

[Consultative Meeting on the Implementation Framework for the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda in the Arab Region](#)

Semiramis Hotel, Cairo, Egypt, 18-21¹ September 2017

Agenda

Day 1: 18 September 2017

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Registration, Coffee break and Networking |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | <p>Opening</p> <p>Session's Chair: CAMRE Technical Secretariat representative: Ms. Shahira Wahbi, Chief of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States</p> <p>Welcoming remarks by organizing partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shahira Wahbi, Chief of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States • Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief of the Food & Environment Policies Section, ESCWA • Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief Economic Statistics Section, ESCWA • Ms. Melanie Hutchinson, Regional Development Coordination Officer, UN Environment, Bahrain <p>Tour de table</p> <p>Presentation of meeting's agenda</p> |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | <p>Session I.1: Regional Assessment of the Environmental Dimension Across SDGs Moderator: Reem Nejdawi, Chief of the Food & Environment Policies Section, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Implementation Framework for Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region - Introduction</i> Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief of the Food & Environment Policies Section, ESCWA - <i>Overview of the Method and Assessment Report Outcomes</i> Mr. Cameron Allen, ESCWA Consultant <p>Discussion</p> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Coffee break |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <p>Session I.2: Draft Implementation Framework for the Environmental Dimension Across SDGs in the Arab Region Moderator: Mohamed Al-Hamdi, Food & Environment Policies Section, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Overview of Outcomes of the Arab Working Group Responsible for Environmental Indicators and Sustainable Development</i> |

¹ The day of 21 September will only be attended by statistics officials

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| | <p>Mr. Mustafa Al-Jabouri, League of Arab States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Draft Implementation Framework for the Environmental Dimension of the SDGs in the Arab Region</i> <p>Mr. Cameron Allen, ESCWA Consultant</p> <p>Discussion</p> |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Lunch break |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | <p>Session I.3: Working Group Discussion on the Draft Implementation Framework for the Environmental Dimension Across SDGs in the Arab Region</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the main environmental priorities for the Arab region (and corresponding SDG targets)? - Are these adequately reflected in the assessment report and draft framework? - Are there any gaps or corrections that need to be addressed to finalize the framework as an information document for the region? - What action could and should be taken at the regional and national level to implement the environmental dimension of the SDGs? |

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| 9:30-11:30 | <p>Session I.4: The third UN Environment Assembly “Towards a planet free from pollution” Moderator: Ms. Shahira Wahbi, Chief of Natural Resources, Sustainability and Partnerships, League of Arab States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Third UN Environment Assembly – Themes and Structure</i> Abdelmenam Mohamed, Science Policy Officer, UN Environment, Bahrain - <i>Regional Recommendations – UN Environment Pollution Paper</i> Mr. Ahmed El-Dorghamy, Energy & Growth Environment Expert, Sustainable Growth Programme, Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region & Europe (CEDARE) <p>Discussion</p> |
| 11:30-12:00 | Coffee Break |
| 12:00-13:00 | <p>Session I.5: Discussion around draft recommendations and proposed future steps</p> <p>Chaired by the Meeting’s Organizers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion around draft recommendations that stemmed from the meeting’s previous sessions to be submitted to upcoming meeting of the Joint Committee on Environment and Development in the Arab Region (JCEDAR) |

Statistical Component of the Framework for the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda in the Arab Region and Arab Environment related SDGs: Data Sources, Methodologies, Statistical Frameworks 19-21 September

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| 13:00 – 14:00 | <p>Session II.1: The Framework on the Integration of the Environmental Dimension Across SDGs in the Arab Region and the Statistical Needs</p> <p>Moderator: ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Selection Process of Arab SDG Indicators and the Proposed Road Map</i> Mrs. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA - <i>UN Environment work on Arab SDGs</i> Ms. Melanie Hutchinson, Regional Development Coordination Officer, UN Environment, Bahrain - <i>Correspondence of the Framework and the List of Environment-related Indicators SDG proposed by Arab Working group</i> Mr. Cameron Allen, ESCWA Consultant <p>Discussion</p> <p>Summary</p> |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | <p>Lunch break</p> |
| 15:00 – 17:30 | <p>Session II.2: Geospatial as data Source for the Relevant Environment SDG Indicators: Land and Oceans, and Biodiversity, goal 14 and 15; and the Relation to Disaster Management.</p> <p>International work, regional developments and the Potential Role of statistical offices in the Arab Countries in the interest modernizing and coordinating with geospatial entities in the country</p> <p>Moderator: ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>From Data Sources to the Environmental indicators of the SDGS: Surveys, Administrative records, Monitoring, and Geospatial Information</i> Mrs. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA - <i>UN Work in Geospatial Information and its Relevance to Arab SDGs as Emerging Data Sources, including Integrating Statistical and Geospatial Information: Some Examples.</i> Mr. Amor Laaribi, Senior Expert in Geospatial Information (Former Coordinator of UN-GGIM) - <i>Regional work in the Mediterranean and possibilities of applications in the Arab Countries - Case Study on Marine and Coastal Indicators in Mediterranean countries: SDG 14</i> Mr. Ameer Abdullah Senior Expert in University of Malaga Spain, - Data sources for the environmental indicators of the SDGs Country Presentation: Jordan <p>Discussion</p> <p>Summary</p> |

Day 3: 20 September 2017

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| <p>9:00-11:00</p> | <p>Session II.3: Statistical Frameworks on the development of Environment Indicators and Integration of the Environmental Dimension with Economic and Social Dimensions of the SDGs Applicability in Arab Countries</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Nadia Chtioui, LAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>SEEA and On-Line Training course in Arabic</i> Mrs. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA- <i>Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics and its supporting tools (FDES) (Manual on the Basic Set of Environment Statistics, Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool (ESSAT)) and online training materials</i> Mr. Marcus Newbury, UNSD- <i>UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics (water section), and its application to the related environmental indicators of the SDG</i> Mr. Marcus Newbury, UNSD <p>Session II.4: Water and Energy Indicators SDGs 6 and 7</p> <p>Moderator: Abdelmenam Mohamed, UN Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>SDG 6 and 7 and ESCWA's Work on Water and Energy Indicators</i> Mrs. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA- <i>Monitoring Water Related Ecosystem Extent Using Earth Observation and Ground Truthing To Facilitate Basin Level Decision Making</i> Mr. Alain Tchadie, UN Environment- Countries Presentations- Statistical Framework for SDG-Environmental reporting: Tunisia- Preparing SDG Report - Environmental Dimension: Bahrain- Reporting on SDG-Environment: Saudi Arabia <p>Discussion</p> <p>Summary</p> |
| <p>11:30-12:00</p> | <p>Coffee Break</p> |

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| <p>12:00-14:00</p> | <p>Session II.5: Climate Change Indicators and Disaster-related Statistics. Goal 13 and disaster related indicators in Goal 1</p> <p>Moderator: Egypt Delegate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Climate Change-Related Statistics in the Arab Region and the Related SDG Indicators</i> Mrs. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA - <i>UNSD's work on climate change statistics</i> Mr. Marcus Newbury, UNSD <p>Discussion</p> <p>Summary</p> |
| <p>13:00 – 14:00</p> | |
| <p>14:00 – 15:00</p> | <p>Lunch break</p> |
| <p>15:00 – 17:30</p> | <p>Session II.6: Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption, Production and Discharges in the Environment, Sustainable Cities (Air Pollution and Waste Management)</p> <p>Moderator: Abdelmenam Mohamed, UN Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>UN Environment work on SCP Specific Areas for Support</i> Ms. Jillian Campbell , UN Environment, Nairobi <p>Luc Reuter SwitchMed National Policy Coordinator at the United Nations Environment Briefing on SwitchMed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Urban Environmental Components of the SDGs: UN-Habitat perspective for the Arab region</i> Mrs. Soha Farouk, Programme Officer, UN-Habitat Regional Office for the Arab States (ROAS) - <i>UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics (waste section), and its application to the related environmental indicators of the SDG</i> Mr. Marcus Newbury, UNSD <p>Countries presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Egypt <p>Discussion</p> <p>Summary</p> |

Day 4: 21 September 2017

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| 9:00-11:30 | <p>Session II.7 Ecosystems and Biodiversity SDGs 14 and 15</p> <p>Moderator: Egypt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Countries presentations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Palestine- Sudan - <i>Natural capital accounting,</i> Ms. Jillian Campbell, UN Environment <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Session II.8: Calculating and Reporting on the Environmental SDGs Indicators, Countries and Regions Experiences</p> <p>Moderator: ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>African Region Experience (UNSD)</i> Mr. Marcus Newbury, UNSD <p>Working Groups</p> <p>Matrix for the List of the SDG Indicators, Data Sources Main Stakeholders, Data Availability, Baseline and Targets</p> |
| 11:30-12:00 | Coffee Break |
| 12:00-14:00 | <p>Session II.9: Group Works, Recommendations and Conclusions</p> <p>Moderator: UNESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Matrix for the List of the SDG Indicators, Data Sources Main Stakeholders, Data Availability, Baseline and Targets, National and Regional Reporting <p>Discussion around key messages</p> <p>Recommendations and follow-up on the work plan</p> |