

TAMP REGIONAL INCEPTION WORKSHOP

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**Sub-Regional Office
for Eastern Africa
(SRO-EA) - UNECA**

*A snapshot of activities that
could be linked up to TAMP*



SRO-EA: Background & mandate

- **ECA** was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1958 as one of the UN's five regional economic commissions (headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).
- **ECA's alignment** along **AU's** and **NEPAD's** priorities:
 - **Promoting Regional Integration**
 - **Helping Meet Africa's Special Needs and Global Challenges**



Role of SROs

■ 5 SROs:

- **Eastern Africa (EA)** based in Kigali, Rwanda.
- **Central Africa (CA)** based in Yaoundé, Cameroon.
- **Southern Africa (SA)** based in Lusaka, Zambia.
- **Western Africa (WA)** based in Niamey, Niger.
- **Northern Africa (NA)** based in Rabat, Morocco.

■ SRO's role:

- **Lead in shaping ECA's agenda and implementation at sub-regional level.**
- **Promote and support specific sub-regional priorities and programmes.**
- **Operate as sub-regional nodes for knowledge management and networking.**
- **Coordinate UN system activities for sub-regional integration.**



SRO-EA's features

- **SRO-EA** covers 13 countries: Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda.
- **SRO-EA** works with Regional Economic Communities (**RECs**) to rationalize membership, strengthen policy and build technical capacity to pursue **Regional Integration**. RECs in Eastern Africa include: COMESA, EAC, IGAD. SRO-EA also works with **IGOs** such as ICGLR, IOC, and CEPGL as well as other UN agencies and bilateral/multilateral partners.



SRO-EA's Activities

- Provide **country and sub-regional advisory services** and technical cooperation.
- Enhance **advocacy and consensus building** on good governance, trade, infrastructures, etc for more coherent policies.
- Engage into ICT and information sharing, development of on-line **Regional Observatory**.
- Enhanced focus on **Sustainable Development, Environment** and **Food Security**.



SRO-EA's activities on environment & food security – Links to TAMP

- **Programme on Food Security for Eastern Africa** with five RECs/IGOs (IGAD, EAC, COMESA, ICGLR, CEPGL) and six pilot countries (Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda)
 - Four components incl. Component 3 on Sustainable Natural Resources Management (SLM, Environmental Security, energy, water)



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- **Sustainable Tourism Plan for the IGAD Region** based on ecotourism related principles

Other initiatives led by ECA HQ

- **Land Policy Initiative (AUC-AfDB-EAC)**
 - Land policy development, implementation & evaluation
- **Africa Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) (AUC-AfDB-EAC)**
 - (Knowledge generation & sharing, advocacy & consensus, advocacy & consensus building, advisory services & technical cooperation)
- **Preparation of the Rio 2012 Conference** (institutional frameworks & indicators)



One UN projects

- **Enhancing National Market's Potential and Linkages to Existing Networks in EAC and CEPGL** (led by UNECA, with FAO & WFP)
 - Two studies:
 - (1) Analysis of agriculture markets' dynamics and opportunities in Rwanda within the EAC and CEPGL frameworks;
 - (2) Development of a framework for the strengthening of market information systems in Rwanda and the establishment of a knowledge base on EAC and CEPGL agricultural markets
 - One workshop (national & sub-regional) in December 2010.



One UN projects

- **Mainstreaming Environment Assessments and Environmental Policy Knowledge** (led by UNECA with UNESCO & UNDP)
 - Compendium & training workshops
- **Supporting the Creation of a Centre of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resources Management in Rwanda** (led by UNESCO, with UNECA & UNDP)
 - Workshop on methodological approach



Thank you for your attention

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