Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Advancing Green Technologies through Science-Policy Interface (Expert Group Meeting)
Beirut, 5-6 April 2017

AGENDA

Day 1– 5 April 2017

08:30 – 09:00  Registration and Welcome
09:00 – 09:30  Welcome and opening remarks
                • Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA
                • Tour de table
                • Organization of work and review of the agenda, Ms. Johanna von Toggenburg, Associate Expert, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

09:30 – 10:30  Session 1: Green Technology Opportunities for Sustainable Development
Moderator: Mr. Moein Hamzeh, Director, National Council for Scientific Research, Lebanon
                • Achieving the 2030 agenda in the Arab region, prospects of Science Policy Interface and Green Technologies, Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA
                • Innovation Policy Framework for the Arab region, Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief, Innovation Section, ESCWA
                • Technology Opportunities for Sustainable Development, Mr. Fouad Mrad, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, Jordan

Discussion
10:30 – 11:00  Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00  Session 2: Policies for Sustainable Technology Development
Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

Keynote Presentation: Policies to enable green technologies in the Arab region, Mr. Reyad Al Ahmad, ESCWA Consultant

Panel discussion
                • Mr. Khaled Ghedira, General Director, National Agency for Scientific Research Promotion, Tunisia
                • Ms. Abeer Shakweer, Minister’s Advisor, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Egypt
• Mr. El Hacen Sid’Ahmed Lemhamed, Director of Infrastructures, Promotion and Technological Watch, Ministry of Employment, Professional Education and ICT, Mauretania

Q&A and General Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Rich coffee break

14:00 – 16:00 
**Session 3: Productive National Technology Development and Transfer Systems**
Moderator: Mr. Fouad Mrad, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, Jordan

• UN ESCWA Project on “Establishing National Technology Development and Transfer Systems in 5 Arab countries,” Mr. Nizar Halasah, Innovation Support Officer, ESCWA Technology Center, Jordan

• CASE: Lebanon Coherent Knowledge and Technology Transfer Policies, Mr. Hassan Al Charif, Consultant, Lebanon

• CASE: Tunisia Coherent Knowledge and Technology Transfer Policies, Ms. Nefissa Chakroun, International Technology Transfer Consultant, Tunisia

• CASE: Egypt Effective University IP and Technology Transfer, Mr. Ehab AbdulRahman, Interim Provost, American University of Cairo, Egypt

• CASE: Oman National Technology Transfer System, Ms. Sheikha Al Akhzami, Deputy Director Innovation and Entrepreneurship Department, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

Q&A and General Discussions

Wrap-up first day: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

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**Day 2 – 6 April 2017**

09:00 – 10:30 
**Session 4: Science-Policy Interface for Sustainable Development**
Introductory Remarks and Moderator: Mr. Obaid Al Saeedi, Director of Research Programs, Assistant Secretariat General, Programs and Research, The Research Council, Oman

Panel discussion:

• Mr. Yousuf Al Bulushi, Head, Science, Knowledge and Technology Transfer Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oman

• Mr. Rashid Abdelhallem, Deputy General Manager, Associate Professor, Scientific Research and Innovation Commission, Higher Education and Scientific Research, Sudan

• Mr. Raafat Atieh Assi, Director, Water and Environment Cluster and Acting Vice President, Research and Development, Royal Scientific Society, Jordan

Q&A and General Discussions

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
Session 5: Knowledge Development for Industrial Green Technologies
Introductory Remarks and Moderator: Ms. Johanna von Toggenburg, Associate Expert, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

Panel discussion
- Mr. Ali Mohamad Yaacoub, Regional Executive for Arab Region, RECP Global Network, Lebanon
- Mr. Ahmad Smaili, President, Rafik Hariri University, Lebanon
- Ms. Batool Al Mulaji, Expert, SME Development and Advisor of Green Help Desk, Public Authority for SME Development, Oman
- Mr. Hassan Harajli, Project Manager, Energy & Environment, UNDP, Lebanon

Q&A and General Discussions

13:00 – 13:30 Rich coffee break

Session 6: Means of Implementation: Investment, Financing and Capacity Building
Introductory Remarks and Moderator: Fadia Homeidan, Director, Office of Grants and Contracts, Technology Transfer Unit and Centre of Research and Innovation, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Panel discussion
- Ms. Monia Braham, General Director, Green Investments Unit, Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment, Tunisia
- Mr. Rashid Bou Hamad, Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer, Corner Stone Development, Lebanon
- Mr. Mazen Halawi, Head, Subsidized Loans and Financing Programs Division, Financing Unit, Banque du Liban, Lebanon
- Mr. Samer Aburashed, Consulting Manager, Abu Ghazaleh and Co Consulting, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, Jordan
- Mr. Ramy Boujawdeh, Deputy General Manager, Berytech, Lebanon

Q&A and General Discussions

Final remarks and way forward: Mr. Fouad Mrad, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, Jordan

Day 2 – 6 April 2017 – closed session

15:00 – 17:00 Green Help Desks internal meeting