

## ECA Dialogue Series

### REDUCING AFRICA'S SKILLS GAP

ECA & Oxford Economics Africa

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#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

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| <b>10:00 – 10:15</b> | <b>Opening remarks</b><br>Ms. Zuzana B. Schwidrowski, Director of the ECA Office for North Africa   |
| <b>10:15 – 10:20</b> | <b>Topic introduction and moderation</b><br>Ms. Mama Keita, Director of the ECA Office for East Africa  |
| <b>10:20 – 10:45</b> | <b>“Human Capital and Productive Employment Creation: Addressing Africa’s Skills Gap”</b><br>Mr. Jacques Nel, Head of Africa Macro at Oxford Economics Africa   |
| <b>10:45 – 10:55</b> | <b>Closing Africa’s gender gap in digital skills</b><br>Mr. Mactar Seck, ECA Chief of Technology and Innovation   |
| <b>10:55 – 11:05</b> | <b>From strategy to the development of a qualified and sufficient workforce, implementation challenges: Sharing the experience of the ILO/STED-AMT Project "Skills for trade and economic diversification: Alignment of skills with sectoral development strategies in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia"</b><br>Ms. Rachâa Bedjaoui-Chaouche, STED-AMT Project Manager, International Labour Organization |
| <b>11:05 – 11:20</b> | <b>Open discussion</b>  |
| <b>11:20 – 11:30</b> | <b>Concluding remarks</b><br>Ms. Mama Keita and Ms. Zuzana B. Schwidrowski  |

**NB:** Discussions will be simultaneously translated into English, French and Arabic

## Speakers



**Zuzana B. Schwidrowski** is the Director of the UN ECA office for North Africa, which supports seven countries (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia) with a special focus on regional integration, trade and employment, especially through SMEs, and the economic inclusion of women and youths.



**Mama Keita** is the Director of the UN ECA office for East Africa (Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda) where the special area of focus is deepening regional integration and Regional Value Chains while advancing the operationalization of the AfCFTA.



**Jacques Nel** is the head of Africa Macro at Oxford Economics Africa. He manages the company's macroeconomic subscription services. Jacques joined the company in 2013 and his research interests include risk assessment and the drivers behind development.



**Mactar Seck** is the ECA Chief of Technology and Innovation Section, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), where he oversees the Coordination of the Digital Centre of Excellence on Digital ID, Digital Trade, and Digital Economy (DITE4Africa). Mactar specializes in Internet governance, digital infrastructures, digital policy and regulatory frameworks.



**Rachâa Bedjaoui-Chaouche** from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) is the STED-AMT "Skills for Trade and Economic Diversification :Aligning skills strategically with sector development" Project Manager for Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. The project is funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).