



**Second Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group  
ON DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL STATISTICS OF THE ARAB  
COUNTRIES**

Beirut, 18-19 December 2018

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The UN-ESCWA Statistical Committee at its eleventh session, Amman, 4-5 February 2015 agreed on the forming of an advisory group social statistics, and asked ESCWA to discuss its terms of reference and amend it in line with the views of its members<sup>1</sup>.

The Statistics Division at the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is organizing the second meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Demographic and Social Statistics for the Arab countries on 18-19 December in Beirut, Lebanon. The first meeting was held on 17-18 October 2016 in Tunis.

**A. Objectives**

The main goal of establishing of a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is to provide recommendations on strategies, as well as substantive and methodological guidelines for achieving goals in the area of population and social statistics. In its first meeting, the TAG focused on ensuring that all countries in the region have the capacity to deliver a core set of population and social indicators needed for the SDGs among other planning and monitoring purposes. In the second meeting, the TAG will discuss suggested additions to this core indicator list that correspond to SDG indicators, and a strategy to address data gaps within the Arab region.

**B. Participants**

- Representatives from National Statistical Offices ((Director of demographic and Social Statistics or equivalent);
- Experts form international organizations.

**C. Documents**

- Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG);
- Metadata for core social and demographic indicator list

**D. Language**

The language of the workshop will be in English and Arabic. Simultaneous interpretation will be available during the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unescwa.org/publications/report-statistical-committee-its-eleventh-session-amman-4-5-february-2015>

**E. Venue and time of the workshop**

The meeting will be held during the period of 18-19 December 2018 in Beirut, Lebanon, at the UN House in Mezzanine Room MZ level.

**F. Administrative arrangements**

1- Requirements: Participants are requested to:

- Make own arrangements for a visa to Lebanon (if needed)
- Fill registration form and send it with a copy of valid passport to Ms. Dina Karanouh at the following e-mail: [karanouh@un.org](mailto:karanouh@un.org)

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