals set for the subprogramme will be achieved through policy studies, ad hoc policy formulation and sensitization meetings and seminars; the development of tools and methodologies for including a gender perspective into national accounts and budgetary processes as well as tools for monitoring the implementation of the various platforms and action plans adopted at the global and regional levels. The strategy will focus on advocacy, policy dialogue, networking as well as increased connectivity with clients and partners.

The main objectives of the subprogramme for the biennium are to provide member States with adequate tools and information in order to improve their capacity for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action; coordinate the support service's programmes at the regional, subregional and regional levels with the needs of member States (governments and NGOs) as expressed within the framework of the outcome of the sixth African regional conference; establish the African women virtual training Leadership Institute for members of Parliament and grassroots women leaders; build the capacity of ECA divisions to mainstream gender in their programmes; promote and advocate for the use of women's unpaid labour in national accounts and the disaggregation of budgetary allocations for equitable distribution of resources in the countries of focus; enhance women entrepreneurs regional networks and improve partners' and clients access to gender information.

The expected results include the effective training of senior officials from national machineries in gender analysis and policy formulation; re-orientation of the programme 1 and national support services for women empowerment; capacity building for enhancing women leaders role in politics; raising awareness around decision and policy makers on the need to integrate gender perspective into national budgetary processes; and the improvement of gender networking.

B. Activities

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings

(a) Substantive servicing of meetings

Committee of Women and Development (2001)

(b) Parliamentary documentation

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolutions Nos. 50/104.51/69 and Commission resolutions Nos. 809(XXXI), 826(XXXII), 830(MFC.1)]

Three reports to the Committee on Women and Development:

- (i) Report of the subregional meetings on the follow-up on the sixth African Regional Conference on Women (RB);
- (ii) Activities of the African Centre on Women (RB);
- (iii) Reports to the five subregional meetings on the Recommendations of the sixth African Regional Conference on Women (RB).

(c) Other services provided

- (i) Ad hoc Expert Group meeting on how to integrate a gender perspective into national accounts (second quarter, 2000-RB).

Documentation

Modalities to integrate a gender perspective into national accounts (RB).

- (ii) Ad hoc Expert Meeting to validate training modules for the Virtual Leadership Training Institute for Women (2000 RB);
- (iii) Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting to validate the following technical tools (2000-RB);
 - a. Training Manual on gender analysis/gender mainstreaming,
 - b. Guidelines for assessing national gender policies,
 - c. Training manual for Monitoring and evaluation in the priority areas of the Global (Beijing) and the regional (Dakar) platforms for action.

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Recurrent publications

Mandated recurrent publications

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution No.50/104 and Commission Resolution No. 809(XXXI)].

- (i) Gendernet (bi-annual newsletter RB);
- (ii) African Women Report (one in 2000, one in 2001 RB);
- (iii) Compendium of Best Practices on gender mainstreaming (Bi-annual RB).

(b) Non-recurrent publications

Mandated non-recurrent publications:

[Mandates: GA Resolution Nos. 50/104 and 51/69 and Commission Resolution No. 809(XXXI)]

- (i) Policy position paper on engendering budgetary processes, (third quarter, 2000 RB);
- (ii) Guidelines for Assessing National Gender Policies (2000 RB);

- (iii) Training Manual for Monitoring and Evaluation of the priority areas of the Global (Beijing) and the regional (Dakar) platforms for action (RB).

- (c) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits

Country profiles on the status of women in individual member States (2001 RB).

- (d) Technical Materials

Establishment and maintenance of the Virtual Leadership Training Institute for Women (XB).

3. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison

(a) Coordination and liaison with other United Nations agencies and institutions such as INSTRAW, UNDP, ILO including holding consultations on the Global Platforms for Action on Women and the system wide medium term plan for the advancement of women;

(b) Liaison and cooperation on capacity building for women leaders in politics with African and non-African NGOs, subregional and interregional intergovernmental organizations and other institutions involved in the fields as well as training and research institutions;

(c) Liaison and cooperation on gender and development issues and policies with African and non-African NGOs, subregional, regional and interregional intergovernmental organizations and other institutions including OAU, ADB as well as training and research institutions. Participation at the ACC Inter-agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality, selected meetings of United Nations agencies including the Regional Commissions, ECA subregional Development Centres, United Nations specialized agencies and the United Nations Secretariat.

4. Technical cooperation

- (a) Advisory services to member States

- (i) Advisory services on engendering budgetary processes as well as effective implementation of the Regional and Global Platforms for Action (RB);
- (ii) Advisory services to member States on issues related to building capacities of women leadership for an effective participation in decision-making bodies (RB);
- (iii) Advisory services on issues related to the implementation of the regional and global Platforms for Action on Women (RB).

- (b) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia)

- (i) Regional training seminars for national associations of women entrepreneurs in information technology as a tool for improving networking and information flow, for French-speaking and English-speaking countries (one in 2000, one in 2001) RB/XB;
- (ii) Training workshop for women members of Parliament and women grassroots leaders on national decision-making processes (2000) RB/XB;

- (iii) Regional sensitization seminar for policy makers and women in decision-making positions, on integrating a gender perspective into budgetary processes (second quarter 2000) RB/XB;
- (iv) Two subregional training seminars on gender analysis and gender mainstreaming (2000) RB/XB;
- (v) Five subregional-level workshops for national gender focal points on improving networking and enhancing information flow on gender issues (two in 2000, three in 2001) RB/XB.

Intermediate activity

Training of ECA divisions and SRDCs on mainstreaming gender issues in their programmes (2000) (RB).

(c) Field project

Leadership fund.

Subprogramme 7: SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE SUBREGIONAL LEVEL

A. Introduction

This subprogramme was created under the Medium-Term Plan 1998-2001 as revised.

The subprogramme will be implemented by the five Subregional Development Centres (SRDCs), located respectively in the North, West, Central, East and Southern African subregions. There will be a Coordinating Unit under the direct supervision of the Deputy Executive Secretary at the headquarters of the Commission in Addis Ababa.

The subprogramme will provide effective outreach functions for the Commission by leveraging resources and bringing them closer to member States at the subregional level. The main objectives are: to provide effective technical support to the Subregional Economic Communities (RECs) and to support subregional programme and mechanisms for enhancing regional cooperation and integration at the subregional level; to facilitate networking and information exchange by providing fora for public sector, civil society and private sector development partners; to interact and share experiences at national and subregional levels; to facilitate the harmonization of operational programmes of the United Nations System as a whole at the subregional level, in close collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator system at the national level.

The above objectives will be pursued in close collaboration with established organizations and institutions for development in the subregions, in particular, the Subregional Economic Communities, other intergovernmental organizations for regional cooperation and integration, United Nations agencies, and bilateral development agencies active in the different subregions.

The implementation of the activities of the subprogramme is expected to result in enhanced capacity for institutional cooperation and integration in the subregions; greater coordination and harmonization of development policies and programmes among member States in the subregions; and better coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in general, and ECA in particular, in the subregions.

I. SUPPORTING SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH AFRICA

This component of the subprogramme will be implemented by the subregional development centre for North Africa (SRDC-NA) which covers the following seven countries: Algeria, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, the Sudan and Tunisia.

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings

B. Activities

(a) Substantive servicing of meetings

Two meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) (one in 2000, one in 2001).

(b) Parliamentary documentation

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution Nos. 49/103; 50/04; 51/171; 51/176 and Commission Resolution Nos. 809(XXXI); 826(XXXII); 828(XXXII); 830(MFC.1)]:

- (i) Two reports on economic and social conditions in North Africa (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (ii) Biennial report on the work of the SRDC-NA (2001);
- (iii) Eight reports to the ICE on:
 - a. Long-term perspectives and employment for North Africa,
 - b. Best practices in micro-credit for women and youth,
 - c. Best practices for drought preparedness and mitigation and water management for increased food-security in North Africa,
 - d. The selection and production of proven seedlings/seeds adapted to dry climates,
 - e. Identification and analysis of successful approaches and strategies for reducing gender disparities,
 - f. Development and use of indicators relevant to food security and sustainable development.

(c) Other services provided

- (i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on long-term development perspectives in North Africa (2001):

Working document: Long-term perspectives in North Africa;

- (ii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on commercialization of research results in North Africa (2000):

Working document: Commercialization of research results in North Africa.

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Recurrent Publication

Mandated Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: Commission Resolution Nos. 809 (XXXI); 810(XXXI)];

North Africa Development Bulletin (two in 2000, two in 2001).

(b) Non-Recurrent Publications

Mandated Non-Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: General Resolution 50/102; 50/104 and Commission Resolution No. 826 (XXXII)].

- (i) Selected papers on sustainable development in North Africa (two volumes, one in 2000, one in 2001);

- (ii) Efforts made to integrate science and technology policies with social and economic policies (2000);
- (iii) Gender disparities and culture in North Africa: Issues and challenges (2001).

3. International cooperation and inter-agency harmonization and liaison

Cooperation with member States, Subregional Economic Communities (RECs) in the subregion (Arab Maghreb Union, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, European Union) and other Intergovernmental organizations such as lake and river basin authorities and clearing houses on the implementation of : (a) subregional protocols and treaties for economic cooperation and integration in the context of the Abuja Treaty for the establishment of the African Economic community; (b) the harmonization of macroeconomic policies, strategies and instruments among States of the subregion; (c) the development, design, and implementation of operational projects and programmes. The subprogramme will also promote the interface between government, private sector and civil society organizations. There will also be close cooperation with the United Nations System organizations operating in the subregion to facilitate the implementation of System operational programmes in the subregion in close collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator system at the national level.

4. Technical cooperation

(a) Advisory services to member States, IGOs and NGOs

Advisory services will be provided upon request to member States, RECs, IGOs on priority development issues including: (a) national long-term development perspectives; (b) science and technology; (c) management of the critical issues in the nexus of population, food security and environment; (d) gender; (e) macro economic coordination and harmonization among the countries; (f) public and civil society relations; and (g) development and management of programmes and projects.

(b) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia)

- (i) Seminar on linking science and technology policies to economic and social policies in member States (XB/RB) (2000);
- (ii) Seminar on water management in North Africa (XB/RB) (2000);
- (iii) Seminar on the management of interactions between population, agriculture and environment (PEDA Model) (XB/RB) (2001);
- (iv) Seminar on trade management (XB/RB) (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (v) Subregional workshop on natural resources accounting (XB/RB) (2000).

II. SUPPORTING SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT IN WEST AFRICA

This component of the subprogramme will be implemented by the Subregional Development Centre for West Africa (SRDC-WA) which covers the following fifteen countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, the Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra-Leone and Togo.

B. Activities

1. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert meetings

(a) Substantive servicing of meetings

Two Meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) of the SRDC-WA) (one 2000, one in 2001).

(b) Parliamentary documentation

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution Nos. 49/103; 50/04; 51/171; 51/176 and Commission Resolution Nos. 809(XXXI); 826(XXXII); 828(XXXII); 830(MFC.1)]

- (i) Two reports on the economic and social conditions in West Africa (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (ii) Biennial report on the work of the SRDC-WA (2001);
- (iii) Two reports on food security and sustainable development (environment, population, agriculture) in West Africa (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (iv) One report on integrated-shared lake and river basin management (2000);
- (v) Two reports on mainstreaming gender concerns in development policies and programmes (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (vi) One report on transport and communications development for physical integration in West Africa (2001);
- (vii) Two reports on progress in establishing a West African Web site on sustainable development (one in 2000, one in 2001).

(c) Other services provided

- (i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on Guidelines for enhancing information exchange and networking in the West African Web site (2000):

Working document: guidelines for enhancing information exchange and networking in a West African Intranet;
- (ii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on enhancing networking on gender issues (2000):

Working document: measures for enhancing networking and information collection and exchange on agenda concerns in West Africa;
- (iii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on the informal sector and development in West Africa (2001);

Working document: informal sector modernization and development in West Africa;
- (iv) Ad hoc expert group meeting on transport policy management for subregional integration in West Africa (2000);

Working document: strategies for improving the competitiveness and complementarity of the transport modes in West Africa;

- (v) Ad hoc expert group meeting on capacity building for trade policy analysis and programme development in support of subregional integration (2001):

Working document: impact of the Uruguay round on food security policy in West Africa.

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Recurrent publications

Mandated Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: Commission Resolution Nos. 809 (XXXI); 810(XXXI)]

Four issues of West African Development Bulletin (two in 2000, two in 2001).

(b) Non-recurrent publications

Mandated Non-Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution Nos. 51/171 and 51/186]

- (i) Biological and socio-economic attributes and community characteristics of child survival in West African countries (2001);
- (ii) Study on food security and sustainable development with special reference to women and vulnerable groups in West Africa (2000).

(c) Technical Material

Maintenance of an electronic information exchange network through the West African Development Information System (WADIS) (2001).

3. International cooperation and inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Cooperation with member States, Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) in the subregion (Economic Community of West African States, Western Africa Economic and Monetary Union, Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel) and other Intergovernmental Organization on (a) subregional protocols and treaties for economic cooperation and integration in the context of the Abuja Treaty for the establishment of the African Economic Community, (b) the harmonization of macroeconomic policies, strategies and instruments among member States of the subregion; (c) the development, design, implementation of operational projects and programmes. The subprogramme will also promote the interface between government, private sector and civil society organizations. There will also be close cooperation with the United Nations System organizations operating in the subregion to facilitate the implementation of System operational programmes in the subregion in close collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator System at the national level.

4. Technical Cooperation

(a) Advisory Services

Advisory services will be provided upon request to member States, RECs, IGOs on development issues including: (a) modalities for facilitating networking and information exchange; (b) management of the critical issues in the nexus of population, food security and environment; (c) governance; (d) peace building, reconstruction and rehabilitation; (e) integrated water resource management; and (f) gender mainstreaming.

(b) Group Training (seminars, workshops, symposia)

- (i) High level seminar on Debt Policy Management in West Africa: What strategic options for alleviating the debt burden (2001, XB/RB);
- (ii) Strategies and policies for integrated water resources development and management in West Africa (2001, XB/RB);
- (iii) Training of trainers on the formulation and implementation of income generating self-help projects for women (2001 - XB/RB);
- (iv) Seminar on the management of interactions between population, agriculture and environment (PEDA Model) (XB/RB) (2001);
- (v) Subregional workshop on natural resources accounting (XB/RB) (2000).

III. SUPPORTING SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL AFRICA

This component of the subprogramme will be implemented by the Subregional Development Centre for Central Africa (SRDC-CA) which covers the following seven countries: Cameroon, Chad, Central Africa Republic, the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe.

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings

B. Activities

(a) Substantive servicing of meetings

Two meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) (one in 2000 and one in 2001).

(b) Parliamentary documentation

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution Nos. 49/103; 50/04; 51/171; 51/176 and Commission Resolution Nos. 809(XXXI); 826(XXXII); 828(XXXII); 830(MFC.1)]

- (i) Two reports on Economic and Social Conditions in Central Africa (One in 2000 and one in 2001);
- (ii) Biennial report on the work of the SRDC-CA (2001);
- (iii) Selected reports on promoting regional integration as an engine of growth for development (one in 2000 and one in 2001);

- (iv) Two reports on food security and sustainable development (environment, population, agriculture) in Central Africa (One in 2000 and one 2001);
 - (v) Two reports on mainstreaming gender concerns in development policies and programmes (One in 2000 and one in 2001).
- (c) Other services provided
- (i) Advisory group on regional integration in Central Africa (one in 2000 and one in 2001);
 - (ii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on Women Networking (RESEFAC) in Central Africa (one in 2000);
 - (iii) Subregional Conference of Ministers in charge of Women Affairs (one in 2000).

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Recurrent Publications

Mandated Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: Commission resolutions 809(XXXI), 810(XXXI)]: Central Africa Development Bulletin (two in 2000 and two in 2001);

(b) Non-Recurrent Publications

Mandated Non-Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: General Resolutions 50/102; 50/104 and Commission's Resolution No. 826 (XXXII)].

- (i) Selected papers on regional integration to support development (one volume in 2000 and one in 2001);
 - (ii) Study on restructuring the textile sector in Central Africa: policies, investments and other issues (2000, XB);
 - (iii) Study on restructuring the petroleum sector in Central Africa (policies, investments and other issues) (one in 2001, XB).
- (c) Special Event
- (i) Forum on regional integration in Central Africa to promote the textile sector in partnership with business communities (national, regional and international, RECs, MIGA of World Bank, ADB, IMF, UNIDO, and WTO) (2000) (XB);
 - (ii) Forum on regional integration in Central Africa to promote the petroleum sector in partnership with business communities (national, regional and international, RECs, MIGA of World Bank, ADB, IMF, UNIDO and WTO) (2000) (XB).

(d) Technical material

Development and management of subregional Web site.

(e) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures

Special presentation-debates on strategic and emerging issues (four in 2000 and four in 2001).

(f) Electronics, audio and video issuances relating to activities under the subprogramme

Electronic public information: Policy dialogues and discussions on strategic and emerging issues, using the Internet.

3. International cooperation and inter-agency harmonization and liaison

Close cooperation with member States, Regional Economic Communities including the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) and the Economic Community of Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL), other IGOs, the United Nations Resident Coordination System (RCS) in the subregion, the private sector and civil social organizations in order to develop capacity in policy analysis, decision-making and negotiation at national and subregional levels, to support and facilitate and strengthen subregional economic cooperation, integration and development in the Central Africa subregion through: (a) Participation in the monthly meetings of the Resident Coordination System; (b) Managing the Intranet of RCS (continuing); (c) Participation in sectoral and statutory meetings of CEMAC and ECCAS and selected sectoral IGOs (three in 2000 and three in 2001); and (d) Joint implementation of selected programmed activities at the request of RECs and IGOs.

4. Technical cooperation

(a) Advisory Services

Advisory services will be provided upon request to member States, civil society organizations and within the framework of signed partnership agreements with CEMAC, ECCAS and selected IGOs and RCS in support of regional activities for development including: (a) Developing and maintaining database and a bank of analytical tools; (b) Promoting partnership between RECs, private sector, civil society organizations and/or United Nations organizations to advance regional integration and development in the subregion.

(b) Group Training (seminars, workshops, symposia)

- (i) Training in the use of analytical tools and database to develop analytical and negotiation capacities in selected areas (two in 2000 and two in 2001) (XB);
- (ii) Seminar on the management of interactions between population, agriculture and environment (PEDA, Model) (XB/RB) (2001);
- (iii) Subregional workshop on natural resources accounting (XB/RB) (2000).

IV. SUPPORTING SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN AFRICA

This component of the subprogramme will be implemented by the Subregional Development Centre for Eastern Africa (SRDC-EA) which covers the following thirteen countries: Burundi, the Democratic

Republic of Congo, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda.

B. Activities

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings

(a) Substantive servicing of meeting

Two meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (ICE) (one in 2000, one in 2001).

(b) Parliamentary Documentation

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution Nos. 49/103; 50/04; 51/171; 51/176 and Commission Resolution Nos. 809(XXXI); 826(XXXII); 828(XXXII); 830(MFC.1)].

- (i) Two reports on economic and social conditions in Eastern Africa (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (ii) Biennial report on the work of the SRDC-EA (2001);
- (iii) Two reports to ICE on mainstreaming gender concerns in development policies and programmes (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (iv) Two reports to ICE on food security and sustainable development (environment, population, agriculture) in Eastern Africa (one in 2000, one in 2001).

(c) Other services provided

- (i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on land and property rights of women (2000);
- (ii) Ad hoc expert group meeting;
- (iii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on best practices in the management of nexus issues (population, agriculture and environment interactions) in Eastern Africa (2000);
- (iv) Ad hoc expert group meeting on policy, legal and regulatory constraints to subregional trade in Eastern Africa (2001).

2. Other substantive activities

(a) Recurrent publications

Mandated Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: Commission resolutions 809(XXXI), 810(XXXI)]: Eastern Africa Development Bulletin (two in 2000 and two in 2001);

(b) Non-recurrent publications

Mandated non-Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution Nos. 49/103; 50/04; 51/171; 51/176 and Commission Resolution Nos. 809(XXXI); 826(XXXII); 828(XXXII); 830(MFC.1)].

- (i) Assessment of the effectiveness of mechanisms set up for the harmonization of macroeconomic policies in member countries of COMESA (2001);
- (ii) Best practices in the management of the nexus issues (population, agriculture and environment interactions) in Eastern Africa (2000);
- (iii) Study on the impact of non-physical barriers on the integration and improvement of transport services in Eastern Africa (2000);
- (iv) Study on policy, legal and regulatory constraints to subregional trade (2001);
- (v) Study on Land and property rights of women in Eastern and Southern Africa: Best practices (2000);
- (vi) Study on food security and sustainable development with special reference to women and vulnerable groups in Eastern Africa (2001);
- (vii) Study on trends in public expenditure allocations to social sectors in countries of East Africa (2000);
- (viii) Study on the effectiveness of anti-poverty policies in East Africa (2001).

(c) Special Event

Subregional round table conference on private and public sectors partnership in Eastern Africa.

3. International cooperation and inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Cooperation with member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in the subregion (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, East African Cooperation, Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries) and other Intergovernmental Organizations such as lake and river basin authorities and clearing houses on the implementation of: (a) subregional protocols and treaties for economic cooperation and integration in the context of the Abuja Treaty for the establishment of the Africa Economic Community; (b) the harmonization of macroeconomic policies, strategies and instruments among member States of the subregion; (c) the development, design, implementation of operational projects and programmes. The subprogramme will also promote the interface between government, private sector and civil society organizations. There will also be close cooperation with the United Nations system organizations operating in the subregion to facilitate the implementation of System operational programmes in the subregion in close collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator system at the national level.

4. Technical cooperation

(a) Advisory services

Advisory services will be provided upon request to member States, RECs, and IGOs on priority development issues including: (a) macroeconomic coordination and harmonization among the countries; (b) development and operation of integrated productions and economic infrastructure; (c) management of the critical issues in the nexus of population, food security and environment; (d) gender development; (e) urban

development; (f) public and civil society relations; (g) governance; and (h) post-conflict peace building reconstruction and rehabilitation.

(b) Group Training (seminars, workshops and symposia)

- (i) Seminar on the management of interactions between population, agriculture and environment (PEDA Model) (XB/RB) (2000);
- (ii) Seminar on gender mainstreaming in development policy and programmes (XB/RB) (2001);
- (iii) Seminar on capacity building for entrepreneurial development in Eastern Africa (2001) (XB/RB);
- (iv) Subregional workshop on national resources accounting (XB/RB) (2000).

**V. SUPPORTING SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

This component of the subprogramme will be implemented by the Subregional Development Centre for Southern Africa (SRDC-SA) which covers the following eleven countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South-Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

B. Activities

1. Servicing of intergovernmental expert meetings

(a) Substantive Servicing of meetings

Two meetings of the intergovernmental committee of experts (ICE) (one in 2000; one in 2001).

(b) Parliamentary documentation

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution Nos. 49/103; 50/04; 51/171; 51/176 and Commission Resolution Nos. 809(XXXI); 826(XXXII); 828(XXXII); 830(MFC.1)].

- (i) Two reports on economic and social conditions in Southern Africa (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (ii) Biennial report on the work of the SRDC-SA (2001);
- (iii) Report on national mechanism for harmonization of policies and coordination of regional cooperation and integration in Southern Africa (2000);
- (iv) Two reports on food security and sustainable development (environment, population, agriculture) on Southern Africa region (one in 2000, one in 2001);
- (v) Report on integration of gender in development programmes in Southern African countries (2001).

(c) Other services provided

- (i) Ad hoc expert group meeting on gender networking in Southern Africa (2000):

Working document: Gender Networking in Southern Africa;

- (ii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on the establishment of a network of technical training institutions for mineral resources development in Southern Africa (2001):

Working document: network of technical training institutions for mineral resources development in Southern Africa;

- (iii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on harmonization of policies and coordination of regional cooperation and integration (2001):

Working document: Harmonization of policies and coordination of regional cooperation and integration.

2. Other substantive activities(a) Recurrent publicationMandated Recurrent Publications

[Mandates: Commission Resolution Nos. 809(XXXI); 810(XXXI)]

Southern Africa Development Bulletin (two in 2000; two in 2001);

(b) Non-recurrent publicationsMandated Non-recurrent Publications

[Mandates: General Assembly Resolution Nos. 48/177; 51/171; 51/177; 51/186].

- (i) Study of communications industry regulations in Southern African countries (2001);

- (ii) A comparative study on urban administration in Southern Africa (2001);

- (iii) A study on the harmonization of definitions and selection of performance indicators for the road sector in selected transit corridors in Southern Africa (2000).

(c) Special event

Subregional round table conference on relations between the public and private sectors (2001).

3. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination
coordination and liaison

Cooperation with member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in the subregion (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, Southern African Development Community, Indian Ocean Community) and other Intergovernmental Organizations such as lake and river basin authorities and clearing houses on the implementation of: (a) subregional protocols and treaties for economic cooperation and integration in the context of the Abuja Treaty for the establishment of the African Economic

Community; (b) the harmonization of macro economic policies, strategies and instruments among member States of the subregion; (c) the development, design, implementation of operational projects and programmes. The subprogramme will also promote the interface between government, private sector and civil society organizations. There will also be close cooperation with the United Nations system organizations operating in the subregion to facilitate the implementation of System operational programmes in the subregion in close collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator system at the national level.

4. Technical cooperation

(a) Advisory services

Advisory services will be provided upon request to member States, RECs, and IGOs on priority development issues including: (a) macroeconomic coordination and harmonization among the countries; (b) development and operation of integrated productions and economic infrastructure; (c) management of the critical issues in the nexus of population, food security and environment; (d) gender development; (e) urban development; (f) public and civil society relations; (g) governance; and (h) post-conflict peace building, reconstruction and rehabilitation.

(b) Group training

- (i) Training of trainers for women in leadership, entrepreneurship and legal literacy (2001) (XB/RB);
- (ii) Subregional workshop on urban administration (2000) (XB/RB);
- (iii) Seminar on the management of interactions between population, agriculture and environment (PEDA Model) (XB/RB) (2000);
- (iv) Subregional workshop on natural resources accounting (XB/RB) (2000).