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Statistical Committee  
Eleventh session  
Amman, 4-5 February 2015

**INFORMATION NOTE****A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Statistical Committee was established pursuant to Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) resolution 179 (XVI) on setting up a statistical committee within ESCWA, adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1993/2 of 2 February 1993. The Committee was established to follow up on progress achieved by member States in developing their statistical systems; provide them with technical advice; propose training programmes and organize workshops and seminars to enhance their statistical capacity; assist them in standardizing national statistics to make them more comparable at the regional and international levels; coordinate the exchange of statistical data and information between member States and the United Nations Statistical Commission; and coordinate the statistical programmes of member States, especially in matters relating to surveys and censuses. The Statistical Committee holds its sessions biennially. It held its tenth session in Cairo, on 30 and 31 January 2013.

**B. DATE AND VENUE OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION**

The eleventh session of the Statistical Committee will be held at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, on 4 and 5 February 2015. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, and the inaugural meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on the same day. The eleventh session will conclude in the afternoon of Thursday, 5 February 2015.

**C. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

At its eleventh session, the Statistical Committee aims to consolidate cooperation between member States and other regional and international organizations active in statistics. It will consider strategic and forward-looking issues regarding the data revolution to support the implementation of the United Nations post-2015 development agenda.

**D. AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

The provisional agenda and annotations of the eleventh session of the Statistical Committee are provided in document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/L.1. The proposed organization of work is contained in document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/L.2.

#### E. PARTICIPANTS

The invitation has been extended to heads of national statistical offices in ESCWA member States, national technical focal points and those with expertise and interest in the discussion topics. Representatives of regional and international organizations involved in statistical work are welcome to participate as observers.

In accordance with United Nations practice, Governments participating in the session are responsible for the travel and subsistence expenses of their delegates. Similarly, regional and international organizations participating as observers shall cover such expenses for their representatives.

#### F. LANGUAGES OF THE SESSION

The session will be conducted in Arabic, with some papers presented in English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in both Arabic and English.

#### H. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants can apply directly to the Jordanian Embassy in their respective countries for entry visas.

#### I. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

The Kempinski Hotel is offering special rates for participants at the eleventh session of the Statistical Committee. Participants can contact the Hotel directly using the telephone number or email address listed below to book their rooms, indicating the name of the meeting. The Hotel offers an airport pick-up and drop-off service, organized on an individual basis. Participants should pay all accommodation costs directly to the Hotel.

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