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Information Note

Study visit (fellowship) under the project “Strengthening National Capacities in Environment Statistics, Indicators and Accounts in support of progress toward achieving the internationally agreed development goals in the ESCWA and ECLAC Regions”

Background

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) is implementing the activities planned in the project “Strengthening National Capacities in Environment Statistics, Indicators and Accounts in support of progress toward achieving the internationally agreed development goals in the ESCWA and ECLAC Regions”.

In cooperation with other UN agencies and being funded from the United Nations Development Account, the project aims to improve national capacities to produce environment statistics, indicator and accounts in order to integrate environmental concerns into economic development.

Study visits or fellowships are convened under the project, in addition to a training workshop on water accounts and other activities.

Date and Venue

In this regards, ESCWA is organizing, in cooperation with the Jordanian Department of Statistics (DOS) and Ministry Planning and International Cooperation, a study visit for one official from each three ESCWA statistical offices to train on the compilation and dissemination of environment statistics and indicators, from 16 to 18 March 2008, given that the department is advanced in administrating surveys, compiling data on environment, designing questionnaires, and reporting and disseminating environment statistics. The study visit is planned back to back with the MEDSTAT-ESCWA training workshop on water accounts, 10-13 March 2008, Amman.

Proposed Agenda

The proposed agenda is as follows:

- Day 1. 10.00-12.00 and 14.00-16.00. Water statistics (Quantity and quality, health related): means of compilation, questionnaires, surveys, contact with other departments, database.
- Day 2. 10.00-12.00 and 14.00-16.00. Waste statistics, land use and air pollution: means of compilation, questionnaires, surveys, contact with other departments, database.
- Day3. 10.00-12.00 and 14.00-16.00. Dissemination and Reporting on environment statistics: Website, reports, state of the environment.

Additional information can be accessed at: <http://www.escwa.un.org/esiap>