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Information Note

Workshop on the Implementation of the SDG Indicator Framework in the ESCWA Region, Beirut-Lebanon during 5-6 April 2017

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the United Nations Statistical Commission are jointly organizing the Workshop on the Implementation of the SDG Indicator Framework, which will be held at the UN House in Beirut, Lebanon, on 5 and 6 April 2017. The workshop is organized as post event of the 12th Statistical Committee of ESCWA, which will be held from 4 to 5 April in Beirut.

The overall objective of the workshop is to reflect on the preparation of national indicator frameworks based on national, regional and global priorities, on the roadmaps for the development of a clear set of strategies to strengthen national statistical systems and their deliveries in line with the Global Action Plan, and the reporting systems in support of the Agenda 2030.

The workshop will also launch the 10th Tranche of the Development Account (DA 10) programme on data and statistics for ESCWA member countries. The DA 10 is a comprehensive programme of action centered around strengthening national statistical systems to measure, monitor and report on the sustainable development goals for which 10 entities of the UN Secretariat have joined hands to implement. The Programme aims to strengthen national statistical systems to respond to the data challenges of the 2030 Agenda. Through these efforts, it also supports national capacity to assess its internal readiness for measuring and reporting on all of the 17 Goals, and defining the short-term and long-term actions needed for increasing its capacity to produce accurate and timely data in a sustainable manner. (attached Annex 1 Provisional Agenda)

The workshop is targeting Directors General of national statistics offices, senior national SDG partners, and statisticians from the relevant DA 10 implementing entities, and other global, regional and sub-regional organizations, and partner institutions.

Date and Venue

The workshop will be held at the United Nations ESCWA House in Lebanon, Beirut, from 5 to 6 April 2017, following the twelfth session of the ESCWA Statistical Committee, to be held from 04 to 05 April 2017 in the main Conference hall of B1-Level. The meeting will start at 2 pm on Wednesday, 5 April 2017 and at 8:30 am on Thursday, 6 April 2017, and are expected to end at 5 pm on both days.

The address of the United Nations House, ESCWA in Lebanon is as follows:

United Nations House, ESCWA,
Riad El Solh Square,
PO Box 8575-11, Beirut, Lebanon
Tel .: 00961 1 981301

5. Working Languages

Arabic and English will be used with simultaneous translation.

6. Communication

Information about this meeting can be found on the ESCWA website meeting page where all technical documents, including all presentations will be available. It will be posted on the website shortly. Internet access is available in the meeting room on a permanent basis.

7. Registration Forms

All participants are requested to complete the attached registration form by maximum 30 March 2017.

8. Visa

Participants are kindly requested to contact the Embassy of the Republic of Lebanon in their home countries to arrange for their entry visa. Kindly let us know if a visa facilitation letter is needed.

9. Hotel reservation

Participants are kindly requested to arrange their hotel reservation according to the attached list of hotels (Annex 2). Please inform the hotel that you are participating in the United Nations meeting to get UN rates. The following hotels are the closest to the United Nations house:

- **Ramada Downtown Hotel (Beirut, Downtown, Minet El Hosn, Chateau briand Street)**
- **Le Patio Boutique Hotel (Beirut, Down Town, Uruguay Street)**
- **The Monroe Hotel (Beirut, Solidere, Kennedy Street)**
- **Markazia Suites Hotel (Beirut, Downtown, Syria Street)**
- **Le Bristol Hotel Beirut (Beirut, Verdun, Mme Curie Street)**

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Annex 1

Provisional Agenda

Day 1: April 5, 2017

- Opening Outline of the DA10/Objective of the Workshop
- Session 1 SDG Indicators – global, regional and national frameworks
(localizing SDGs)

Day 2: April 6, 2017

- Session 2 Global Action Plan and its translation into regional and national
development strategies
- Session 3 SDG country reporting and dissemination systems
- Session 4 The way forward
- Closing Remarks and Farewell