



Unlocking Public and Private
Finance for the Poor

Regional harmonization of the policy on transferring funds within
ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States)

Virtual launch meeting chaired by UNCDF (United Nations Capital Development Fund) and ECCAS

June 4, 2021 12:00–2:00 p.m. (UT)

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Agenda

TIME (UT)	AGENDA	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
12:00–12:10 p.m.	Welcome and introductions	ECCAS Serge MOUNGNANOU – Specialist in African Digital Finance, Migration and Remittances Program, UNCDF	Welcome and introductions
12:10–12:20 p.m.	Special address, ECCAS	His Excellency, Ambassador Gilberto Da Piedade Verissimo – President of the ECCAS Commission	Opening ceremony
12:20–12:30 p.m.	Opening speech, UNCDF	Preeti Sinha – Executive Secretary, UNCDF	
12:30–12:40 p.m.	Collaboration between ECCAS and UNCDF	Henri Dommel – Director Financial Inclusion Practice Area, UNCDF	Collaboration between ECCAS and UNCDF
12:40–12:55 p.m.	The state of migration and transfer of funds in Central Africa	Léa Sickout – Private Sector Expert, Department of Common Market and Economic, Financial, and Monetary Affairs	- Historical perspective on the transfer of funds in Central Africa - The challenges and opportunities of migration and the transfer of funds in Central Africa
12:55–1:10 p.m.	ECCAS – UNCDF project on regional harmonization of the remittance policies in Central Africa	Serge MOUNGNANOU – Specialist in African Digital Finance, Migration and Remittances Program, UNCDF	- Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonization of laws and regulations • Evaluation of payment infrastructures • Capacity building - Milestones - The team - Project governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering committee • Project committee • Frequency of committees and reports
1:10–1:40 p.m.	Discussions	Serge MOUNGNANOU – Specialist in African Digital Finance, Migration and Remittances Program, UNCDF	Questions/Responses/Comments
1:40–1:50 p.m.	Summary and next steps	Amil Aneja – Senior Specialist, Migration and Remittances Program, UNCDF	Summary of the discussions and next steps
1:50–2:00 p.m.	Closing address	Amil Aneja – Senior Specialist, Migration and Remittances Program, UNCDF François Kanimba – Commissioner in charge of Common Market and Economic, Financial, and Monetary Affairs	Conclusion