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# ARAB REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

*Item 5 c) of the Provision Agenda*



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## Six strategic areas of the Global Action Plan

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- Strategic Area 1: Coordination and leadership;
- Strategic Area 2: Innovation and modernization of official statistics;
- Strategic Area 3: Strengthening basis statistical activities and programmes;
- Strategic Area 4: Dissemination and use of data;
- Strategic Area 5: Multi-stakeholder partnership for sustainable development data;
- Strategic Area 6: Mobilizing resources and coordinating efforts for statistical capacity building.



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# 1. Coordination and leadership

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## 1.1 Strengthen inter-agency cooperation and coordination

- Regional Coordination Mechanism for Arab States
  - Co-Chairs: ESCWA, UNFPA
  - LAS and UN agencies
  - Invite: AITRS, GCC-Stat, SESRIC

## 1.2 Establish link between the inter-agency and intergovernmental coordination

- ESCWA Statistical Committee
  - Proposal: Steering Group on SDG Data



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## 2. Innovation and modernization

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2.1 National Strategies for Development of Statistics (NSDS)

2.2 Data sharing among regional and global agencies

2.3 Linking statistical and geospatial information

2.4 Transformative agenda for official statistics



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## 3. Strengthen basic activities

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### 3.1 Economic statistics

National accounts, business registers, short-term indicators, prices (PPPs, CPIs), sectoral economic statistics

### 3.2 Demographic and social statistics

CRVS, Pan-Arab Harmonized Household Surveys, Population and Housing Censuses, Poverty Statistics, Social and Population Indicators, Disability

### 3.3 Environment statistics

Water, Climate change, System of Environment Economic Accounting (SEEA)

### 3.4 Gender statistics

Goal 5; Engendering other areas of statistics; Sex disaggregation



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## 4. Dissemination and use of data

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### 4.1 Modernising dissemination and communications

- Innovative dissemination – attracting attention to official statistics
- Open and transparent data
- Mobile phones, social media,...

### 4.2 Statistical literacy

- Closer cooperation with policy makers
- Working with media
- Covering needs of researchers
- Addressing civil society



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## 5. Multi-stakeholder partnership

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### 5.1 Regional Partnership

- Linking national – regional – global levels
- Inter-regional cooperation
- Linking sub-regions: GCC – Africa – Asia – OIC – Euro-Med

### 5.2 Promote national partnership

- Bringing policy makers to statistical workshops, seminars, events
- Coordinating role of national statistical offices
- Integrating data from all producers (ministries, offices,...)



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## 6. Mobilize resources

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### 6.1 Inter-agency cooperation

- Pooling together resources, increasing impact
- Cooperation between implementing and funding agencies
- Respecting mandates

### 6.2 UN development programmes

- 10<sup>th</sup> tranche of the Development Account

### 6.2 Funds and development banks

- Regional funds and banks
- European and global public and private donors





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## Action by the Statistical Committee

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- (a) Comment on the outline of the Arab Regional Action Plan
- (b) Consider establishing a Steering Committee on SDG Data
- (c) Propose a sequence of action to finalize the Regional Action Plan (following also best practices from other regions)
- (d) Review and confirm membership in the IAEG and HLG