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Subject: ESCWA Project for Strengthening the Statistical Capacity of ESCWA Member Countries in Producing and Disseminating Short-term Economic Indicators for Sustainable Growth

Training Workshop on Turnover Indices

(Turnover for retail trade & turnover for industry)

May 22-24, Muscat, Oman

Information Note

Background

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has given considerable attention to the development of statistics in all sectors in the countries of the Arab region and has undertaken several activities to support national capacities to produce and disseminate quality statistics. In this context, UN-ESCWA is following up the implementation of the project “Strengthening the Statistical Capacity of ESCWA Member Countries in Producing and Disseminating Short-term Economic Indicators for Sustainable Growth” since 2016, in coordination and collaboration with its partners including the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). A number of activities have been implemented to strengthen the capacity of member countries in producing and disseminating a range of short-term indicators, through the organization of several training workshops in specialized areas of short-term indicators, in addition to technical assistance mission.

In keeping with the ongoing efforts for capacity building in short-term economic indicators, UN-ESCWA, in collaboration with the Statistical Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council States (GCC-Stat) and the National Center for Statistics and Information in the Sultanate of Oman (NCSI), is organizing a training workshop on turnover indices during the period 22-24 May 2017 in Muscat, Oman.

A. Objective

1. Support and improve data collection and compilation methodologies of turnover indices, including the turnover index for retail trade and the turnover index for industry;

2. Discuss the different sources of data;
3. Present and discuss the different methods of compiling and calculating the turnover indices, in addition to the dissemination techniques;
4. Share knowledge and experience among participants and benefit from best practices of countries in other regions.

B. Participants

- National experts from National Statistical Offices of ESCWA member countries
- Regional Experts
- Experts from regional and international organizations

C. Language

The languages of the workshop will be in Arabic and English. Simultaneous interpretation to the two languages will be made available.

D. Date and venue

This meeting will be organized from 22 to 24 May 2017, in the premises of the Statistical Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC-Stat) in Muscat, Oman. GCC Stat will provide buses for transportation from the hotel to the meeting venue and back to the hotel.

E. Logistics Arrangements

1. The Statistical Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC-Stat) in Muscat, Oman will assist in issuing the entry visa for the participants; therefore, all participants are required to send a colored copy of their passports as soon as possible.
2. The travel unit at ESCWA will make the necessary bookings for the participants at ESCWA's expense and will send them the e-ticket to them via e-mail.
3. ESCWA, in coordination with GCC Stat, identified the following hotel with the below special rates. Please send an email to Ms. Rawan Nassar at nassarr@un.org informing us of your room preference to make the necessary reservations. The deadline to receive the confirmation for your hotel reservation is 10 May 2017.

Tulip Inn Muscat Hotel

Al Qurum, Sultanate of Oman
 Tel: +96824471500
www.tulipinmuscat.com

Room Type	Special Rates
Standard Room Single	R.O. 30.00 Net BB
Standard Room Double	R.O. 40.00 Net BB

The above rates are inclusive of 17% Tax & Service charge, including of full buffet breakfast at our main restaurant "Al Luban"

Terms and Conditions:

- Above rates are quoted per room per night in Omani Riyals (R.O.)
- Airport pick up/Drop off is available upon request and subject to availability

4. Participants are requested to:

- Send a copy of their passport to Ms. Rawan Nassar at the email address: nassarr@un.org
- Bring the following documents on the first day of the workshop:
 - (i) boarding pass
 - (ii) the passport
 - (iii) the ticket

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