Title of Workshop: Enabling policies for the accelerated pace of digitalization in Africa Organiser: UN International Trade Centre

Emerging Trends:

➢ Forced period of experimentation & intensified research into the future of work
➢ Accelerated adoption of existing technology that enhance viability of businesses e.g. mobile money
➢ Rapid production of tools that promote tele-working & boost the digital economy
➢ Restructuring of markets to accommodate digitalization – that is, costs of devices, tools and skills.

Concrete Actionable Items Identified

➢ The need for public and private sector to work closely together and create partnerships within an enabling environment for digitalization
➢ Enable the frontline players in terms of infrastructure and skills, particularly among the youth
➢ Enhance regulation of the digital space to create an environment that upholds data security management and promote e-commerce through African digital entrepreneurship

Challenges

➢ Limited infrastructure and skills needed to maximize the acceleration of digitalization