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Ethiopia for Industrialization, Export Diversification, and Inclusive
Growth

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DAY I: Thursday, 3 March 2022

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

Session I: Opening Session: The quest for Industrialization and Inclusive Growth: Policies and Strategies for Developing Productive Capacities

This session sets the backdrop for the national policy dialogue on productive capacity-building and provides direction for subsequent discussions. It will elaborate the conceptual foundation and policy context of fostering productive capacities in Ethiopia and highlight the objectives, expected outcome and implications of the workshop. It will also outline the Government's strategy for post-Covid-19 economic recovery and the medium- to long-term vision for inclusive economic growth and sustainable development.

09:00 - 09:20 Welcoming remarks and keynote address on Ethiopia's industrialization drive, vision, policies, strategies, prospects, and challenges: **H.E. Mr. Melaku Alebel**, Minister of Industry of Ethiopia.

09:20 – 09:40 Keynote statement on Ethiopia's Ten-year Perspective Plan (TPP): **H.E. Dr. Fitsum Assefa**, Minister of Plan and Development of Ethiopia.

09:40 – 10:00 Opening Statement: **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.

10:00 – 10:30 Group Photo, followed by Coffee & Tea Break.

10:30 - 13:00 ***Session II: Fostering productive capacities, structural economic transformation, and industrialization for inclusive growth in Ethiopia: policy options and strategies.***

Moderator: Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programme (UNCTAD)

This session is intended to provide substantive and technical foundation for key issues of deliberations at the workshop by assessing the current trends in socio-economic development of Ethiopia, progress achieved, and challenges confronted. It elaborates the conceptual foundation of productive capacities and structural transformation in relation to Ethiopia's development endeavours. The session also exchanges views on the successes and pitfalls of the Growth and Transformation Plans of Ethiopia (GTP 1&2) and policy lessons learned from the implementation of the previous transformation plans with implications to the current 10-year economic development plan of Ethiopia. The session further explores the role of trade, export diversification and market access such as AGOA and EBA for production transformation in Ethiopia

10:30 – 10:50 The current Ten-year Perspective Development plan (TPP) of Ethiopia: Priorities, prospects, and challenges ahead: **Mr. Habtamu Takele**, Director, Perspective Plan Preparation and Research Directorate, Ministry of Plan and Development (TBC)

10:50 – 11:10 What is new in Ethiopia’s new industrial policy: policy direction and sectoral priorities: **Dr. Worku Gebeyehu**, Advisor, Ministry of Industry of Ethiopia.

11:10 - 11:30 What do productive capacities mean and why do they matter for Ethiopia? **Mr. Tesfachew Taffere**, Acting Managing Director, United Nations Technology Bank for LDCs, Gebze, Turkey.

11:30 – 11:50 The significance of preferential market access such as AGOA, EBA and AfCTA in fostering productive capacities: **Mr Stefano Inama**, Interregional Advisor, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.

11:50 – 13:00 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers (Q&A)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:30 Session III: Productive capacities and structural economic transformation: measuring and benchmarking performances by using UNCTAD’s Productive Capacities Index (PCI) for evidence- based policy formulation and implementation in Ethiopia

Moderator: **Mr. Tesfachew Taffere**, Acting Managing Director, United Nations Technology Bank, Istanbul, Turkey

This session is intended to relate the concepts of productive Capacities, structural Economic transformation, and industrialization to Ethiopia’s development endeavors. It will discuss the critical roles of manufacturing, linkages, finance, infrastructure, particularly transport and ICTs and regional value chains for building robust productive capacities. The session will also introduce UNCTAD’s Productive Capacities Index (PCI), which an innovative approach applied by UNCTAD to measure and benchmark the level of development of productive capacities. The session will also identify some of the policy and institutional arrangements including IPs and SEZs, the key challenges and constraints facing the manufacturing sector in Ethiopia, which is an essential sector, along with linkages and domestic supply chain development, for fostering productive capacities, industrialization, and structural economic transformation.

14:00–14:20 The role of the manufacturing sector in economic diversification and industrialization of Ethiopia: opportunities and challenges in fostering export-led industrialization in a latecomer economy: **Mr. Sileshi Lemma**, Deputy Director, Manufacturing Industry Development Institute.

14:20 –14:40 Industrial Parks as key policy instruments for Ethiopia’s industrialization: Challenges and opportunities in creating backward and forward linkages **Mr.**

Bruck Teshome, Advisor, Tony Blair Institute, and **Mr. Bisrat Teshome**, Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank Group

14:40 – 15:00 Productive Capacities Index, indicators used and policy implications: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Officer-in-Charge, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.

15:00 – 15:20 Coffee and Tea Break

15:20 – 15:40 Financing industrialization and transformation in Ethiopia: Gaps and limitations with policy implications Finance: **Dr. Tewodros Mekonnen**, Advisor, National Bank of Ethiopia.

15:40 – 16:00 Regional integration as a driver of productive capacity-building and industrialization: The role of regional value chains in boosting Ethiopia's productive and trade capacities: **Mr. Stephen Karingi**, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, UNECA.

16:00 – 16:20 AU's Agenda 2063 for building regional productive capacities: Challenges, prospects, and opportunities for African countries with policy implications to Ethiopia: **Mr. Charles Chiza Chiumya**, Ag. Head of Trade Division, African Union.

16:20 – 16:30 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers (Q&A)

Day II: Friday, 4 March 2022

Session IV: The role of investments (domestic and private) and trade in fostering productive capacities, industrialization, and structural economic transformation in Ethiopia: How do institutions play key roles in ensuring policy coherence for building productive capacities and kickstarting structural economic transformation?

Moderator: Dr. Tewodros Mekonnen, Advisor, National Bank of Ethiopia (TBC)

This session is intended to explore the roles of investments (domestic and foreign) and trade as well as institutions in utilizing exiting capacities and building new ones through harnessing natural capital for industrialization and economic diversification. It will discuss the role of the state in leading the way for effectively harnessing the potential role of investments and international trade. How government facilitate the growth and expansion of the private sector including through fostering linkages between foreign and domestic firms and between key sectors of the economy is vital for inclusive growth and sustainable development of Ethiopia

- 09:00 - 09:20 Institutional coordination and policy framework for industrialization in Ethiopia: Challenges, opportunities, and prospects for building productive capacities and economic diversification: **Dr. Hadgu Hailekiros**, Deputy Director-General, Manufacturing Industry Development Institute of Ethiopia.
- 09:20 - 09:40 Challenges and opportunities for Ethiopia's economic diversification and structural transformation drive: Why Industrial Policy matters for structural transformation matters in Ethiopia: **Mr. Tesfachew Taffere**, Acting Managing Director, UN Technology Bank, Gebze, Turkey.
- 09:40 - 10:00 The potential, prospects, and challenges of export diversification in Ethiopia including in the context of WTO accession and AFCFTA: **Mr. Mussie Mindaye**, Trade Relations and Negotiation Directorate-General, Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration of Ethiopia.
- 10:00 - 10:20 Coffee and Tea Break
- 10:20 - 10:40 Challenges and opportunities for Africa's structural transformation: Experiences from North African countries: **Ms. Chema Triki**, Industrialization Lead, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 10:40 - 11:00 Trade facilitation and corridors as means to foster economic transformation in Ethiopia: **Mr Stefano Inama**, Interregional Advisor, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.
- 11:00 - 11:20 The role of agriculture in kickstarting economic diversification and structural transformation in Ethiopia: **Dr. Mandefro Nigussie**, CEO, Agriculture Transformation Agency from Ethiopia.
- 11:20 - 11:40 Ethiopia's performance on the UNCTAD Productive Capacities Index (PCI) in comparison to the African and other developing countries: What policy implications? **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Officer-in-charge, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.
- 11:40 - 13:00 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

Session V: Policy options and the Way forward including how to effectively tap into Ethiopia's trade and development partnerships for production transformation in the country's industrialization and structural transformation efforts

This session is dedicated to identifying key pillars for policy considerations and the way forward. It identifies key elements for National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA) of Ethiopia by UNCTAD. The discussions of the session and policy conclusions are expected to assist Ethiopia in fine-tuning its new industrial and structural transformation strategy.

- 14:00 - 14:20 The role of the Ethiopian private sector in fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation: opportunities, challenges, and prospects: **Mr. Daniel Getachew**, General Secretary, Leather Industry Association.
- 14:20 - 14:40 National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment: Implications for Ethiopia's development policy and strategy: **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programme (UNCTAD)
- 14:40 - 15:00 Coffee Tea Break
- 15:00 - 15:20 Learning and Caching up: the case of the Ethiopian Airlines, with policy lessons for Ethiopia's industrialization and structural economic transformation endeavours: **Mr. Tesfachew Taffere**, Acting Managing Director, UN Technology Bank for LDCs, Gebze, Turkey.
- 15:20 - 15:40 How star performers in developing countries fostered productive capacities and structural economic transformation? **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Officer-in-charge, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.
- 15:40 - 16:00 Interactive discussions, questions, and answers
- 16:00 - 16:10 Concluding remarks: **Mr Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programme (UNCTAD)
- 16:10 - 16:30 Closing remarks: **H.E. Mr. Melaku Alebel**, Ministry of Industry of Ethiopia