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)

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**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