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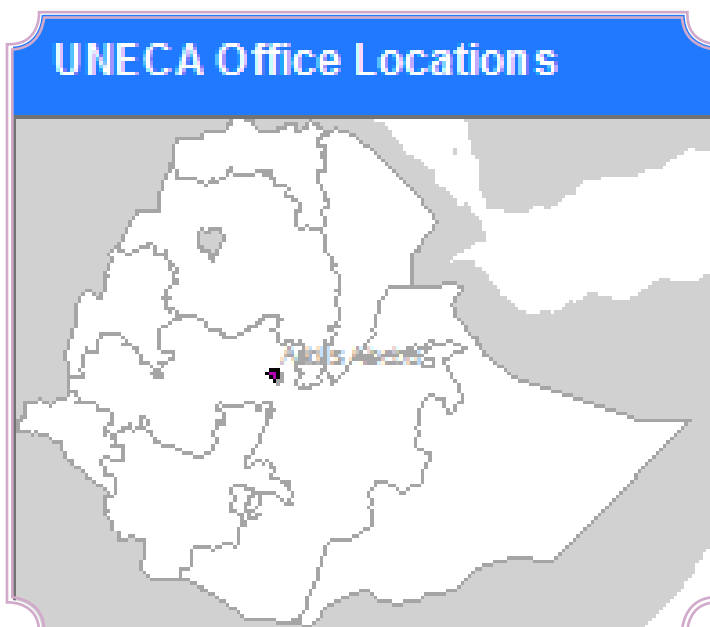
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WHO WE ARE

MANDATE

Established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN) in 1958 as one of the UN's five regional commissions, ECA's mandate is to promote the economic and social development of its member States, foster intra-regional integration, and promote international cooperation for Africa's development.



Made up of 54 member States, and playing a dual role as a regional arm of the UN and as a key component of the African institutional landscape, ECA is well positioned to make unique contributions to address the Continent's development challenges.

ECA is headed by an Executive Secretary, who is assisted by a Deputy Executive Secretary. Its work programme is supported by two pillars: policy research and knowledge delivery. There are five substantive divisions responsible for policy research: Macroeconomic Policy, Regional Integration & Trade, Social Policy Development, Special Initiatives, and the African Centre for Statistics. The Capacity Development Division, IDEP (ECA's training arm), the Division of Administration and ECA's Sub regional Offices in Rabat, Niamey, Yaoundé, Kigali and Lusaka comprise the Knowledge Delivery pillar. Knowledge generation and knowledge delivery at ECA are underpinned by the Strategic Planning & Operational Quality Division and the Public Information and Knowledge Management Division. The ECA Partnerships Office and the Joint Secretariat Support Office of the ECA, AUC and AfDB complement the work of the substantive Divisions.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

In order to be relevant to the transformative agenda of the continent, ECA has put “Africa First” in its work and is ready to take bold positions on policy issues of crucial importance to the continent. ECA programme work has been realigned with emphasis on (a) strengthening the rigor and pertinence of knowledge produced by ECA; (b) making ECA the authoritative source of analytical insights into African development; (c) generating knowledge underpinned by robust statistics and (d) improving the package and communication of ECA knowledge products to core policy constituents.

With regards to knowledge generation, the emphasis will be on specialization in areas in which ECA research can make a difference or have an impact. It will take the frontline in generating original data and knowledge, grounding its policy research and advocacy on clear and objective evidence. The intention of the Commission is to become the think tank of reference on matters pertaining to African development. This would require putting greater emphasis on generating robust statistics and data using innovative techniques, including information and communication technologies (ICTs). It also means that ECA sub regional presence will be leveraged to support the collection and collation of data in member States, which will also be used to generate informative and regularly updated country profiles.

WHAT WE DO

Type of intervention	Partners	Main geographic focus (Regions)	Beneficiaries
Macro economic Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance and private sector Renewal of planning Forecasting Governance and public sector management 	Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa University and African Institute of Management Development and Governance (AIM-DG), Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission of Ethiopia, Chambers of Commerce, Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, and the Parliament Stakeholders on coffee and leather value-addition, Students from the department of economics at Addis Ababa university	Addis Ababa	The Ethiopian Anti-Corruption Commission involved in many trainings and workshops of the program and become member of the Africa Anti-corruption network. The two institutions as part of African Governance Reports (AGR I, II and III) were commissioned & empowered through trainings & workshops to do the Ethiopian report. These were part of the Consultation on Illicit Financial Flows for East and Southern African Countries Technical staff from ministries in charge of development planning, and of the MDGs and the Post-2015 reflection.

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Regional Integration and Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrialization and infrastructure Investment policy Food security, agriculture and land Land policy African trade policy 	Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Ministries of Industry, Mining and Trade, Federal Investment Office.		Federal sector offices of agriculture, finance and economic planning, industry, mining and trade. The farming community. The private sector
Social Development Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women in Informal Cross Border Trade Study (data collection) Gender Statistics (desk 	Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Defense. UNDP and National Statistics Office	Lare, Gambella, Moyale and Oromia Addis Ababa	African Centre for Gender. Women in informal cross-border trade. Collaborating government ministries including Trade and Industry, Women's Affairs, Justice and Defense. RECs. Trade associations. National Statistics Office
Special Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New technologies and innovation Green economy and natural resources African climate policy African minerals development 		Addis Ababa	
Capacity Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AU/NEPAD support Regional advisory 			African Union
African Center for Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic statistics and national accounts Demographic and social statistics Statistical development Geo-information and sectoral statistics Data technology 	Central Statistical Agency (CSA) Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Justice Ethiopian Mapping Agency		Government officers in charge of production of official statistics Government officers in charge of Civil Registration Government officers in charge of and cartographic activities

PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

Location		Contract Type	Number of staff		
			Male	Female	Total
Addis Ababa	National staff	Permanent	150	99	249
		Continuing	0	0	0
		Fixed Term	117	89	206
		Temporary	5	1	6
		Individual Contractors	66	29	95
		Contractors	10	2	12
	International staff	Permanent	27	21	48
		Continuing	3	1	4
		Fixed Term	78	45	123
		Temporary	5	3	8
		Individual Contractors	13	6	19
				71	18
Total			545	314	859

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