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Sincerely,
ECA Library & Information Services (ISTD)

New E-Services from the Library

Bibliographies! Customized bibliographies for UNECA meetings & conferences

Websites! Unique websites that take advantage of social networking tools and include relevant Library resources.

Facebook!
A special Facebook page for ECA Library’s users who prefer to use facebook to find announcements and updates from their chosen information resource services.

Emerald e-Books on Sustainable Development — Start preparing for Rio+20!

Climate and Disaster Resilience in Cities
(Isbn: 978-0-85724-319-5
Published: 2011)

Sustainability, Environmental Performance and Disclosures
(Advances in Environmental Accounting & Management, Vol.4)
(Isbn: 978-1-84950-764-6
Published: 2010)

Experiments on Energy, the Environment, and Sustainability
(Research in Experimental Economics, Vol. 14)
(Isbn: 978-0-85724-747-6
Published: 2011)
Throughout the month of May, ECA Library invited visitors to view its new Innovation Collection at the Ground Floor exhibition area of the Library. The Innovation Collection includes titles on innovation theory, technological innovation, innovation systems and more and will be part of the Library’s permanent collection. Additional resources in both print and electronic formats will continue to be added to the collection. Please let us know if you there are additional items you would like to see included in the new Innovation Collection.

The second session of the Committee on Development Information, Science and Technology (CODIST-II) ended on Thursday, May 5, 2011, after four days of intense discussions by adopting a set of ground-breaking recommendations on how African countries can leverage innovation to develop and enhance the performance of their industrial sectors to carry forward their development agenda.

The discussions explored issues pertaining to the streamlining of science, technology and innovation (STI) strategies into industrial development policies and development plans as well as the governance of technology and innovation, coupled with the legal and regulatory mechanisms that affect the transfer, diffusion and adoption of STI. The meeting charted concrete steps towards improving industrial development in Africa through innovative ICT solutions, the use of space-based technology innovations and knowledge management.

Key recommendations featured in the CODIST-II resolutions stress the need for ECA and its partners to continue promoting the development of specific and clearly defined ICT, Geo-information and STI policies that are linked to development goals in priority sectors such as, education, agriculture, health, energy, water, and industry through grand projects that exploit domestic resources and attract foreign direct investment (FDI).

It also called the Commission to continue its assistance to the promotion, establishment and realization of the African Reference Frame (AFREF), and the strengthening of science dialogues and diplomacy in African countries for the consolidation of national and regional innovation systems.

CODIST-II recommended the compilation, analysis and dissemination of best practices in promoting innovation in government institutions and in industry including ways to motivate politicians, workers, researchers and students to participate in innovation. Delegates also recommended the re-establishment of the Sub-Committee on “Knowledge, Libraries and Information Services for Development”.

ECA and its partners shall continue building capacity on issues related to ICT measurement, Internet Governance, management of critical Internet resources and support member States to endorse regional guidelines on e-transaction, cybersecurity / cyber criminality and personal data protection.

The meeting called on African countries to continue the development, formulation, implementation and evaluation of the National Information and Communication Infrastructure (NICI) policies and plans and integrate STI and Geo-information in order to exploit increased socio-economic opportunities offered by emerging technologies.

A coordination bureau made of Ghana as President, Malawi as First Vice-President, Equatorial Guinea as Second Vice-President, Tanzania as First Rapporteur and Egypt as Second Rapporteur, was established to lead the implementation of CODIST-II resolutions for the next two years. The full resolutions document is available at: http://repository.uneca.org/codist/sites/default/files/CODIST-II_Resolutions_En...
The Seventh Session of the Committee on Trade, Regional Cooperation and Integration was held at the United Nations Conference Centre at ECA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 2-3 June 2011. The Theme of the Session was on “Towards an accelerated Continental Free Trade Area and Customs Union in Africa”. The main objective of the Seventh Session was to examine ways and means of fast-tracking a continental free trade area and accelerating the process towards a Continental Customs Union and the African Common Market, with a view to enhancing intra-African trade prospects. The Session also took stock of progress in Africa’s regional integration and developments in infrastructure and natural resources sectors. Furthermore, it examined the developments in the international trade arena, with particular emphasis on the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), Aid-for-Trade and WTO negotiations, as all of these global issues have a bearing on Africa’s integration agenda. The discussions and outcome of the 7th Session will go a long way in shaping the debate and preparations towards the African Union Summit in January 2012, which will focus on the theme of enhancing intra-African trade.

During the meeting, presentations were made on the following agenda items: Report on Progress in Regional Integration in Africa; Report on Infrastructure and Natural Resources Development; Report on the Almaty Programme of Action (APoA); Report on Progress Achieved in Intra-African trade-ECA; Report on Developments in International Trade; and Review of the work programme of the ECA Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division including priorities for the next Biennium 2012-2013.

Following the debate, the meeting made a number of recommendations particularly focusing on the policies and initiatives to be implemented by the AUC, UNECA, Member States, and the RECs, aimed at accelerating regional integration agenda in Africa as well as promoting intra-African and intra-industry trade. Regarding EPAs Member States were urged to consider including a provision in the final agreements of the EPAs that ensures that the goals of regional and continental integration are not compromised by the conclusion of the EPAs. On WTO, the ECA, AUC, and Member States were urged to involve the participation of private sector in WTO and EPA negotiations. General recommendations were also made patterning AGOA, which they thought needed to be extended beyond 2015.

By Emmanuel Chinyama, Economic Affairs Officer, RITD

**Featured Articles on Free Trade & Regional Integration in Africa**

ScienceDirect Subject Collections Online—a new service from ECA Library

**Announcement**

ECA Library & Information Services is pleased to announce full-text access to over 280 Elsevier journals on the SciVerse ScienceDirect online platform. The Library is subscribing to two distinct subject collections in order to offer our users a diverse array of titles on the most relevant topics to the work of the Commission. Below are a sample of the latest articles and journals available to ECA users:

**Economics, Econometrics and Finance Collection**

**Trust-based social capital, institutions, and development.** Journal of Socio-Economics, Volume 40, Issue 4, August 2011


**Land tenure and investment incentives: Evidence from West Africa.** Journal of Development Economics, Volume 95, Issue 2, July 2011

**Efficiency and bank profitability in MENA countries.** Emerging Markets Review, Volume 12, Issue 2, June 2011

**Social Sciences Collection**

**Targeting the worst-off for free health care: A process evaluation in Burkina Faso.** Evaluation and Program Planning, Volume 34, Issue 4, November 2011

**Examining the trajectories of children providing care for adults in rural Kenya: Implications for service delivery.** Children and Youth Services Review, Volume 33, Issue 7, July 2011

**Spatial dynamics and quantification of deforestation in the central-plateau woodlands of Angola (1990–2009).** Applied Geography, Volume 31, Issue 3, July 2011,


**Mainstreaming climate adaptation into development assistance: rationale, institutional barriers and opportunities in Mozambique.** Environmental Science & Policy, Volume 14, Issue 4, June 2011

**Training with Elsevier held on 23 May 2011**

Thank you to all the Library, ITSS, ISTD & GSS Staff who joined Elsevier customer services representative, Ahmed Abd-Elnaby, for his 2-hour training on the benefits of the new SciVerse platform.

**Online Tutorials available on Sciverse website**

If you missed the training, but would like to learn more about the features of Sciverse & ScienceDirect, please visit the online tutorials at: [http://www.info.sciverse.com/sciencedirect/using/quickstarttools/tutorials/](http://www.info.sciverse.com/sciencedirect/using/quickstarttools/tutorials/).