Crucial to ensure participation and buy-in for the project.

**Intermediate report**
- Milestone: Regional workshop (13 and 14 September 2018, UNESCWA, Beirut)
- Milestone: Launch digital database
- Milestone: Organise study tour within the first quarter of 2020
- Milestone: Inter-regional expert exchange conference
- Milestone: Multi-stakeholder regional capacity building and training seminar on effective national development planning for government planning officials and other relevant stakeholders

**Activities**
- Organise three regional workshops, ideally within two months, otherwise one per month, between September and November 2019

**Main activity A 1.1**
- Launch an online digital database of development plans in the Arab region for use by policymakers and other stakeholders.

**Main activity A 1.2**
- Conduct field visits to Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Sudan, and Iraq to gather information about national development planning systems and processes. Finalise report on field visits by August 2019.

**Main activity A 1.3**
- Conduct activities to expose member states to alternative planning approaches and share the findings of the substantive work done.

**Main activity A 1.4**
- Organise national level workshops in four target countries to provide overview of integrated planning, and conduct exercises for learning.

**Main activity A 1.5**
- Organise and prepare for regional workshop.

**Main activity A 1.6**
- Organize one multi-stakeholder regional capacity building and training seminar on effective national development planning for government planning officials and other relevant stakeholders.

**Operational activities**
- EA 2: Strengthened capacity of policymakers in target countries to design integrated and implementable national development plans in their countries
- EA 1: Enhanced awareness and engagement of policymakers with the integrated development planning approach

**Monitoring**
- Undertake field visits to gather information about national development planning systems and processes in the Arab region.
- Organise four national workshops to accompany development and roll-out of digital database.
- Organise three regional workshops for government planning officials to discuss the material produced, share the findings of the substantive work done.
- EA 2: Strengthened capacity of policymakers in target countries to design integrated and implementable national development plans in their countries
- EA 1: Enhanced awareness and engagement of policymakers with the integrated development planning approach

**Regular reporting on Progress of DA project to ESCWA Member States and UNESCO**
- Continuous back office administration, consolidation and substantive compilation of material to publish and disseminate findings as required.