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**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

Committee on Financing for Development in the States Members of the Economic  
and Social Commission for Western Asia  
First session  
Amman, 11-12 December 2019

**Information for participants***1. Background*

The Committee on Financing for Development in the States Members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia was established pursuant to Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) resolution 332 (XXX) of 28 June 2018, which was endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2019/30 of 23 July 2019. The resolution approved the splitting of the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development in the Countries of the ESCWA Region into two committees, which would each hold biennial sessions.

The mandate of the Committee includes identifying priorities of the ESCWA programme of work and medium-term plans regarding financing for development; monitoring the progress achieved in member States in the field of financing for development and formulating recommendations; following up on international and regional conferences and forums and coordinating regional efforts to implement resulting resolutions and recommendations; supporting cooperation between the ESCWA secretariat and the ministerial councils of the League of Arab States as well as other relevant regional organizations, to build capacities and harmonize policies and strategies for the mobilization of resources to finance sustainable development (domestic resources including tax revenues and subsidies); encouraging domestic and international private investments (including foreign direct investments and remittances); supporting international development cooperation and official development assistance; enhancing international and regional trade as an engine to finance development; exploring debts and debt sustainability; and supporting outreach efforts and partnerships, and coordinating positions at the international level.

*2. Participants*

Representatives of ESCWA member States will participate in the session. Relevant regional and international organizations have also been invited to attend the session as observers. In accordance with United Nations regulations, participating Governments and organizations attending the session as observers shall be responsible for the travel and accommodation expenses of their representatives.

*3. Date and venue*

The first session of the Committee on Financing for Development in the States Members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia will be held at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, on 11 and 12 December 2019. Registration will commence at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 December 2019 and the session will open at 10 a.m. on the same day. It will conclude at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 12 December 2019.

*4. Language of the session*

Session proceedings and discussions will be in Arabic.

*5. Entry visas*

Participants may apply for an entry visa to Jordan through the Jordanian Embassy in their respective countries. It is recommended to attach the invitation letter sent by ESCWA to the visa application.

*6. Accommodation and transportation*

ESCWA suggests that participants book their accommodation at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, or in other hotels nearby. Participants are also kindly invited to organize transport to and from the airport directly with their respective hotel.

*7. Time zone*

Time in Jordan is GMT+2 hours.

*8. Weather*

During the meeting, the temperature in Amman is expected to range between 15°C and 20°C.

*9. Currency and exchange rates*

The unit of currency is the Jordanian Dinar. The current exchange rate is JOD 0.71 for \$1.00.

*10. Correspondence*

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