Committee on Financing for Development in the States Members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Second session
Cairo, 8-9 December 2021

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 Committee on Financing for Development in the States Members of ESCWA held its first session in Amman, on 11 and 12 December 2019. It will hold its second session in Cairo, on 8 and 9 December 2021.

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. Agenda

The agenda of the second session of the Committee on Financing for Development in the States Members of ESCWA, as proposed in document E/ESCWA/C.9/2021/L.1, contains several issues of interest to Arab States in the different areas of financing for development. It can be found, with the rest of the documentation relevant to the session, on the ESCWA website at the following link: https://www.unescwa.org/events/committee-financing-development-second-session.

During its proceedings, the Committee will hold a round-table discussion on the main recommendations of the High-level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda and their applicability in the Arab region. It will also hold a workshop on frameworks and simulators proposed by the ESCWA secretariat for costing and financing the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Participation

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.

4. Date and venue

The second session of the Committee on Financing for Development in the States Members of ESCWA will be held in Cairo, at the Intercontinental Cairo Semiramis Hotel, on 8 and 9 December 2021. Registration will commence at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 December 2021 and the session will open at 10 a.m. on the same day. It will conclude at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 9 December 2021.

5. Language of the session

Session proceedings and discussions will be in Arabic and English. Simultaneous interpretation between the two languages will be available.

6. Entry visas

Participants may apply for an entry visa to Egypt through the Egyptian Embassy in their respective countries. It is recommended to attach the invitation letter sent by ESCWA to the visa application. A personalized invitation letter can be provided by ESCWA for nominated participants to facilitate the visa request.

7. Accommodation and transportation

ESCWA suggests that participants book their accommodation at a hotel near the session venue in Cairo. Names of hotels offering room rates in Cairo will be provided to registered participants upon request. Participants are also kindly invited to organize transport to and from the airport directly with their respective hotel.

8. Correspondence

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