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Over the past few decades, Africa has experienced relatively strong trade and output growth. However, this growth has not led to significant employment creation particularly for vulnerable groups (such as women and the youth). Against this backdrop, African policymakers are looking for ways and means to translate future growth into high and decent job creation to enhance prospects for meeting the sustainable development goals. This side event will examine how exports diversification can strengthen the linkages between the growth process and employment creation. Participants will identify strategies and policies to enhance the contribution of export diversification to employment creation in Africa.