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REPORT**OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE ON ITS NINTH SESSION
BEIRUT, 13-15 OCTOBER 2010****Summary**

The Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) held its ninth session at the United Nations House in Beirut from 13 to 15 October 2010.

The agenda of this session contained several topics of priority, including: the implications of meetings held by global and regional agencies on the work programme of the Statistics Division and the activities of the Statistical Committee, Strategic issues of official statistics in the Western Asia region and celebration of World Statistics Day. The session covered other topics important to the region as well, such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), capacity-building in statistics for evidence-based policymaking and a report on the activities of the Task Force on the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in the ESCWA Region.

The agenda also included items relating to follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its eighth session, progress made in carrying out statistics-related activities in the period between the eighth and ninth sessions of the Statistical Committee, and an overview of the ESCWA programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in the field of statistics.

This report includes recommendations made by the Committee at its closing session.

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Introduction

1. The Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) held its ninth session, pursuant to resolution 179 (XVI) dated 2 September 1992, adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1993/2 dated 2 February 1993, concerning setting up a Statistical Committee within ESCWA, and in accordance with the recommendations issued at the closing of the eighth session of the Committee held in Beirut from 14 to 16 October 2008.

2. This report includes the main recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its ninth session. The Committee adopted this report at its closing session.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS

3. At the closing of its ninth session, the Statistical Committee made the following recommendations, addressed to the ESCWA secretariat and member countries.

A. RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSED TO MEMBER COUNTRIES

4. The Statistical Committee addressed the following recommendations to member countries:

(a) To form a task force comprised of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Palestine, in charge of the following tasks:

(i) To review the draft report prepared by ESCWA on regional statistical development in Western Asia in light of the proposals of member countries. The report will be presented to the forty-second session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) to be held in New York from 22 to 25 February 2011;

(ii) To determine a mechanism of work for the exhibition that will be organized on the sidelines of the forty-second session of UNSC.

(b) To urge the Executive Regional Committee Board of the International Comparison Programme (ICP) to address all issues related to launching the 2011 programme phase. The Board particularly advocated addressing aspects related to the current funding deficit, and clarification of the roles of all partners and tasks to be implemented. Member countries were also asked to secure necessary funding to cover the national expenses of the project;

(c) To request the secretariat to provide technical advice and statistical capacity-building.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSED TO ESCWA

5. The Statistical Committee addressed the following recommendations to ESCWA:

(a) To undertake the liaison role and assume coordination functions between statistical offices in the region and the UNSC, in preparation for participation of member countries in the exhibition that will be organized on the sidelines of the forty-second session of UNSC;

(b) To submit to member countries for ratification a study that would be prepared by the Statistical Committee of ESCWA based on observations of member countries on the guidelines of the strategic vision of the statistical work of ESCWA;

(c) To execute the implementation strategy of the System of National Accounts 2008, taking into consideration the specificities of each country;

(d) To examine and reconsider the functions of the Task Force on the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses. To consider as well the issue of funding future meetings, provided such considerations are presented to the Committee meeting which will be held in February 2011 for proper deliberation;

(e) To use data issued by statistical agencies and refrain from relying on other sources in ESCWA statistical bulletins;

(f) To coordinate directly with statistical agencies on topics related to ESCWA statistical work in member countries;

(g) To coordinate on the possibility of transmitting reports to member countries for revision before they are printed and published by ESCWA;

(h) To approve the draft programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013 in the field of statistics taking into consideration any amendments in light of propositions of member countries;

(i) To address a recommendation to the ESCWA Session for holding the sessions of the Statistical Committee annually instead of biennially;

(j) To invite the representative of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) secretariat to attend ESCWA statistics-related meetings;

(k) To examine, technically revise and evaluate the United Arab Emirates report in the field of official statistics and competitiveness indicators, in terms of its preparation mechanism and the reliability of its indicators.

II. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION

A. IMPLICATIONS OF GLOBAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

6. Under this item, the Committee was presented with three documents. In the first of these (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/3(Part I)), the Committee took note of the outcome of the twenty-sixth session of ESCWA in the field of statistics (Beirut, 17-20 May 2010). In the second (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/3 (Part II)), the Committee reviewed progress made in the implementation of statistics-related resolutions of the twenty-fifth session of ESCWA. In the third document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/3(Part III)), the Committee reviewed the analysis prepared by the ESCWA secretariat on implications of global statistical issues on national statistical agencies and the work of the secretariat in the light of decisions issued by the UNSC fortieth and forty-first sessions, as well as ongoing preparations for the forty-second session of the Commission.

7. Discussions focused on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the remaining period up until 2015, in particular in the field of youth. The importance of joining regional and international efforts for the achievement of satisfactory results was pointed out. On the subject of ongoing preparations for UNSC meetings, participants focused on enhancing the participation of ESCWA member countries, particularly in preparatory meetings, such as the Task Force meeting in February 2011, and the role of the secretariat in facilitating participation of member countries. Conferees also discussed the report prepared by ESCWA on regional statistical development in Western Asia, which will be presented during UNSC meetings. There was consensus on the important role to be assumed by member countries in the revision of this report.

B. STRATEGIC ISSUES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN THE WESTERN ASIA REGION

8. Under this item, the Statistical Committee was presented with three documents. The first document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/4(Part I)) includes an annex with guidelines of the strategic vision for the work of ESCWA in the field of statistics. Member countries participated in the preparation of this annex. The second document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/4(Part I)/Add.1) contains the recommendations and suggestions of national statistical offices on the outline of the proposed strategic vision. The third document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/4(Part II)) presents a strategy proposed by ESCWA to implement the System of National Accounts.

9. Participants discussed which party would be in charge of implementing the strategy and the need to provide necessary financial and human resources. The proposed strategy concerning the System of National Accounts 2008 was adopted after incorporation of some amendments and in light of observations made by member countries on several aspects, namely the implementation mechanism, necessary funding, as well as the importance of taking into account the specificity of each country, or group of countries facing similar challenges during implementation. Participants thoroughly discussed the Programme of International Comparisons in the ESCWA region. Discussions focused on the financial aspect, the role of partners, the executive board of the project, and the role of member countries as well as ESCWA in providing financial resources to implement planned activities within the project. Discussions covered the status of national accounts in the ESCWA region as well as the operational elements of the strategy and measures adopted at the regional and international levels.

C. PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2012-2013 IN THE FIELD OF STATISTICS

10. The ESCWA Statistics Division presented two documents on the proposed programme of work. The first document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/5) includes statistics-related outputs and activities expected to be accomplished by ESCWA in light of its programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013, based on the revised strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013 adopted at the twenty-sixth session of ESCWA. The second document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/6) reviews planned activities and outputs for 2011 in the field of statistics, based on the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011.

11. Participants agreed on implementation of planned activities and outputs for 2011 in the field of statistics in the light of amendments and additions introduced to the ESCWA programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013. Member countries proposed adding several fields of action such as labour statistics, early warning indicators, short-term indicators, population projections, and geographical information systems as well as international migration.

D. PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE FIELD OF STATISTICS SINCE THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

12. Under this item, the Committee was presented with three documents. The first document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/7(Part I)) includes a follow-up on the implementation of recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its eighth session. The second (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/7(Part II)) contains a review of activities implemented in the field of statistics under the ESCWA programme of work between the eighth and ninth sessions of the Committee. The third document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/7(Part III)) contains an overview of progress achieved by the Task Force on the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in the ESCWA Region.

13. The Committee discussed progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations made at its eighth session and statistics-related activities in the framework of the programme of work since the eighth session. Participants made a number of observations related to the nature of implemented activities, meeting the needs of countries in order to draw lessons for the future, particularly in the field of gender statistics, as

well as classifications and censuses. The Committee expressed its appreciation for efforts exerted by the Task Force on the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, specifically the efforts of Oman which assumed the role of leadership and orientation. The Committee requested ESCWA to examine and reconsider the functions of the Task Force, and to study the funding of meetings to be held, provided the Commission findings are presented during the Committee meeting in February 2011 for proper consideration.

E. CAPACITY-BUILDING IN STATISTICS FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING

14. The secretariat presented two documents under this item. The first (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/8) includes the results of the needs assessment survey on statistics undertaken by ESCWA. The review of results would facilitate the formulation of an action plan for capacity-building in the field of statistics, which in turn would assist in the development of regional evidence-based policymaking. The second document (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/9) contains the progress report on monitoring advancement towards Millennium Development Goals and gender equality.

15. The Committee discussed a number of issues related to themes put forth. Observations focused on settling differences between data retrieved from national sources and those derived from international sources, as well as on the nature of official agencies to be considered as trustworthy sources of statistics. Participants recommended that ESCWA use the data issued by official statistical agencies in member countries as well as from the Statistics Division in coordination with member countries, rather than from other sources. The Statistics Division should review reports before ESCWA prints and publishes them in order to ensure the consistency of data and enhance credibility. The Committee stressed the necessity to coordinate directly with statistical agencies when it comes to topics related to ESCWA statistical work in member countries. Participants discussed potential cooperation between the International Labour Organization Regional Office for the Arab States and ESCWA in the framework of the millennium indicators project.

F. SPECIAL SESSION CELEBRATING WORLD STATISTICS DAY

16. At the end of the Statistical Committee, the secretariat celebrated the first World Statistics Day, coinciding on 20 October 2010, under the auspices of the Lebanese Prime Minister, represented by the Minister of State, Jean Oghassabian, and in the presence of diplomatic missions and officials operating in the field of statistics. ESCWA presented certificates of appreciation to the representatives of statistical agencies in member countries in recognition of their work and continuous efforts aimed at developing statistical work in their respective countries and the Arab region.

G. DATE AND VENUE OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

17. The tenth session of the Statistical Committee will be held in Beirut between October and November 2012.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

18. The Statistical Committee discussed the important role assumed by the Bureau of the Committee in coordinating between member countries, and the importance of meeting periodically and regularly to regulate affairs of member countries. Participants requested ESCWA to continue its work as secretariat of the Committee. They discussed the frequency of the meetings of the Statistical Committee and the importance of holding such meetings annually rather than of biennially, as is currently the case. In this regard, the secretariat noted that, in view of the consequent allocation of additional resources, the decision regarding the frequency of meetings should be taken during the ESCWA Session following its adoption as a recommendation by the Committee.

19. The Committee also discussed the report on the experience of the United Arab Emirates in the field of official statistics and global competitiveness indicators. Participants expressed their appreciation for the quality of the document, and requested the secretariat to conduct a technical review of the report and evaluate its preparation mechanism as well as the credibility of its indicators.

III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE ON ITS NINTH SESSION

20. The Statistical Committee, at its closing meeting, held on 15 October 2010, adopted the draft report on its ninth session, included in document E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/10.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. DATE AND VENUE OF THE SESSION

21. The Statistical Committee held its ninth session at United Nations House in Beirut from 13 to 15 October 2010.

B. OPENING

22. The session was opened by Mr. Marial Mabeny Bawuor, representative of the Sudan, on behalf of Mr. Hassan Ibrahim, Director General of the Central Bureau of Statistics in the Sudan, in his capacity as chair of the eighth session of the Statistical Committee. At the beginning of his speech, Mr. Bawuor welcomed participants and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of ESCWA in supporting statistical capacities in member countries and enhancing common statistical work between those countries through the activities implemented in this regard.

23. An address was then delivered by the Director of ESCWA Information and Communication Technology Division, Mr. Yousef Nusseir, representing Ms. Rima Khalaf, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCWA. After welcoming the participants, Mr. Nusseir noted that the world is witnessing an era of information and knowledge as countries make strenuous efforts to build their economies and transform them into knowledge-based economies. Such efforts require the handling of constantly growing amounts of information that include statistics in their comprehensive matrix. Mr. Nusseir stressed the urgent need to follow technical developments and modernization in terms of collecting and processing data in order to help member countries face the growing challenges in the era of knowledge. He pointed, as well, to the continued increase in the demand for information and statistics, and the consequent heavy burden placed on national statistical agencies. Mr. Nusseir reviewed the role of ESCWA in continuously seeking to ensure statistical technical support, dissemination of statistical information in the region and to meet the needs of member countries through two complementary means. The first means is based on statistical capacity-building in national statistical agencies in terms of developing institutional frameworks, integrating international statistical standards and exchanging national experiences to assist countries in the achievement of statistical harmonization, coherence and comparability. The second means is based on supporting data users in various departments within ESCWA and the United Nations System. At the end of his speech, Mr. Nusseir addressed the heads of national statistical agencies and thanked them for their cooperation with ESCWA, in particular through coordinating with the Commission and providing it with data. He called for the enhancement of foundations for future cooperation and assisting ESCWA to improve its services.

C. PARTICIPANTS

24. The session was attended by representatives of the fourteen member countries of ESCWA. Representatives of specialized United Nations programmes, agencies and organizations, and of international and regional governmental organizations and their agencies also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex I to this report.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

25. In accordance with the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, rule 18, “Member countries shall assume the chairmanship of the subsidiary agencies of the Commission on a rotating basis in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations”.^{*} Under this rule, Iraq assumed the chair of the session. Participants elected representatives of Egypt and Qatar as Vice-chairs, and of Palestine as Rapporteur.

E. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

26. At its first meeting, the Statistical Committee adopted the provisional agenda of its ninth session, as contained in document E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/L.1.

27. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the organization of work of the session as contained in document E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/L.2.

28. Participants discussed the importance of Committee meetings and related topics stemming from the core functions of the Committee. They stressed the interdependence of agenda topics, and discussed the importance of coordination mechanisms to incite the United Nations Organizations to continue and enhance their support to statistical agencies. The Committee had approved the request of the United Arab Emirates to add an item to the agenda under “Other Business” to present their country’s experience in the development of statistical work as well as competitiveness reports and indicators.

F. DOCUMENTS

29. A list of the documents that were presented to the Statistical Committee at its ninth session can be found in annex II to this report.

^{*} The Arabic alphabetical order of ESCWA member countries is as follows: Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Iraq, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen.

Annex I

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Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Title	Item	Symbol
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Implications for the Statistical Committee of meetings of regional and international agencies:	4	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/3
Outcome of the twenty-sixth session of ESCWA in the field of statistics	4 (a)	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/3(Part I)
Report on the implementation of statistics-related resolutions of the twenty-fifth session of ESCWA		E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/3(Part II)
Regional implications of the fortieth and forty-first sessions of the United Nations Statistical Commission	4 (b)	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/3(Part III)
Strategic issues related to official statistics in the Western Asia region:	5	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/4
Outline of the strategic vision for the work of ESCWA in the field of statistics	5 (a)	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/4(Part I)
Feedback from national statistical offices in some member countries on the outline of the strategic vision for the work of ESCWA in the field of statistics		E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/4(Part I)/Add.1
Strategy of implementation of the System of National Accounts	5 (b)	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/4(Part II)
Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013 in the field of statistics	6	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/5
Planned activities and outputs for 2011 in the field of statistics		E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/6
Progress achieved in the field of statistics since the eighth session of the Statistical Committee:	7	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/7
Follow-up on the implementation of recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its eighth session	7 (a)	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/7(Part I)
Follow-up on the implementation of statistics-related activities under ESCWA programme of work	7 (b)	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/7(Part II)
Progress made by the Task Force on the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in the ESCWA Region	7 (c)	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/7(Part III)

Title	Item	Symbol
Capacity-building in statistics for evidence-based policymaking	8	E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/8
Report on Millennium Development Goal and gender indicators		E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/9
Report of the Statistics Committee on its ninth session		E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/10