Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Expert Consultation on SDG6 Indicators
Beirut, 21 December 2016

AGENDA

Wednesday, 21 December 2016

Registration
The meeting will be held at the United Nations House in Room 500. Kindly allow time to collect your access badge at the front entrance. Participants are kindly requested to bring their passport, airline ticket boarding stub and all other travel-related receipts with them to the meeting.

Opening Statements
Moderator: Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief, Economic Statistics, Statistics Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

- Mr. Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division, ESCWA
- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

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Review of the Agenda – Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

Session I

The Water-related Sustainable Development Goals, Targets and Indicators

Moderator: Ms. Roula Majdalani, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

9:45-10:15
- Review of the Water-related Sustainable Development Goals and Targets, including SDG6 with respect to the MDG+ Initiative and the water-energy-food security nexus
  - Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
  - Interventions by MDG+ Initiative Focal Points

Discussion

10:15-10:45
- Review of the work of the United Nations Statistical Commission and Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (IAEG-SDGs), and particularly on the water-related SDG indicators
  - Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA
  - Interventions by IAEG-SDGs and HLG Members
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Discussion

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

Session II  Discussion of Selected SDG6 Targets and Indicators within the Arab Context

Moderators:  Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA and Mr. Ali Karnib, Water and Sanitation Expert, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

11:00-11:45
- SDG 6.1 – By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
  Points for discussion:
    - Universal and equitable: water supply intermittency
    - Safe: drinking water quality
    - Affordable: piped, off-network, bottled, desalination

11:45-12:30
- SDG 6.3 – By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally
  Points for discussion:
    - Improved water quality: surface, ground, fossil; pollution & salinity
    - Recycling/safe reuse: treated wastewater reuse for pollution prevention and health
    - Treated wastewater as a nonconventional water resource in water scarce regions

12:30-12:45 Coffee Break

12:45-13:15
- SDG 6.4 – By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity
  Points for discussion:
    - Ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity: through water use efficiency (only)
    - Reduce number of people suffering from water scarcity: proposed additional indicator 6.4.3
    - Demographic dynamics (nationals/residents; refugees; urban/rural)

13:15-13:45
- 6.a – By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies
  Point for discussion:
    - Expand international cooperation and capacity-building support: should support and/or achievement be quantified
    - Government expenditures in the water sector: investments, water accounting tools
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