

# INDEX SIMULATOR FOR POLICYMAKERS IN THE ARAB REGION

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT

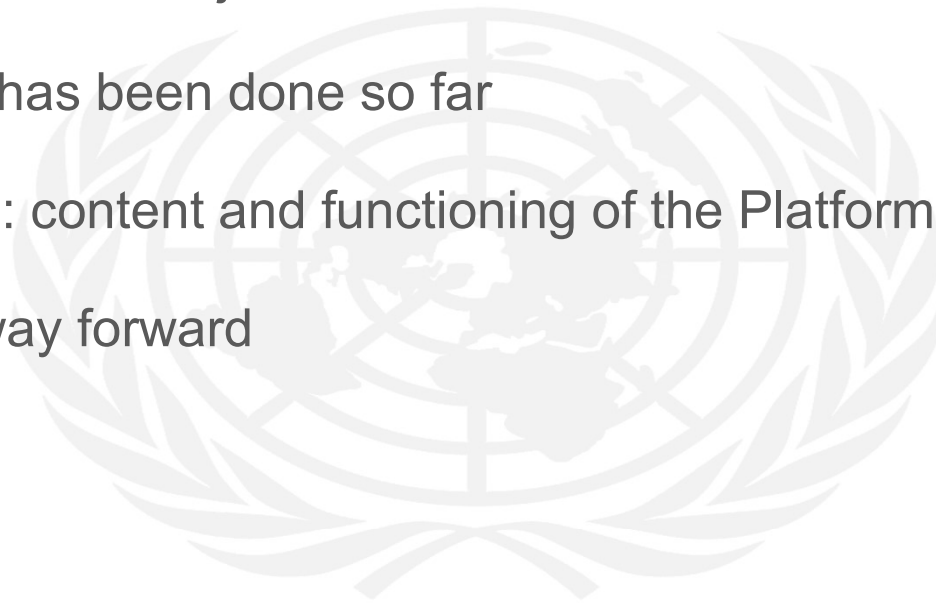
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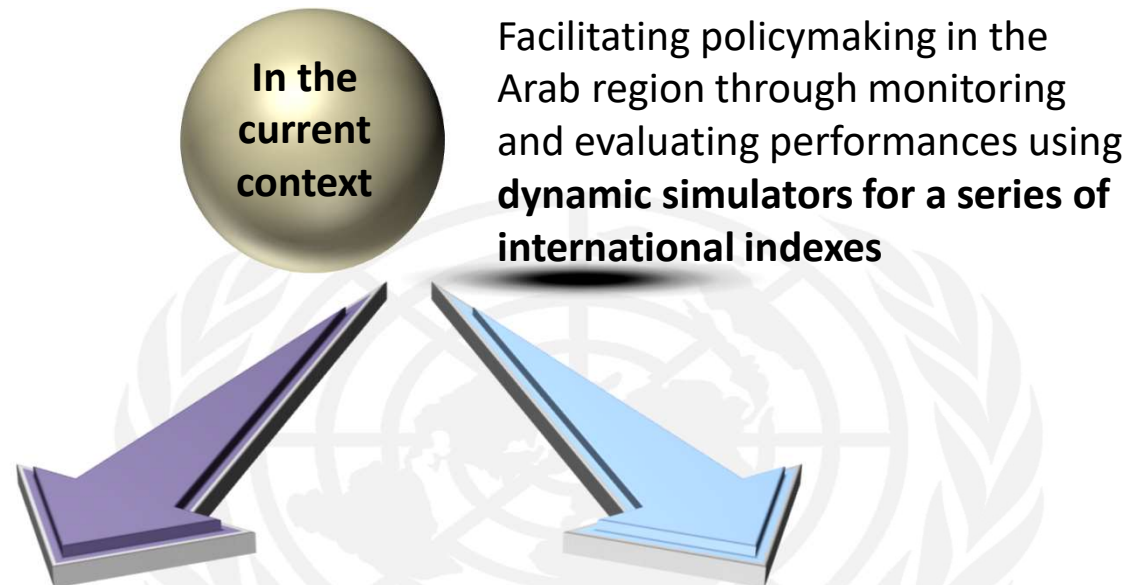
# Outline

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1. What is the Project about
2. What has been done so far
3. Demo: content and functioning of the Platform
4. The way forward



# Vision

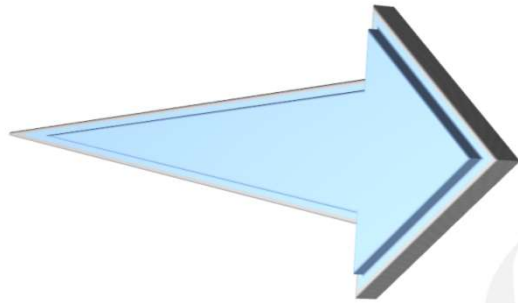


The project address the need for technical assistance of Member Countries and coherent with the experience of the Executive Secretary

The goal is to make sure that reforms are reflected, and Arab countries improve on the rankings

1. Improve data quality
2. Effective tool to design policies and strategies
3. Monitor reforms' effectiveness
4. Communicate with the general public as everyone understands rankings
5. Anchor expectations in the context of the pandemic

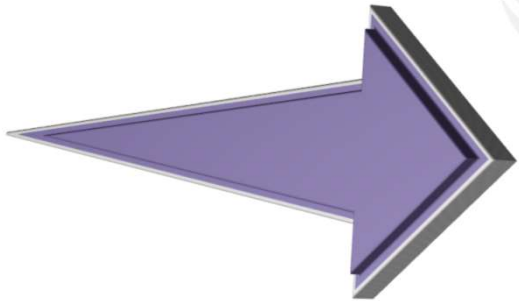
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**Consultation process:** Selection of the first list of indexes was made based on the need identified by ESCWA experts

- 1. eGDI
- 2. GCI
- 3. GII
- 4. IDI
- 5. NRI
- 6. DARE
- 7. EPI

- 1. Gender Gap Index
  - 2. Doing Business
  - 3. Competitiveness Index
- Coming up
- 1. Financial Inclusiveness index
  - 2. Fraser Economic Freedom Index



**Funding:** Got grant from the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Interest in gender gap issues

# Project Phases

## Phase 1

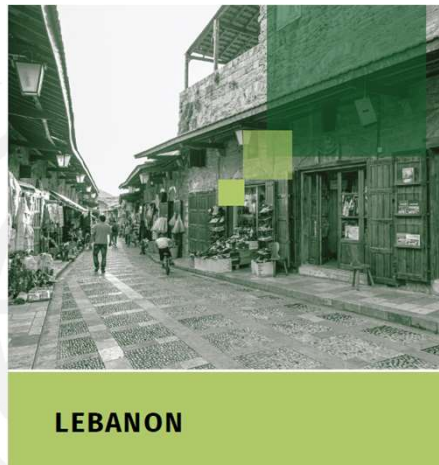
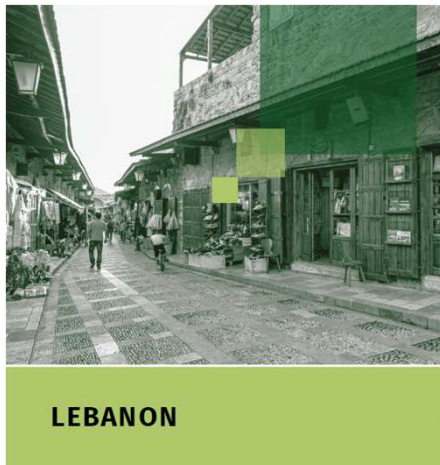
1. Preparation of the databases
2. Coverage: All Arab countries
3. Preparation of the static simulators for a couple of Arab countries
4. Design and development of the platform
5. Publications: 2 briefs on Doing Business Innovation in Lebanon
6. Consultation with Member States (EGM)



## Phase 2

1. Update simulators
2. Make them dynamic
3. More policy briefs
4. Dashboard
5. Database of policy insights
6. Will depend on feedbacks and needs assessment

# Index Simulator for Policymakers in the Arab Region



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