ARAB REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

Item 5 c) of the Provision Agenda
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**Six strategic areas of the Global Action Plan**

**Strategic Area 1:** Coordination and leadership;

**Strategic Area 2:** Innovation and modernization of official statistics;

**Strategic Area 3:** Strengthening basis statistical activities and programmes;

**Strategic Area 4:** Dissemination and use of data;

**Strategic Area 5:** Multi-stakeholder partnership for sustainable development data;

**Strategic Area 6:** Mobilizing resources and coordinating efforts for statistical capacity building.
1. Coordination and leadership

1.1 Strengthen inter-agency cooperation and coordination

- Regional Coordination Mechanism for Arab States
  - Co-Chairs: ESCWA, UNFPA
  - LAS and UN agencies
  - Invite: AITRS, GCC-Stat, SESRIC

1.2 Establish link between the inter-agency and intergovernmental coordination

- ESCWA Statistical Committee
  - Proposal: Steering Group on SDG Data
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2. Innovation and modernization

2.1 National Strategies for Development of Statistics (NSDS)

2.2 Data sharing among regional and global agencies

2.3 Linking statistical and geospatial information

2.4 Transformative agenda for official statistics
3. Strengthen basic activities

3.1 Economic statistics
National accounts, business registers, short-term indicators, prices (PPPs, CPIs), sectoral economic statistics

3.2 Demographic and social statistics
CRVS, Pan-Arab Harmonized Household Surveys, Population and Housing Censuses, Poverty Statistics, Social and Population Indicators, Disability

3.3 Environment statistics
Water, Climate change, System of Environment Economic Accounting (SEEA)

3.4 Gender statistics
Goal 5; Engendering other areas of statistics; Sex disaggregation
4. Dissemination and use of data

4.1 Modernising dissemination and communications

- Innovative dissemination – attracting attention to official statistics
- Open and transparent data
- Mobile phones, social media,…

4.2 Statistical literacy

- Closer cooperation with policy makers
- Working with media
- Covering needs of researchers
- Addressing civil society
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5. Multi-stakeholder partnership

5.1 Regional Partnership

- Linking national – regional – global levels
- Inter-regional cooperation

5.2 Promote national partnership

- Bringing policy makers to statistical workshops, seminars, events
- Coordinating role of national statistical offices
- Integrating data from all producers (ministries, offices, …)
6. Mobilize resources

6.1 Inter-agency cooperation
- Pooling together resources, increasing impact
- Cooperation between implementing and funding agencies
- Respecting mandates

6.2 UN development programmes
- 10th tranche of the Development Account

6.2 Funds and development banks
- Regional funds and banks
- European and global public and private donors
(a) Comment on the outline of the Arab Regional Action Plan

(b) Consider establishing a Steering Committee on SDG Data

(c) Propose a sequence of action to finalize the Regional Action Plan (following also best practices from other regions)

(d) Review and confirm membership in the IAEG and HLG