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Introduction

Global economic growth has increased to 3.6% in 2017, however, global unemployment remains high, with more than 190 million unemployed.

This figure is significantly different from one region of the world to another.

Developed countries are expected to enter their sixth consecutive year of declining unemployment rates when, at the same time, emerging and developing countries have experienced a significant rise in unemployment rates, partly as a result of very sharp economic downturns, partly due to falling commodity prices in many major economies.

Forecasters report an increase in the number of unemployed people in developing countries in the range of half a million per year in 2018 and 2019 (the unemployment rate remains at around 5.3%).

For Africa, growth is estimated at 2.1. However national disparities in terms of countries' export capacity still remain.

Regarding the issue of unemployment, the rate in Sub-Saharan Africa was estimated at 7.2% in 2017, with the highest vulnerable employment rate in the world, at around 66%. This means that in 2018, nearly 9 million people are in a vulnerable situation.

The economies of Africa, and particularly of Sub-Saharan Africa, face the challenge of guaranteeing inclusive growth by resisting the high volatility of commodity prices, all this in a geopolitical climate that may not be favorable and in a context of significant climate change.

It is easy to see the need for states to move towards a sustainable economic diversification that can yield positive results in the area of decent work development and poverty reduction.

Chad is no exception to these observations and the Government has taken important decisions to foster the development of jobs in promising sectors that respond to both the major issues of sustainable development and the needs and expectations of citizens at national scale.

All global studies clearly show that the evolution towards a sustainable economy is translated into the creation of more and better jobs.

These jobs are found in many sectors of the economy from energy supply to recycling and from agriculture and construction to transportation. They help to cut the consumption of energy, raw materials and water through high-efficiency strategies, to de-carbonize the economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to minimize or avoid altogether all forms of waste and pollution, and to protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity (Source UNDP report 2008).

With these characteristics, the Chadian government wishes to focus initially on the preservation of the environment, the renovation of its agriculture and the processing of agricultural products.

Indeed, a strong desire to diversify the economy is at the heart of government concerns. More than 39 million arable hectares are available and just waiting to be exploited as well as the product of the processed crops.

This "renovated" and sustainable agriculture can create wage employment on farms of various sizes, diversify sources of income through a transition to conservation agriculture that maintains and improves the agronomic potential of the soil while maintaining regular, profitable and environmentally friendly production.

Complemented by measures to support workers, the adoption of conservation agriculture can contribute to the structural transformation of national agriculture.

At the same time, conversion to a circular economy that emphasizes reuse, recycling, refurbishment and repair of goods can also be an important source of employment, replacing the traditional model of "extraction, production, use and disposal".

Attractive and interesting development challenge for a country, you might say?
Of course, but some prerequisites do exist.

It must indeed be able to have a detailed knowledge of the territory and its potential but also people, young or old, convinced of the merits of this project and agreement to move towards these new professions.

The task is not so easy when we are aware of how much public sector jobs attract many of our African fellows convinced that their salvation lies at the heart of cities and office jobs.

Therefore it is necessary to show to them that a conversion is possible and that this will allow them to live from a qualified and rewarding job that ensures development and close to their families.

It is also necessary to build effective partnerships with local authorities and to set up ad hoc training schemes for candidates.

In order to reflect on these questions and share experiences, the National Office for the Promotion of Employment (ONAPE) is organizing a conference entitled:

“Involvement of PES in Green Jobs Development”

After an introductory session, this main theme will be broken down into 3 subthemes related to different economy sectors and for each of them there will be a plenary session and a zoom in session on specific questions related to the subtheme.

Introductory session

Green Jobs... Definitions, boundaries, jobs concerned, challenges and perspectives. International experts will come to contribute with their visions and share their works and studies with the audience.

Session 1 “Green jobs in Agriculture”

In the agriculture sector, there are many possibilities for developing activities in a more respectful way towards the environment and also more productive.

What are these professions?

What are the sub-sectors in which these green jobs exist?

Are there any gateways between existing trades and these jobs?



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What awareness-raising actions should be implemented to inform the youth with the purpose of encouraging them to move closer to these jobs and to return to their home lands?

What types of partnerships can be built at national and local level to run and support projects?

Zoom in session 1 "The development of Agricultural Growth Poles in Africa, vectors for job creation"

More than 36 agricultural growth poles as well as 9 agricultural corridors have been or will be created throughout Africa.

These agricultural growth poles, also known as "Agropoles", develop in defined areas with significant agricultural potential and are based on a public-private partnership whose aim is to encourage private investment through statutory, legislative, customs and fiscal facilities.

They can take different forms but generally have several fundamental commonalities, of which the employment component is one of the key ones.

Session 2 "Green jobs and Processing"

Africa has raw materials that it exports mostly in raw form, before the processed products are resold to it.

There is an important opportunity to ensure first- and second-level transformations using the opportunities offered by "green", responsible and environmentally friendly technologies.

Some sectors have asked themselves this question and have initiated programs and actions to develop measures in this direction.

The panelists will present information on current good practices, programs and actions.

Zoom in session 2 "Strategies for developing country-level processing activities and their impact on employment"

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Session 3 "Green jobs and the Environment"

During this workshop, the panelists will discuss the implementation of job creation measures on issues of environmental preservation, water and energy management and also desertification management.

This sector offers many opportunities to people wishing to work and ensure their well-being and that of their families while working to maintain and develop the quality of the living environment.

Zoom in session 3 "National programs creating employment in the environment sector"

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The challenge of this conference is to collectively develop our knowledge on "green employment" and to share our approaches to the role and involvement of PES in this matter.

It is an opportunity to upgrade and readjust the strategic framework, promote a space for capitalization and sharing between employment promotion actors, local authorities and private partners that play a role in this kind of approach.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- ✓ WAPES representatives, PES member's representatives
- ✓ National policy makers in the fields of employment, agriculture, environment and sustainable development
- ✓ Representatives of international organisations and NGOs
- ✓ Representatives of national and international programs on these issues

EXPECTED CONFERENCE RESULTS

- ✓ Goods practices among WAPES member countries are exchanged
- ✓ Transfer of knowledge and experience from countries that implement the programme to other WAPES member countries
- ✓ The multi-stakeholder partnership approach is structured
- ✓ A reflection at the national and international level on this topic



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EXPECTED BENEFITS FOR WAPES NETWORK

- ✓ Improving knowledge, strategies and policy tools of public employment services through the exchange of experiences among WAPES members
- ✓ Encouraging communication and enriching reflection with potential partners with the aim of developing initiatives for further improvements in this field

PROGRAM

The latest version of the programme will be available at www.wapes.org

Working languages: French, English, Arabic

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, N'Djamena, Quartier Sabangali, Cité du 1er décembre, N'Djamena, Chad

Master of Ceremony: to be confirmed

Monday, December 10 2018: participants' arrivals, Airport pick-ups provided by organizer.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 2018	
8h30	Welcome
9h00-10h00	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <p>Master of ceremony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mahamat Nassour Abdoulaye, Minister of Youth, Sports and Employment Promotion ❖ WAPES Presidency ❖ Ibrahim Ag Nock, WAPES Vice-President Africa Region, Director General of ANPE Mali
10h00-10h30	Coffee break
10h30-12h30	<p>Introductory session</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ International Labour Office, name tbc ❖ UNDP, name tbc ❖ Kees Van der Ree, International Expert, Netherlands ❖ Igor Agueh, Deputy General Director / Methodologist – Foresight expert, ANPE Benin: "Economie verte et emplois verts : lien forcé ou lien naturel" (Green Economy and green jobs: forced link or natural link)
12h30-14h00	Lunch



14h00-16h30	<p>Session 1 "Green jobs in Agriculture"</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> : Edmond Comlan AMOUSSOU, Director General, National Employment Agency (ANPE), Togo</p> <p><u>Speakers</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Speaking slot ❖ ONAPE and/or Ministry of Agriculture ❖ Speaking slot ❖ Speaking slot ❖ Speaking slot
16h30-16h45	Coffee break
16h45-19h00	<p>Zoom in session 1 "The development of Agricultural Growth Poles in Africa, vectors for job creation"</p> <p>This exchange time will be led by the Ministry of Production, Irrigation and Agricultural Equipment and will allow different stakeholders (Agropoles, financiers, public authorities, etc ...) to confront their ideas on the issue of job creation and development within these Poles.</p>
20h00	Diner
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 2018	
8h30-11h00	<p>Session 2 "Green jobs and Processing"</p> <p><u>Moderator</u>: Kees Van der Ree, International Expert, Netherlands</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jean Ngamine, Country Director, Caritas, Chad ❖ Françoise Belinja Bidi, Director, Central Agency, FNE, Cameroon ❖ Jean Louis Kouadio, Director General, Youth Employment Agency (AEJ), Ivory Coast ❖ A Ministry and/or ONAPE
11h00-11h30	Coffee break
11h30-13h00	<p>Zoom in session 2 "Strategies for developing country-level processing activities and their impact on employment"</p> <p>This exchange time will be led by the Ministry of Women, the Protection of Early Childhood and National Solidarity and will highlight specific actions in terms of processing.</p>
13h00-14h30	Lunch



14h30-17h00	<p>Session 3 "Green jobs and the Environment"</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> : Christine Malecka-Vlerick, Senior Consultant (WAPES)</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Responsible person from the Ministry of the Environment programme ❖ « Espace vert du sahel, EVS » Association ❖ Pôle emploi, name tbc ❖ Sauria MIAN-HINGAM, CEO of MIAN Group, Chad ❖ Speaking slot
19h30	Official diner
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 2018	
9h00-10h30	<p>Zoom in session 3 "National programs creating employment in the environment sector"</p> <p>This exchange time will be led by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Fisheries and will allow to exchange in an expert manner with actors of this sector on the specific programs carried out by the Ministry and also by foreign actors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Olivier Seid KIMTO, Director General of the Ministry of Environment of Chad. He will present the <i>Programme National de Reboisement des 23 provinces du Tchad</i>, PNR23 (The National Reforestation Program of the 23 provinces of Chad). ❖ The National Agency for the Great Green Wall, name TBC
10h30-11h00	Summary of the conference
11h00-11h30	Coffee break
11h30-12h30	Closing ceremony
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-17h00	Cultural activity



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MC, MODERATORS AND GUEST SPEAKERS
