



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

First Coordination Meeting of the Project
**“Promoting Food and Water Security through Cooperation and Capacity
Development in the Arab Region”**

UN House, Room f-500, Riad El-Solh Square, Beirut, 31 March – 1 April 2015

AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, 31 March 2015

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Opening**

- Ms. Roula Madjalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Lebanon

Tour de Table

- Organization of work and review of the Agenda
Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

Discussion

9:30 – 10:30 **Conceptual Framework of the project**

- Concept, Scope and Expected Accomplishments of the project.
Mr. Mohamed AL-Hamdi, FEPS-SDPD, ESCWA

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:30 **Session 1: Component (IV) of the project:
Enhanced assessment capacity of the status of food security in
the Arab countries**

- Assessment and monitoring of food security in the Arab region.
AOAD
- Proposed activities of component (IV) of the project
Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, FEPS-SDPD, ESCWA

Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

Tuesday 31 March 2015, continued

14:30 – 16:30 **Session 2: Component (I) of the project:
Strengthened capacity to assess impacts of changing water
availability on agricultural production in the Arab countries**

(Coffee will be provided on the sideline during the afternoon session)

- Methodology and progress on the ESCWA-ACSAD-FAO-GIZ collaboration on the assessment of the impacts of water variability resulting from climate change on agricultural production in the Arab region.
ACSAD

- Proposed activities of component (I) of the project
Ms. Johana Von Toggenburg and Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, FEPS-SDPD, ESCWA

Discussion

End of day (1)

Day (2) Wednesday, 1 April 2015

9:00 – 11:00 **Session 3: Component (II) of the project:
Enhanced capacity for intra-regional coordinated policy
development on agriculture and water in the Arab region**

- Existing institutional structures of water and agriculture sectors at the regional level and the prospects for integrated inter-sectoral policy development.
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- Proposed activities of component (II) of the project
Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, FEPS-SDPD, ESCWA

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30 **Session 4: Component (III) of the project:
Enhanced capacity for efficient food production in the Arab
region**

- A framework guideline on Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and a regional policy guideline on approaches for food waste reduction in the Arab region.
Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, FEPS-SDPD, ESCWA

- Proposed activities of component (III) of the project
Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, FEPS-SDPD, ESCWA

Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

Wednesday 1 April 2015, continued

14:30 – 16:30 Modalities of partnerships for project implementation
Discussion moderated by Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief FEPS, SDPD, ESCWA

16:30 Closing
Reem Nejdawi, Chief FEPS, SDPD, ESCWA

End of Day (2) and meeting