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Introduction

1. The 4th Bureau of the 19th Conference of African Ministers of Industry (CAMI-19) was convened at Senior Officials level in Vienna, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), on 22 November 2012. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss modalities for resource mobilization for the project concepts presented by RECs, discussion on the arrangement/theme for the 20th Conference of AU Ministers of Industry (CAMI 20) and Update on the Post 2015 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) process. The meeting was chaired Mr. Ould Mohammedi, Director-General, Algerian Ministry of Industry, SMEs and Investment Promotion.

Attendance

2. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau: Republic of Algeria – Bureau Chair, the Republic of Congo, the Republic of Gambia and the Republic of Kenya. The following international and regional organizations also attended the meeting: the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) of Central Africa States, East Africa Community (EAC), and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

ITEM 1: Opening of the Meeting

Welcome Remarks by the Chair of the Bureau, Mr. Ould Mohammedi, Director-General of the Algerian Ministry of Industry, SMEs and Investment Promotion

3. In his opening remarks, Mr. Ould Mohammedi, Director-General of the Algerian Ministry of Industry, SMEs and Investment Promotion, he welcomed the participants to the 4thCAMI-19 Bureau meeting. He noted that AUC has compiled the project portfolios from the RECs to enable sourcing of technical cooperation funds and called for their conversion into bankable projects to enhance the prospects of funding. In this regard, he recalled the offer by the African Development Bank to assist in this matter. He called on the AUC to make a formal request to the African Development Bank. He also noted that CAMI 20 will be held in Kenya in June 2013 and recommended for the next CAMI Bureau to be held in Kenya to enable the Bureau to discuss the progress on the preparations for CAMI 20. Furthermore, he emphasised the need to be results oriented and called on the CAMI Bureau to have tangible outcomes to report in CAMI 20. He further expressed the sincere appreciation to the AUC, UNIDO, UNECA, the RECs and the Bureau of CAMI-19 for their commitment in the process.

Remarks by the AUC, Mr. Hussein, Head of Industry Division of the African Union Commission (AUC)

4. Mr. Hussein Hassan Hussein, welcomed all participants to the meeting and briefed them on the progress which has been made since the last Bureau meeting, which included the printing AIDA in collaboration with UNECA.

5. In order that the development was well advanced there were bottle necks to its implementations including challenges on resource mobilization, which was a substantive agenda of the meeting. Then he added other points to the agenda to be discussed in the meeting, including CAMI 20, Post-2015 agenda and SDGs and the Implementation Coordination Unit of AIDA at the AUC. He concluded by calling on the meeting to come up with key recommendations on how to fast track the implementation of AIDA and thanked Algeria for their wise leadership at the CAMI Bureau since March 2011. He also thanked UNIDO for the continuous technical support. He thanked the participants for coming and wished fruitful discussions.

Remarks by Ms. Aissatou Gueye, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

6. Ms. Aissatou Gueye, Economic Affairs Officer, conveyed apologies from Professor Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director Economic Development who was not able to attend the meeting due to other urgent assignments back in the office. Speaking on his behalf she reiterated UNECA's support for industrialization in Africa which she said was reflected in their work programmes.

7. Ms. Gueye highlighted the following as some of the initiatives that UNECA was working on as: Economic Report on Africa for 2013 with the theme "Accelerating value addition"; Value Addition country studies on the 'Status of Industry Policy in Africa' with pilots been done in Ethiopia, Uganda and Ivory Coast. The outcome of the studies is to lead to full scale unrolling of the programme to other countries in Africa; Capacity Building efforts on Industrialization where they plan to undertake annual training on Industrial policy in Africa in partnership with IDEP.

Remarks by Mr. Mahammed Dionne, Chief of Africa Programme, UNIDO

8. In his opening remarks Mr. Dionne first thanked Algeria as Chair of the CAMI Bureau and the AUC for the continued leadership. He further acknowledged the vital role of all stakeholders and their continued commitment to the AIDA process. He highlighted a number of activities that UNIDO has supported since CAMI 19, and in the process of moving the AIDA agenda forward, including the hosting of the RECs workshop to assist them to internalize AIDA; the hosting of the 1st meeting of the CAMI 19 Bureau and finally the support for the joint AU-CAMI Bureau-UNIDO-UNECA missions to the RECs.

9. He reported that another important agenda of the meeting was the going to be a briefing by the Representative of the United Nations High Level Panel on Post 2015

development agenda and Sustainable Development Goals process. UNIDO will be part of these processes, which will lead to a new global development agenda following the expiration of the Millennium Development Goals in 2015.

10. He reaffirmed to the meeting the continuous support from UNIDO, particularly efforts for funds mobilization and project implementation. He stated that UNIDO is ready to provide support to the various planned next steps in this regard, including funds mobilization missions and subsequently the implementation of programmes and projects. He proposed that the meeting will come up with a work plan and schedule for the planned high level missions.

ITEM2: Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

ITEM3: Update of the publication of the AIDA document

11. UNECA briefed the meeting in accordance with the 3rd CAMI Meeting held in Addis Ababa that the AIDA document was circulated for comments, following which the AIDA document was sent for printing. He further briefed the Meeting that AIDA Annexes were not sent for printing as these were considered working documents for the implementation of the AIDA.

ITEM 4: Resource Mobilization for the project concepts presented by RECs, (including the funds mobilization for planned joint missions in cooperation with UNIDO)

12. Under this item it was reported that UNIDO has acquired funds to support planned joint missions for resource mobilization.

Recommendations:

- A high level delegation is to undertake the first resource mobilization mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium, in the third week of January 2013. The dates proposed for the mission are 22nd to 23rd January 2013.
- The high level delegation will comprise representatives from UNIDO, UNECA, AUC and Representatives of RECS. The AUC is to lead the mission co -chaired by CAMI Bureau chair, Algeria. The delegation will also be accompanied by three ministers as follows: Algeria as the CAMI Bureau chair; Kenya as the incoming chair and Congo Brazzaville as the rapporteur.

- The AUC, UNIDO and UNECA to initiate a consultation process with the EU Ambassador in Addis to secure appropriate level of preparation for the mission to the EU. UNIDO Representative to the EU will assist the team with the organization of the mission.
- The mission objectives are to discuss: the financing of AIDA and project fiches submitted by the RECs; industrialization agenda for Africa; and the Africa-EU high level conference to be held in the margins of CAMI 20 in Kenya.
- Other resource mobilization efforts will also be pursued within the various AU partnership agreements with other donors, including South Korea; China; India; ASEAN; and South-South Cooperation; Islamic Development Fund and Arabic cooperation. For instance the IDF will be holding a Forum in March 2013 in Dubai and this could be presented there.
- It was proposed to pursue the offer by AfDB to convert the project fiches into bankable project documents. In this regard AUC is to write to AfDB to request for their support within 2 weeks. The draft letter of support shall be shared with the CAMI Bureau chair and UNIDO. It was recommended that the project fiches which are bankable should be presented for funding to donors, while those which are not should be developed further.
- It was recommended that member states should take an active role in the promotion of AIDA as a priority to show political support and to enhance resource mobilization from various donors including the EU. This would enhance AIDA resource mobilization efforts.
- Other proposals included holding of a donor's conference for resource mobilization for AIDA.
- AUC is to prepare a draft conceptual paper on the mission to the EU which would include all aspects of the AIDA implementation including the setting up of the Implementation Coordination Unit. This draft conceptual paper is to be circulated to the CAMI Bureau members in two weeks time for finalization.
- AUC is to write a letter notifying the EU of the mission by next week. The draft letter of notification is to be shared with UNIDO. The AUC is also to invite the various parties on the mission, given the timing of the mission.

ITEM 5: Discussion on the arrangement/theme for the 20th Conference of AU Ministers of Industry (CAMI 20)

13. Under this item, the representative of Kenya informed the meeting that Kenya is set to host CAMI 20 in June 2013. So far the Kenyan Cabinet has approved the hosting of CAMI 20 as presented by the Ministry of Industrialization through a Cabinet memorandum. Kenya has already started preparation with it having a Steering committee meeting. The steering committee meeting is further sub-divided into Protocol, publicity, technical and budget sub-committees. The committee is composed of Government bodies together with representatives of the private sector. So far seven meetings have been held. There will be more meetings of the sub-committees on 21st November 2012 and 22nd November 2012. Each subcommittee has terms of reference for its operations and the subcommittee comprises members from the private sector. The venue of the meetings has been identified as the Kenyatta International Conference Center, and initial communication has been made with the management of the Conference in order to make bookings.

Recommendations:

- The date for CAMI 20 will be the second week of June 2013. The following date was proposed: June 10th 2013. The meeting took into account UNIDO IDB to be held on 24th to 27th June 2013, possibly a special general conference on 28th June 2013 and also TICAD meeting to be held in the first week of June 2013.
- The theme of the Conference is to be **“Accelerating Industrialization for Africa within the post 2015 Development Agenda”**.
- It is crucial that the host Country agreement for the Conference be available so as to guide the preparations. AUC and UNIDO will assist Kenya in the finalization of the host country agreement.
- The next CAMI Bureau Meeting is to be held in Nairobi to progress the preparations of the Bureau.
- UNIDO will support the Republic of Kenya in the organization of CAMI 20.

ITEM 6: Update on the Post 2015 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) process by Dr. Alioune Sall and Dr. Garry Conille – Secretariat of the High level Panel on the Post-2015 and SDGs processes

14. An update was given on the global development agenda beyond 2015, the target date for the Millennium Development Goals. The meeting was informed that the UN Secretary-General has appointed three co-Chairs to advise on the global development agenda beyond 2015, the target date for the Millennium Development Goals: President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia; President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia; and Prime Minister

David Cameron of the United Kingdom. The formulation of the SDGs is to be a result of wide consultations with governments; RECs; international organizations, private sector, civil society and academia. The consultation is to be finalized by May 2013 when the final report will be given to the SG and if suggestions are to be given this time frame should be borne in mind. UNIDO will be part of these processes, which will lead to a new global development agenda following the expiration of the Millennium Development Goals in 2015. This update was given in this meeting because it was noted that in the past Industrialization has never been considered a priority yet it had potential to create jobs and bring economic development to Africa. Africa's participation in the process would ensure its priorities are included in the SDGs.

Recommendations:

- CAMI is to take note of the progress and align its processes to the development.
- The President of Liberia is to be invited as a key note speaker to CAMI 20.

ITEM 7: Discussion on the revival of the establishment of the implementation and Coordination Unit (ICU) of AIDA at the AUC

15. Head of AUC industry division presented the background and the concept of the ICU unit to spearhead and oversee the implementation of the activities under AIDA. He highlighted the fact that AIDA is a broad strategy and therefore there is need for this unit to support the implementation capacity of the commission for AIDA. *The experts agreed on the establishment of this unit.*

Recommendations:

- A Coordination Unit needs to be established to drive the implementation of AIDA.
- The terms of reference for the establishment of the unit need to be prepared and incorporated in the conceptual note of the mission to the EU.
- UNIDO will provide inputs about the coordination unit which will be finalized by AUC.
- The budget for establishing the unit should be incorporated into the budget of the project fiches submitted by the RECs to the EU as this unit is to coordinate the implementation of the projects.

ITEM 8: Date and Venue for the next Bureau Meeting

Recommendations:

- The next CAMI bureau meeting is proposed to be held on 11th to 13th February 2013 in Nairobi. The CAMI Bureau will interface with the steering committee for CAMI 20

in Kenya. The first day will be used to discuss the organization of CAMI 20 with the Kenyan Steering Committee, the, second day will be CAMI Bureau senior officials meeting and the third day the Ministers session.

ITEM 9 AOB:

Capacity Building by UNECA

16. UNECA together with UNIDEP and University of Johannesburg undertook training on Industrialization Policy in Africa. The training was attended by 30 senior officials from government ministries and took place from 25th August 2012 to 3rd September 2013.

Recommendations:

- UNECA to share the modules of the training with the CAMI Bureau to enable them determine the areas of interest for future capacity building programmes.

Update on the organization of the Conference on Youth Entrepreneurship in Tunisia and the MENA Region

17. UNIDO, jointly with the Tunisian Agency for the Promotion of Industry and Innovation (API), will organize an event in Tunis from 28th to 30th November 2012 on the “Youth Entrepreneurship in Tunisia and the MENA Region”. The Conference goal is to focus on investment opportunities and propose concrete solutions for the Tunisian youth entrepreneurship, also through a presentation of successful cases. The role of SMEs as facilitators of economic development will be analyzed, as well as measures needed to address the challenges posed by the economic crisis, proposing initiatives to create new employment opportunities. Issues to do with cluster formation and value chains both local and global will be discussed.

Recommendations:

- Interested RECs are invited to undertake discussions in this regard with UNIDO, the Cluster and Business Linkages unit.

ITEM 10: Closing

18. In his closing remarks Mr. Ould Mohammedi, Director-General of the Algerian Ministry of Industry, SMEs and Investment Promotion thanked the participants for their good work and valuable contribution that have been made in this session.