

*Regional Workshop on Poverty Measurement in Arab Countries  
Tunis, 23-25 July 2019*

**Agenda**

Day 1. Tuesday, 23 July 2019	
08:30-09:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
09:00-09:30	<p><b>Opening session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia - ESCWA (Mr. Marwan Khawaja, Chief of Demographic and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division);</li> <li>- National Institute of Statistics/ L'Institut National de la Statistique - INS, Tunisia (Mr. Adnen Lassoued, General Director);</li> <li>- Arab Institute for Training and Research – AITRS (Mr. Heidi Saidi, Director General);</li> <li>- Objectives of the workshop and introducing participants.</li> </ul>
09:30-10:30	<p><b>Session 1: Sustainable Development Goals and poverty measurement</b> <b>Moderator: Mr. Marwan Khawaja, ESCWA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Poverty and Inequality Statistics - component five of the UN Development Account Programme on Statistics and Data for the SDGs; (Mr. Marwan Khawaja, ESCWA)</li> <li>- Measuring poverty and inequality in the context of 2030 Agenda; (Mr. Adib Nehme, Development Adviser, Lebanon)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion.</b></li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-13:30	<p><b>Session 2: Poverty data disaggregation</b> <b>Moderator: Mr. Khalid Abu Ismail, ESCWA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limits of Data Disaggregation in Household Surveys for Population Subgroups and Geographical Areas and the Requirements to Overcome them; (Ms. Isabel Molina, Deputy Director of the Department of Statistics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain)</li> <li>- Country experience: Poverty mapping - small area estimates; (Mr. Jawad Al-Saleh, General Director, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics - PCBS, Palestine)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion.</b></li> </ul>
13:30- 14:45	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:45-16:00	<p><b>Session 3: Measurement of inequality and perceived discrimination</b> <b>Moderator: Mr. Marwan Khawaja, ESCWA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The measurement of perceived discrimination and subjective welfare in household surveys; (Ms. Sawsan Abdulrahim, Associate Professor, American University of Beirut, Lebanon)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>

Day 2. Wednesday, 24 July 2019	
09:00- 10:30	<p><b>Session 4: Measurement of multi-dimensional poverty - possible options for Arab countries</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Marwan Khawaja, ESCWA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) and national MPIs for public policy; (Mr. Christian Oldiges, Co-Director of Metrics and Policy, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), UK)</li> <li>- Non-monetary indicators of Poverty; (Ms. Maria Emma Santos, Research Officer, OPHI - presented by Mr. Nathan Reece, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCWA)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Session 4 (Cont'd): Measurement of multi-dimensional poverty: possible options for Arab countries</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Khalid Soudi, Morocco</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multidimensional poverty in Arab countries: summary of the Arab Poverty Report and a proposal to revise the measurement methodology; (Mr. Khalid Abu-Ismaïl, Chief of Economic Development and Poverty Section, Economic Development and Integration Division, ESCWA)</li> <li>- A critical review of Multi-dimensional poverty indexes (MPI) in the Arab region, with a focus on measurement issues; (Mr. Adib Nehme, Development Adviser, Lebanon)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
12:30-13:30	<p><b>Session 5: Measurement of monetary poverty</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Hedi Saidi, AITRS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data availability of poverty in the Arab region; (Mr. Nathan Reece, ESCWA)</li> <li>- Developing comparable measures of income poverty in Latin America; (Mr. Xavier Mancero, Officer in Charge of Statistics Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean – ECLAC)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
13:30-14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30-17:00	<p><b>Session 5 (Cont'd): Measurement of monetary poverty</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Hedi Saidi, AITRS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Countries' experiences in measuring National Poverty Line: Palestine, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia</li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
Day 3. Thursday, 25 July 2019	
09:00- 09:30	<p><b>Session 5 (Cont'd): Measurement of monetary poverty</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Adib Nehmeh, Expert in Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing poverty measurement indicators to monitor and evaluate sustainable development goals related to human development; (Mr. Abdelfettah Hamadi, Director of Information System Pole, National Observatory for Human Development, Morocco)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>

<b>09:30- 11:00</b>	<b>Session 6: High frequency surveys to report on SDG indicators</b> <b>Moderator: Mr. Jawad Al-Saleh, Palestine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welfare and poverty measurement using a subset of expenditures; (Mr. Ethan Ligon, Professor, University of California, USA)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b>Session 6 (Cont'd): High frequency surveys to report on SDG indicators</b> <b>Moderator: Mr. Jawad Al-Saleh, Palestine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using technology for more frequent and better data collection; (Mr. Utz Johann Pape, World Bank)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion</b></li> </ul>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Session 7: Round table - Open discussion on the needs of Arab countries for training in the measurement of poverty and inequality</b>
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>14:30-15:30</b>	<b>Closing session: Conclusion and the way forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Evaluation of the workshop;</b></li> <li>- <b>Conclusion and recommendations;</b></li> <li>- <b>General discussion.</b></li> </ul>