



Emerging and Conflict-Related Issues Division

Concept Note and Agenda

SED technical meeting:

Presentation and Peer review of the final drafts of the three Baseline Studies (Economic, Social and Governance)

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Programmatic Context

The Libya Socioeconomic Dialogue provides and supports a platform for Libyans to formulate, discuss, evaluate and advocate for a socioeconomic Future Vision to achieve stabilization and development in Libya.

The platform bases its discussions on evidence-based research produced by the project in its initial, normative phase. The first step in the project is to conduct three baseline studies on the state of the Libyan economy, society and public governance. The research will leverage ESCWA's in-house expertise as well as wide range of Libyan experts, and regional and international partners and collaborators.

The studies will be broad and comprehensive enough, to provide insight into the workings of the Libyan economy, society and governance system, identify key challenges and opportunities, and ask astute questions that aim to trigger intellectual debate on institutional building and alternative socioeconomic frameworks for sustainable development in Libya.

These studies use the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a benchmark and seek to identify potential priority themes that could serve as entry points or catalyst for broader transformative change and assist Libya's progress in achieving the SDGs. Each study will be enriched through consultations, or Expert Meetings Groups, held for each of the three pillars, as well as international experiences and best practices.

The objective of the meeting is to allow ESCWA , GIZ team members, external Libyan and international Experts, in addition to the three Baseline studies authors on: Social, Economic and Governance , as well as the international experts; to discuss and exchange their ideas , feedback and comments on the three Baseline studies; The authors of the three Baseline studies will submit the updated draft of their papers and the five priorities identified in each paper; whereas the international experts will enrich the discussion with international experiences , best practices; for participants to discuss and exchange views and guidance to prepare for the final versions of the Baseline Studies and to agree the selection of the five priorities identified by the authors.

The opening session of the meeting will present the progress made so far, the challenges encountered, and upcoming planned activities. It will help participants familiarize themselves further with the project's mission and stages.

The following sessions will present the updated draft of each study. The participants will discuss the developed structures and content of the final drafts. These sessions will feature feedbacks and comments on each study the selection of the five priorities and any additional aspect that needs further consideration and recommendations, while the international experts will present relevant case studies that could benefit the Libya project and feed into the socioeconomic and governance aspects of the research work.

The Agenda of the meeting will be the following:

Day 1 – Date: 14 September 2019

9:00 – 09:30 **Introduction:** This session aims at introducing ESCWA and GIZ team members in addition to the three baselines studies authors and the international experts. Moreover, the ESCWA team will inform the rest of the participants about the progress made so far and the work plan for the months to come.

Welcoming remarks: Dr Youness Abouyoub, *Chief, Governance and State-Building section, ESCWA*

09:30 – 12:00 **Presentation, Economics:** The first presentation will be dedicated to the final draft baseline study on Economics, where the author will explain the choices made in identifying the five priorities. ESCWA, GIZ team members, and external Experts are expected to give feedbacks of the updated version of the study; while the international expert will provide and present relevant case studies that could benefit the Libya project and feed into the Economic aspect of the research work;

Baseline Study Author: Dr. Hamid Abdalla

International Expert : Ms. Sahar Taghdisi-Rad

Moderator: Haitham el keeb

12:00 - 12:30 **Coffee Break**

12:30-15:00 **Presentation, Society:** The second presentation will be based on the baseline study on Society. During this presentation, the author of the study will present the updated draft of the baseline study, the choices made in identifying the five priorities. After the presentation ESCWA, GIZ team members, and external Experts are expected to give feedbacks of the updated version of the study; while the international expert will present relevant case studies that could benefit the Libya project and feed into the social aspect of the research work;

Baseline Study Author: Dr. Ali Ahmida

International Expert: Mr. Andrew Friedman

Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Grada

Lunch break

15:00-16:30

Day 2 - Date: 15 September 2019

09:00 - 12:30 **Presentation, Governance:** The third presentation will be dedicated to the baseline study on Governance. The author will explain the decisions made in the outline of the updated draft of the study is made of. The author will be receiving feedback from ESCWA, GIZ team members, and external Experts are expected to give feedbacks of the updated version of the study; while the international expert will present relevant case studies that could benefit the Libya project and feed into the Governance aspect of the research work;

Baseline Study Author: Ms. Amal El Obeidi

International Expert: Mr. Youssef Sawani

Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Grada

12:30-13:30 **Coffee break**

13:30 – 15:00 **Closing session and way forward:** Authors and experts will agree upon upcoming milestones and the way forward.

15:00- 16:30 Lunch break